

## Beach Nourishment Committee Meeting Minutes March 22, 2021

- **New Members**
  - Sandy Boyer and Michelle Bonneau
- **Member Attendance:** Steve Coombs, John Lawicki, Christine Brack, Charles Sheaff, CJ, Scott Kingan, Sandy Boyer, Michelle Bonneau. Absent: Paul Panther
- **Transition Process**
  - Weekly calls conducted with former committee members
  - Bring any questions forward that Steve can ask Rodger Howell, Roger Rhodes, and Pat Smith
- **Eastside**
  - Remaining work at 2 Shore Dr.
    - North side work is complete
    - Permit for eastern revetment was requested to be extended by Woodward
    - Construction proposal submitted to complete revetment is being reviewed
    - Steel sheeting on east side still to be done
    - Removal of temporary rock still to be done
  - Clean up punch list provided to Hamady.
  - Hamady closeout roadmap provided to TC. Town should follow up and manage this completion. Jeremy Ogden will field all questions regarding close-out.
  - Inspection by TRC conducted on (3-17-21). Drone inspection also conducted. TRC to submit report following analysis.
  - NPS will be placing boulders at the Portage Beach tentatively March 24. Committee members will keep an eye on this—capturing photos or drone footage of activity.
- **Funding**
  - FEMA update by CJ: FEMA funding approved by Congress but long-range opportunity for OD will not be available until 2022 and administered through the State of Indiana.
  - CJ sent email with details, highlights, and requirements to John Lawicki.
- **Permits**
  - 2 Shore Revetment, sheeting, rock removal—extension expected
  - USACE wants new permit process for 64-156 Shore via letter. Letter sent to Woodward. Work in progress.
  - DNR response includes a list of “wants” from the Town. We are at impasse.
  - Mitigation: 3:1 replacement for taking or fee payment. Topic was tabled at the time of East Side Project start. FOIA request for other mitigation cases on Lake Michigan. IDEM responded.
    - Chuck Sheaff researched: Did not find any mitigation instances.
    - USACE will return records on this matter.
    - Hypothesis: Is OD being treated differently than any other town or private entity?
- **Legal Update**
  - Scott Kingan provided update.
  - Judge’s decision still due on Department of Interior Motion to Dismiss
  - Senator Karen Tallian working on behalf of OD on a political front (state funding for USACE study)
  - Careful consideration of intersection of political approach and legal activity

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- Town Council understands what is at stake for the Town and looking closely at the long-term and big picture
- Town Council supports continuing working with Woodward on current legal activities
  
- **Restore the Shore**
  - Per John Lawicki:
  - Donation activity slowed at this time
  - Renewed effort required to raise money for the fund that will exhaust ~May
  - John to set a meeting date when Paul Panther returns on March 30. All committee members interested in participating on this are welcome.
  - Unified message essential
  
- **Committee Position Statement for Town Council**
  - Draft by Steve and John with confirmation by Committee that will include:
    - Strategic objectives
    - Hamady closeout
    - Legal management plan
    - Mitigation
    - DNR permit issues
    - Beach access issues
    - Funding
    - Restore the Shore
    - Other
  
- **Vote on Beach Committee Chair**
  - Steve to serve with John Lawicki as co-chairs through 2021
  
- **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
  - None
  
- **Adjournment 7:56pm**