

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Mariners Park Project Development ad hoc meeting on June 7, 2021
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes: 5/17/2021
5. Public input
6. Update on activities at Mariners Park at Gills Rock
7. Discussion and possible action: 5-year plan
8. Discussion and possible action: Presentation/report for Parks and Property Committee
9. Correspondence
10. Future meetings
11. Adjourn

Chair Cathy Ward called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Committee members Paul Schwengel, Mike Bahrke, and Rick Johnson were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and 3 members of the public.

Johnson moved, Bahrke second to approve the 5/17/2021 minutes as presented. Passed 4-0.

Schwengel moved, Bahrke second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 4-0.

Public Input – Steve Eatough, 2305 Orchard Lane, stated that the citizen plan presented two years ago was completely rejected and expressed his disappointment that nothing has been accomplished and the survey is not being followed. Committee member Sylvann Welcome arrived. James Maronek, 1519 E. Door Bluff Road, praised the committee for abandoning the launch ramp but indicated the visual plan should not have been abandoned for fear of criticism. Welcome noted that despite the criticism received, this committee has made significant progress in lieu of the circumstances and all of the items which needed to be considered.

Activity update – Ward reported that the tables, grills, benches, and signs have been installed. Bids for removal of the house are due 7/6/2021 with the house to be removed by 12/31/2021. Bahrke inquired if any additional environmental or building studies have been completed. Kalms replied that this is an item that will need to wait until bids are received to better understand if there will be an impact during the removal process.

5-year plan – The phased plan draft was reviewed and various changes were made. Kalms will review the Phase I study and determine if a Phase II will be necessary for the whole property or certain area(s) of concern. **Johnson moved, Ward second** to recommend for consideration of the Liberty Grove Parks and Property Committee the phased plan for development of Mariners Park and associated costs as put forth by the ad hoc committee. Passed 5-0. The plan is attached to these minutes.

Parks Presentation – A draft cover document was reviewed. **Schwengel moved, Johnson second** to include the report of the Mariners Park Development ad hoc Committee in the submission to the Liberty Grove Parks and Property Committee and the Town Board. Passed 5-0. The cover document is attached to these minutes.

Correspondence – None

There are no future meetings of this Committee scheduled at this time. All of the Committee members volunteers to be available if a future committee is requested for Mariners Park.

Johnson moved, Bahrke second to adjourn at 7:26 pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

PHASED PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MARINER PARK			
PHASE 1 (2021)			
Completed	Shoreline Protection	\$35,000-\$70,000	
In progress	Establish temporary parking area between the access driveways and traffic flow path	crew + \$275 gravel 65 yds ³ gravel	
	Tables (4)	Donations	
	Grills (2)	Donations	
	Benches (2)	Donations	
	General property maintenance, tree trimming, cut out dead wood, removed dead and dying trees.	crew	
	Disposition of the Weborg house-annual meeting		
	Verbal agreement regarding pressure tank in the house crawl space		0
	Temporary sign at entrance	\$	1,000
	Cleanup edge line between riprap and grassy area-install a walking path here?		
	Porta potty (\$90/month)	\$	1,080
	Remove small storage building at the north end	crew	
	LGHS, Maritime Museum, GEO-DC remove desired contents of buildings prior to demolition-deadline September 2, 2021		0
	Decide on any agreement regarding shared well on commercial property		
	Temporary nautical themed barriers/markers to restrict access to Weborg commercial activity and dock areas where improvement work will occur.		\$ 72,355
PHASE 2 (2022)			
	Porta potty (\$90/month)	\$	1,080
	Phase II study of property and abestos investigation-EPA/DNR	\$	30,000
	Disposition of the buildings	\$	50,000
	Hire architect/consultant to design safe harbor for inclusion in presentation to grant entities (Coastal Management/Waterway Commission)	\$	20,000
	Make the area ADA 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	\$	50,000
	Permanent nautical themed barriers/markers to restrict access to Weborg commercial activity and dock areas where improvement work will occur.	\$	5,000
	Appropriate signage for fishing, swimming, walking/climbing on the rocks (4 at \$25 sign & \$500 support each)	\$	2,100
	Additional tables(1-2), grills(2), and benches (1-2)	\$	2,000
			\$ 160,180
PHASE 3 (2023)			
	Porta potty (\$90/month)	\$	1,080
	Hire park design consultant	\$	5,000
	Install safe harbor (Town match)	\$	150,000
	Restrooms	\$	40,000
	Pavillion	\$	20,000
	As shoreline work is completed establish/finalize entrance & exit, parking area, and walkways (if any) between parking, shoreline & restrooms	\$	10,000
	Final Park signage	\$	1,000
			\$ 227,080
PHASE 4 (2024)			
	Focus on Memorial to Commercial Fisheries, exhibits, etc.	?	
	Exhibits, educational and interpretive signage	?	\$ 236,180
		TOTAL ESTIMATE FOR ALL PHASES	695,795
		MINUS PHASE 1 COMPLETED	623,440

Report of Mariner's Park Project Development ad hoc Committee

As recorded in the agenda and minutes of the November 20, 2019 Liberty Grove Town Board, the Mariner's Park Project Development ad hoc Committee was created and "charged with developing future plans for the Mariners

Park at Gills Rock property with an emphasis on finances and budgetary considerations.” The committee was to meet for one year, commencing January 1, 2020. Due to Covid-19 related delays and other difficulties encountered, the committee requested a six month extension. That request was granted on November 18, 2020 by the Town Board, with a revised deadline of July 31, 2021.

The accompanying document provides a list of specific, individual and incremental tasks to be undertaken at Mariner Park in a phased approach to allow both limited public access to the park during the 2021 season and increased access as work is continued over the next several years. Estimated anticipated costs are associated with each specific and individual task.

The Mariner’s Park Project Development ad hoc Committee feels the document of tasks and related costs can serve as a basic, guide and plan to various Town committees including Parks and Properties, Finance, and the Town Board as initial development of the park is implemented.

The chair of the committee is very appreciative to each of the committee members for the significant time, thoughtfulness and patience they have brought to the service of the committee and the Town of Liberty Grove.

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