

## TOWN OF LIBERTY GROVE PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Parks & Property Committee**

**Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

**Time: 8:00 AM**

**Place: Liberty Grove Town Hall, 11161 Old Stage Road**

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes of 7-11-23
5. Public input
6. 2024 Parks Budget Request
7. Status of current projects:
  - a. Mariner Park at Gills Rock
  - b. Disc Golf Course on Town Property
8. Ellison Bay Marina Boat Washing Station
9. Wind Phone at Sand Bay Park
10. Dogs in Town Parks
11. Correspondence
12. Future meetings
13. Adjourn

**\*\* Report items will not be discussed or voted on, all other agenda items may include discussion and possible action. Deviation from listed order may occur\*\***

**\*\*Audience members must ask for permission, during public input, to speak on agenda items \*\***

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Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

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**Town of Liberty Grove**  
**Minutes of the Parks and Property Committee on July 11, 2023**

(This meeting was correctly posted)

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes of 5-9-23
5. Public input
6. Ordinance Regulating Certain Activities in Town Parks and on Town Property
7. 2024 Parks Budget Request
8. Status of current projects:
  - a. Mariner Park at Gills Rock
  - b. Disc Golf Course on Town Property
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Chair Cathy Ward called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Committee members Sylvann Welcome, Hope Bogenschutz, Donna Scattergood and Mike Repp were present along with Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 1 member of the public.

**Ward moved, Welcome second**, to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 5-0

**Repp moved, Welcome second** to approve the 5/9/2023 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0.

**Public Input** – Kent Schaefer stated the Garrett Bay boat ramp should be improved by removing the asphalt and leaving it as natural stone.

**Ordinance Regulating Activities in Parks** – The draft ordinance was reviewed, and the following changes were made:

- Sec 2 (a) remove “regardless of age or sex”
- Sec 2 (b) remove “regardless of age or sex”
- Sec 2 (c) becomes (d) and modified to read “Town Park” means any Town park, property or launch ramp administered by Liberty Grove, including, but not limited to the following: Grandview Park, Ellison Bay Community Park, Sand Bay Town Park, Hotz Memorial Town Park, Gills Rock Park, Fitzgerald Park, Europe Lake Boat Launch, North Bay Boat Launch, Wisconsin Bay Park, Porte des Morts Park, Isle View Park, Wills Park, Ellison Bay Marina, and Garrett Bay Park.
- Sec 2 (d) becomes (c) with removal of “in addition to “Town Parks” as defined in subsection (c) above”

**Ward moved, Welcome second** to recommend the changes as made to this ordinance to the Town Board. Carried 5-0.

**2024 Budget** – The 2024 budget draft was reviewed, and the following items were noted:

- Line 2: create list of porta potties
- Line 6: need cost estimate for removal of buildings
- Line 15: will tennis courts be resealed yet in 2023?
- Line 25: roof was not replaced in 2022. Committee member Sylvann Welcome left the meeting at 9:28am.

- Line 44: **Ward moved, Bogenschutz second** to recommend the Town Board change the allocation of encumbered columbarium funds to be allocated for the non-motorized boat lunch at Garrett Bay. Carried 4-0

**Mariner Park** – None.

**Disc Golf** – Ward reported the course has not yet been marked.

**Boat Washing Station** – To be discussed at a future meeting.

**Correspondence** – None.

The next meetings will be 8/8/2023 and 9/12/2023 at 8:00am.

