

Beach Nourishment Committee Meeting May 19, 2026

Meeting called to order by Scott Kingan 6:30P.M. in town hall conference room

Attendees: Michele Bonneau, Collette Fried, Dave Tarpo, Peter Mavrelis and Scott Kingan.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: We approved minutes from the April Meeting with the addition that Tom Kinola has withdrawn from the committee.

Mission Statement: Discussion regarding updating the committee mission statement was made with a preliminary outline for the June meeting. Items to be included would be expanding the importance of preserving, maintaining and expanding access to the beach for all the residents of Ogden Dunes. Coordination of the mission statement with the Town's master plan was emphasized.

Beach Maintenance: We reviewed beach raking, and stair access including repair of the new aluminum stairs at access #7 as well as #9. The committee was brought up to date on the status of sand preservation with beach grass and how the use of snow fencing impacts the use and safety for residents. Finally plans for replacing the old metal stairs at access #14 were discussed. Special projects at access #2 with a wooden lookout were also discussed. Corrections included discussion about beach cleanup of unauthorized items on Wednesdays as written in beach policy.

Policy Development: Rules and regulations regarding beach fires and leaving chairs and paddle boards and sailing crafts on the beach overnight were discussed.

Future Projects: Ideas for kayak and paddle board storage and portable toilet use were suggested.

Funding: Funds of \$5000 were identified from restore the shore and directly from the Porter County Community Fund (PCCF) that could be used for stair repair. Future fund raising in conjunction with the ODHA as well as the OD woman's club was discussed. Raising awareness of the ease and awareness of how residents can donate for projects through the PCCF were discussed. Also applying for grants from Cleveland Cliffs steel mill's community fund was also suggested.

Plans: Collette will serve as chair and Peter will be the secretary. Scott will e mail the town master plan to all members. Dave will research the web site for policies. Michele will investigate for stair repair, and Collete will research the PCCF.

Respectfully submitted with notes from Collette

Peter Mavrelis

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting June 16 6:30 at the town hall