

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Parks and Property Committee on August 15, 2022

(This meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes of 7-18-22
5. Public input
6. Status of current projects:
 - a. Mariner Park at Gills Rock
 - b. Disc golf course on Town Property
7. Ellison Bay Community Park Tennis Courts
8. Remove Property at 11976 Highway 42 from the table
9. Property at 11976 Highway 42
10. 2023 Budget Request and 5 Year Plan
11. Correspondence
12. Future meetings
13. Adjourn

Chair Cathy Ward called the meeting to order at 11:04am. Committee members Donna Scattergood, Christine Bridenhagen, and Mike Repp were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell, and 1 member of the public. Committee member Sylvann Welcome was excused.

Bridenhagen moved, Repp second, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 4-0.

Ward moved, Bridenhagen second to approve the 7/18/2022 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0.

Public Input – None.

Mariner Park at Gills Rock – Ward noted the sign has been ordered, and the Board requested a price quote to include an ADA railing and the company confirmed their recommendation with the side walls due to the width of the rip rap from the shore to the water. Kalms reported that Beam and Board has been sent photos of the net shed. Bridenhagen asked if there was a firm plan to deter vehicles from driving on the septic system.

Disc Golf on Town Property – None.

Ellison Bay Park Tennis Courts – Ward recalled that the Pickleball Association approached the Committee to add pickleball lines to the current courts. After inspection of the courts, the Pickleball Association representative found acceptable pickleball lines available on one court. Several citizens have identified the distraction and interference of pickleball lines on other courts in the area and have requested the EBCC courts do not change. Ward has received a request to have a bench or two available for those waiting to play tennis. Based on this information no additional pickleball lines will be added and the bench request will be considered at a future meeting. Scattergood disconnected from the meeting at 11:30am.

Ward moved, Bridenhagen second to remove the property at 11976 Highway 42 from the table. Carried 3-0.

11976 Highway 42 – Bridenhagen noted that the property was purchased and cleaned up which was the goal. This property isn't ideal for a park, it's not waterfront, and the real estate market is hot. There may be an opportunity for the Town to recover the expended funds and possibly gain

funds for use at another Town Park. Ward noted that DCEDC has also found this property is not ideal for housing. Kalms reported \$152,000 is currently invested in this property. **Bridenhagen moved, Ward second** to suggest the Town Board sell the Val-A property. Jill Karkau, Badger Road, requested an evaluation of the property and what has been done. Carried 3-0.

2023 Budget – The 2023 budget draft 2 was reviewed and the follow changes were made:

- Gills Rock Park: increase to \$3,000
- Gills Rock (Mariner Park): increase \$1,350 (toilet rent)
- Capital for Gills Rock (Mariner Park): increase to \$45,000 (future improvements)
- EB Harbor Maintenance: increase to \$4,050 (elec., phone, weeds, piers)
- EB Harbor Install water: removed until more information is available
- Fitzgerald Park: increase to \$900 (supplies)
- Parks garbage: added at \$750
- Town Hall Maintenance: decrease to \$2,000
- Town Hall Electric: increase to \$3,500
- Town Hall Heat: increase to \$10,196
- Town Hall Clean: added at \$3,300
- Ellison Bay Parking Lot: removed-included in building repair line
- N Fire Station Maintenance: increase to \$7,250
- N Fire Station Electric: increase to \$7,250
- Library: increased to \$40,000
- Library Capital: added at \$27,000 (future carpet, future roof, furnace replacement)

Repp volunteered to research a boat cleaning station. He was made aware of the capped well at Wills Park. Bridenhagen asked if a “Friends of Mariner Park” Group has been formed and have they been asked to donate for the pavilion. Ward noted that interested individuals have been made aware of organizations willing to assist when they are ready. Kalms reiterated that the Town is not obligated to follow the purpose expressed by an individual donating. It was noted that the purpose of the purchase has been met because this property will be available to the public and not developed. Including capital funds for future improvements in the budget will allow adequate time to remove the buildings, evaluate the space, and develop a park plan.

Correspondence – None.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 9:00am.

Bridenhagen moved, Repp second to adjourn at 12:43pm. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 9/13/2022 Parks and Property Committee meeting.