**Repp moved, Scattergood second** to adjourn at 10:03am. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

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|----|------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1  | <b>Parks &amp; Property Budget</b>             | <b>2021</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b> |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 2  | Yearly parks maintenance                       | 15,000      | 16,000      | 15,400      | 17,350      | 17,350      |   | 17,350 potties, flags, chemicals, paper product                                           |   |   |
| 3  | Signs in Parks                                 | 1,000       | 1,500       |             | 1,500       |             |   | disc golf signs: entrance, holes, directions within course, private property lines, rules |   |   |
| 4  | Gills Rock-playground equipment                | 2,000       | 2,000       | 2,500       | 2,500       | 2,500       |   | 500 supplies                                                                              |   |   |
| 5  | Maintenance                                    | 500         | 500         | 500         | 1,000       | 500         |   | 500 for water spicket                                                                     |   |   |
| 6  | Gills Rock (Mariner Park) maint                | 1,000       | 40,000      | 1,350       |             |             |   | removal of buildings and contents                                                         |   |   |
| 7  | Gills Rock (Mariner Park) Shoreline protection | 70,000      | 20,000      |             |             |             |   | wps 600                                                                                   |   |   |
| 8  | EB Harbor: Maint-dredge, weed control          | 1,000       | 3,000       | 4,050       | 1,750       | 1,000       |   | phone 225                                                                                 |   |   |
| 9  | EB Harbor: Install water                       |             |             |             |             |             |   | roads 925                                                                                 |   |   |
| 10 | Wills Park                                     |             | 1,500       | 1,500       | 2,000       | 1,500       |   | adjust piers 1550                                                                         |   |   |
| 11 | Womens Club Building                           | 1,000       | 1,000       | 1,200       | 1,000       | 1,000       |   | unconsider deadloin based on water level                                                  |   |   |
| 12 | EB Community Center-maint                      | 4,000       | 1,500       | 1,500       | 1,500       | 1,500       |   | Garden maintenance                                                                        |   |   |
| 13 | Gardens-Community Center                       | 4,000       | 5,500       | 4,000       | 4,500       | 4,000       |   | Sand at beach                                                                             |   |   |
| 14 | Beach repair/maint.                            | 2,000       |             | 1,500       |             | 2,000       |   | may still happen in 2023 depending on availability of company                             |   |   |
| 15 | Seal & line tennis court                       |             |             | 4,000       |             |             |   | \$550 for pumping out pit toilet                                                          |   |   |
| 16 | Europe Bay-Hotz park                           | 100         | 500         | 650         | 650         | 650         |   | \$100 for supplies                                                                        |   |   |
| 17 | Fitzgerald park                                | 650         | 650         | 900         | 650         | 650         |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 18 | Garrett Bay                                    | 5,400       | 5,400       | 200         | 200         | 200         |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 19 | Europe Lake                                    | 300         | 300         | 300         | 300         | 300         |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 20 | Parks garbage                                  |             |             | 750         | 750         |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 21 | Grand View                                     | 500         | 500         |             |             |             |   | Mike Repp may be interested-revisit working timeline 6:25 hrs @18                         |   |   |
| 22 | Grand View Adjacent (Hillside Dr)              |             |             | 300         |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 23 | EB Harbor: Wage                                | 10,313      | 10,344      | 11,250      | 11,500      |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 24 | Wisconsin Bay                                  |             |             |             |             |             |   | \$100 supplies                                                                            |   |   |
| 25 | Sand Bay                                       | 700         | 1,400       | 650         | 2,150       | 650         |   | \$550 pump out pit toilet                                                                 |   |   |
| 26 | Sales Tax (EB Harbor)                          |             |             | 800         | 800         |             |   | \$1500 for roof supplies-done by crew                                                     |   |   |
| 27 | Porte des Morts                                |             | 750         |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 28 | North Bay                                      |             |             | 5,000       |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 29 | Town Hall: maint                               | 3,500       | 3,500       | 2,000       |             |             |   | est increase 20%                                                                          |   |   |
| 30 | Town Hall: electric                            | 4,500       | 5,000       | 3,500       | 4,200       |             |   | 4,000 gal @ 1.79                                                                          |   |   |
| 31 | Town Hall: heat                                | 4,000       | 6,000       | 10,196      | 8,200       |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 32 | Town Hall: clean                               |             |             | 3,300       | 3,300       |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 33 | Olson Property                                 | 2,000       |             |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 34 | Klenke Garage Museum                           | 10,000      |             |             | 2,000       |             |   | wood preservation and then paint                                                          |   |   |
| 35 | Ellison Bay Parking Lot                        | 200         | 200         |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 36 | Staircase-Port des Morts                       | 750         |             |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 37 | Library                                        | 36,500      | 37,000      | 40,000      |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 38 | N Fire Station: maint                          | 10,000      |             | 7,250       |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 39 | N Fire Station: electric                       | 6,500       | 7,000       | 7,250       | 8,700       |             |   | 4,265 gal @ 1.79                                                                          |   |   |
| 40 | N Fire Station: heat                           | 4,750       | 7,250       | 10,500      | 8,000       |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 41 | Old Fire Station (Post Office)                 | 12,150      | 1,000       | 1,500       | 1,500       |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 42 | OPERATING TOTAL                                | 214,313     | 179,294     | 143,796     | 86,000      | 33,800      |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 43 |                                                |             |             |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 44 | Capital Reserve-Cemetery Improvements          |             |             |             |             |             |   | 5000 update playground equipment                                                          |   |   |
| 45 | Capital Reserve-Equipment purchases            | 20,700      | 18,250      | 0           | 15,000      |             |   | 10000 boat cleaning station location tbd                                                  |   |   |
| 46 | Capital Reserve-Library                        |             |             | 27,000      |             |             |   | 2,000 per year for carpeting (need 20,000 by 2027)                                        |   |   |
| 47 | Capital Reserve-Mariner Park                   |             |             | 45,000      | 25,000      |             |   | 10,000 per year for roof (need 80,000 by 2030)                                            |   |   |
| 48 | Capital Reserve-Property Acquisition           | 20,000      | 13,007      |             |             |             |   | 15,000 for furnace replacement (3 of 5 units in 2023)                                     |   |   |
| 49 | CAPITAL TOTAL                                  | 40,700      | 31,257      | 72,000      | 40,000      | 0           |   | removal of buildings                                                                      |   |   |
| 50 |                                                |             |             |             |             |             |   |                                                                                           |   |   |
| 51 | BUDGET TOTAL                                   | 255,013     | 210,551     | 215,796     | 126,000     | 33,800      |   |                                                                                           |   |   |



Town Clerk <tlibertygrove@gmail.com>

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## parks & property committee

1 message

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To: tlibertygrove@gmail.com

Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 9:18 AM

Good morning,

I recently read an article about a wind phone being installed in a park in Sturgeon Bay. I am wondering if this is something that you would consider for one of the Liberty Grove Parks if I were to raise funds to cover the cost?

