

Beach Nourishment Committee Meeting Minutes April 26, 2021

- **Roll call and Approve Minutes:** Minutes from March approved
- **Member Attendance:** Steve Coombs, John Lawicki, Christine Brack, CJ, Scott Kingan, Sandy Boyer, Michelle Bonneau, Paul Panther, and Charles Sheaff
- **Welcome Dave Snyder:** New town council liaison to the committee
- **Transition Process**
 - Weekly calls:
 - Former committee members stand available for follow up questions
 - Question raised: Sand volume and commitment for 2 Shore Drive that is under jurisdiction of the NPS. Follow up and confirmation ongoing (Scott K).
 - Expanded committee member roles:
 - Sandy assisting with organization of Committee DropBox files
 - Michelle: Records accessed via FOIA request on mitigation:
 - Whiting, IN: 1 to 1 in-kind mitigation with native plantings and bird fountains within their own park. Buffington Harbor: Restored 4.4 acres within Beverly Shores. Native plantings with oversight for care.
 - Request did not include projects under litigation or legally privileged.
 - Mitigation topic will carry over to next month's meeting
- **Eastside**
 - Remaining work at 2 Shore Drive
 - Refer to permit for sand requirements
 - Scott Kingan met with Paul Labovitz to discuss contractor access and logistics to remove temporary rock
 - NPS wants work completed before Memorial Day weekend
 - LaPorte Construction began armor stone work in early April. Approximately 500 tons placed. Likely will require full 800 tons estimated by TRC. Substantial completion to be reached this week. Permit expires April 30th.
 - Steel sheeting work will be facilitated outside the Beach Committee
 - Hamady closeout
 - Sand placement in question. Review requirements of project documents, drawings, and contract (John, Steve, Scott)
 - Signed and executed contract not found on file at the town offices and contractor cannot find his copy
 - Inspection report by TRC
 - Steve will follow up with TRC for final volume calculation
- **Westside**
 - Beach season is coming
 - Accessways status
 - Discussion for sand placement ongoing
 - Plan commission will present solution ideas to town council for accessway 19

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- **Funding**
 - No further updates from CJ
 - Per Scott K: Potential grants may be available but no call to action at this time
- **Permits (ongoing)**
 - 2 Shore Revetment, sheeting, rock removal
 - 64-156 USACE wants new permit process (on hold)
 - DNR response – remain at impasse
 - Mitigation and FOIA requests
- **Legal Update**
 - Per Scott K: status quo until East Side Project is wrapped up
 - Senator Karen Tallian working on behalf of OD on a political front (state funding for USACE study)
 - [DNR: Water: Lake Michigan Ordinary High Watermarks](#)
- **Restore the Shore**
 - Renewed effort to raise money tentative for weekend of May 22nd
 - Event to raise money at Kratz field?
 - New ideas welcome to generate donations
 - Fund is nearly depleted
 - Access way improvement conversation should include HOA
- **Committee Position Statement for Town Council**
 - Draft circulated throughout the committee for comment
 - To be finalized within the next few days and sent to Town Council
- **Committee Questions:**
 - Sand: what do we have available and is it usable?
 - Parking lot build south of Route 12 may be a new source. Quality of that sand remains in question. Cost to clean is an issue.
 - Steve to contact developer to ask about sand availability currently and near future
 - Paul Panther to reach out to Mike Hazen of HOA so both committees can collaborate on accessway improvements
 - Dave Snyder: Where is best place to find documents to get up to speed on committee efforts? Steve will send DropBox link to members when files are cleaned up and organized.
- **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
 - None
- **Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM**