

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Mariners Park Project Development ad hoc meeting on March 8, 2021
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes: 2/1/2021, 2/8/2021
5. Public input
6. Update on activities at Mariners Park at Gills Rock
7. Discussion and possible action: 5-year plan
8. Correspondence
9. Future meetings
10. Adjourn

Chair Cathy Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Committee members Paul Schwengel, Sylvann Welcome, and Rick Johnson were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 2 members of the public via teleconference (Zoom).

Schwengel moved, Johnson second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 4-0. Committee member Mike Bahrke joined the meeting at 6:03pm.

Ward moved, Welcome second to approve the 2/1/2021 minutes as presented. Passed 5-0.

Ward moved, Welcome second to approve the 2/8/2021 minutes as presented. Passed 5-0.

Public Input – Carl Zapffe, Ellison Bay, asked if the landscape contractor has been contacted. Ward indicated they have not yet been contacted. Steve Eatough, Sister Bay, reiterated that the house has been vacated, the water level is going down, the virus is decreasing, and architects have been recommended. He indicated that he does not believe the buildings are real property if removed and there will be private funding available if the total was known. Ward replied that the recommended architect is aware of the short-term concerns and that the process will be a phased approach and requested more discussion after the buildings have been decided upon.

Activity update – It was confirmed that the park will be closed until at least 06/30/2021 due to the current Town Emergency resolution. The current plan is to have benches, grills, tables, porta toilets, and a designated parking area available when the park can open. DCMM and LGHS will come this spring/summer to gather items. It was noted that the parking area should have ropes or another barrier to keep vehicles from leaving the area. Based on the rules required for each step of the process, it will be impossible for the park to be fully open and function in only a couple of years. The phased plan will create a general timeline, but the amount of time and other agencies required to be involved will need to be determined for each item within the list. Kalms clarified that Towns can accept donations but they are not obligated to spend the funds as specified in the donation.

Repairing the dock to create an official safe harbor of refuge may be the best option when approaching the Waterway Commission since the dogleg is already a safe harbor. Cost information and a plan would need to be available by August for Coastal Management.

5-year plan – The phased plan, attached to these minutes, was reviewed cost estimates were added if available and the following items were noted and the most current version is attached to these minutes:

- Phase 2 and 3 will require a significant amount of time.
- The order of items within the phases still needs to be determined.
- Ropes may work as temporary barriers to keep people off the dock and out of neighboring property.
- Spawning areas may need to be known for the dock repairs.

Correspondence – None

The next Mariners Park Project Development ad hoc meeting will be on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Schwengel moved, Johnson second to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 4/5/2021 Mariners Park Development ad hoc Committee meeting

PHASED PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MARINER PARK

PHASE 1 These measures will be taken at Mariner Park in 2021

Shoreline Protection	35,000-70,000
Sign at entrance	1,000
Establish or make a parking area between the access driveways-65 yds ³ gravel	crew + 275 gravel
Tables, 4	Donations
Grills, 2	Donations
Benches, at least 1	Donations
Cleanup edge line between riprap and grassy area-install a walking path here?	
General property maintenance, tree trimming, cut out dead wood, removed dead and dying trees.	crew
Remove small storage building at the north end.	crew
Porta potty	90/month
Possible settlement of disposition of the Weborg house-annual meeting	
Take measures to ensure operation of the pressure tank located in the crawl space	
LGHS, Maritime Museum, GEO-DC remove desired contents of buildings 1, 2, & 3 prior to likely demolition-spring/summer 2021	0

Decide on any agreement regarding shared well on commercial property and pressure tank on Town Property.	
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PHASE 2

phase II study of property and abestos investigation-EPA/DNR	20,000
Disposition, likely demolition, of buildings 1, 2, 3, & 4	40,000
Repair of docks, making the area accessible from shore area to the north as well as from a possible parking area where Weborg house is currently located or possible parking area nearby-Grants (Coastal Management/Waterway Commission)	100,000
Signage, temporary followed by permanent barriers/markers to restrict access to Weborg commercial activity and dock areas where improvement work will occur. Maintain nautical theme.	5,000
Appropriate sign to encourage fishing, discourage swimming, & discourage walking or climbing on the rocks.	25 plus support 500
Shelter/Pavillions	20,000
Additional tables, grills, and benches as more of the park becomes accessible	2,000
Restrooms	30,000

PHASE 3

As shoreline work is completed and removal/remodel/restoration of buildings establish/finalize entrance & exit, parking area, and walkways (if any) between parking and shoreline, restrooms	10,000
Create final parking area as it fits in with Town Crew schedule (asphalt, impervious surface)	14,000
Final Park signage	1,000

PHASE 4

Focus on Memorial to Commercial Fisheries, exhibits, etc.	?
Exhibits, educational and interpretive signage	?