I look forward to hearing from the committee and having a discussion about wind phones and if it would fit into any of the Liberty Grove parks plans.

<https://doorcountypulse.com/wind-phone-to-be-installed-at-sunset-park/>

Keith Mellen

Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out shouting HOLY SHIT..... WHAT A RIDE

- [Door County News](#)
- [Sturgeon Bay](#)

## **‘Wind Phone’ To Be Installed at Sunset Park**

By [Kevin Boneske](#), [Peninsula Pulse](#) – June 28th, 2023

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This photo depicts what a “wind phone” could look like after it’s installed along the walking trail at Sunset Park by Little Lake. Submitted.

Though it may resemble a public phone from the past, what’s known as a “wind phone” – to be installed along the walking trail at Sunset Park by Little Lake – won’t accept change or be able to make calls to anyone alive with a 10-digit phone number.

The Sturgeon Bay Common Council last week approved the project that Josh Gregory is financing through a GoFundMe account and covering the difference he doesn't raise with his own funds.

Gregory said the wind phone – which the Joint Parks and Recreation Committee/Board recommended installing while giving municipal services director Mike Barker the discretion as to location – is a tool for healing or processing grief after the loss of a loved one.

“Thanks to the Parks and [Recreation Committee/Board] for voting for it and for seeing the value of something that's as simple as a disconnected phone might bring to the mental health of a community, especially people who have recently lost a loved one and are dealing with grief,” Gregory said.

He said the idea of the wind phone – he is dedicating the one at Sunset Park in memory of his late mother, Judith – originated in 2010 in Japan. There, a landscaper named Itaru Sasaki set up a phone booth in his garden following the death of a cousin to continue to feel connected to him by “talking” on the phone.

But instead of relaying Sasaki's thoughts through a regular phone line, Gregory said Sasaki stated that his thoughts were “carried on the wind.”

Following an earthquake and tsunami in Japan during 2011 when thousands of people were killed, Gregory said Sasaki opened his wind phone to the public to allow visitors to “call” friends and family who had died in the disaster.

Since then, Gregory said wind phones have been installed around the world. There's one in Madison, and his project is the first one to be installed in northeastern Wisconsin.

Gregory said he worked with Barker to come up with a location for a wind phone, with Sunset Park and Big Hill Park considered as possibilities. Sunset Park ended up being the preferred location based on the number of people who go there.

“I want people to use [the wind phone],” Gregory said.

The information he provided to the council and committee/board to include on an explanatory sign to be placed near the wind phone states: “The wind phone is for all who grieve. You are welcome to find solace here. Please use it to connect with those you have lost. To feel the comfort of their memory. May you hear their voices in the wind. May you be at peace with your losses.”

Gregory said some people may think it's silly to place a disconnected phone in a city park to talk to people who have died, but the response he's received from this “outside-the-box” idea has been overwhelmingly positive.

He said he's raised enough money to build the wind phone, which he hopes will be installed in Sunset Park around late July to early August. It will be available for the public to use year-round free of charge, and plans also include a bench to be placed there later, once the funds are raised.

To obtain more information about the wind-phone project, email Gregory at [lmobooking@gmail.com](mailto:lmobooking@gmail.com).

## **Related Organizations**

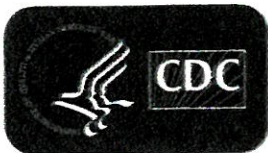




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## Fwd: Ellison Bay TENNIS Courts

1 message

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**TIMOTHY SKROBOT** <[REDACTED]>  
To: tlibertygrove@gmail.com

Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 4:57 AM

Tim Weasel

Begin forwarded message:

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>  
>> On Jul 12, 2023, at 9:28 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:  
>>  
>> To: Liberty Grove Town Board  
>>  
>> I'd like to start by thanking the town for maintaining such nice tennis courts for residents and visitors to play on. I am a full-time resident and writing to express my strong support for the preservation and maintenance of the tennis courts in our community.  
>>  
>> Tennis is a sport with a rich history, enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels. While I understand the growing popularity of Pickleball, it is crucial to consider the broader impact and the interests of the entire community. Those of us that play tennis have invested time, effort, and resources into mastering our skills. And, the demand for tennis courts has actually increased as communities around us convert courts to pickleball, or ruin their tennis courts trying to accommodate pickleball such as what has happened in Sister Bay.  
>>  
>> Please continue to ensure the availability of dedicated tennis facilities in Ellison Bay. I love tennis, work full time and am lucky enough to be able to hit nearly every day because we have dedicated courts in my town.  
>>  
>> Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.  
>>  
>> Sincerely,  
>>  
>> Kristen LaMarca  
>> [REDACTED]  
>> [REDACTED]  
>> [REDACTED]  
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