

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2026
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(*This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Google Meets and was recorded.*)

Roll Call - Council Members: Matrona Malik, Donna Norkus, David Phelps, and Candice Peterson-Smith were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Marshal Vernon Garard, Attorney Connor Nolan, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall. Councilor Geof Benson attended electronically until 7:44 p.m.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Phelps announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town's website.

Public Presentations

NWI Thrive Presentation on Expanding Trail Connections

President Phelps presented a preliminary concept on connecting the NPS campground to the train station and Marquette Trail (presentation is attached). He reports there will be opportunities for public input.

Fire & Emergency Management (this was moved up on the agenda for Councilor Benson)
Councilor Benson gave report and read a dedication to Chief Andy Himan Sr. Councilor Benson motioned to rename the fire station the Chief Andy Himan Sr. Fire Station. Councilor Norkus seconded. There was a discussion. Norkus asked what this meant specifically and noted that the Town recognized Pat Wagner in 2018. It was determined that a plaque would be installed with the new name on it and mounted to the outside of the building. There was rollcall vote. Benson = yea. Malik = yea. Norkus = yea. Phelps = yea. Peterson-Smith = yea. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April 21, 2026: Councilor Malik motioned to approve minutes as presented. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of May 13, 2026: Councilor Malik motioned to approve minutes as presented. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report

Police Report: Marshal Garard gave report.

Street Report: Garard gave report. The road projects connected to the CCG2026-01 were completed. Mowing season is ongoing.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Resolution 2026-03 Resolution Transferring ARP interest

CT Hundt explained at the end of last month there was a balance in the account of \$1.33 that needed to be transferred. Councilor Norkus motioned to approve the resolution. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-02 Resolution Transferring Funds for CCG2026-01

CT Hundt explained the need to transfer funds from MVH-Restricted to the Grant Fund. Councilor Malik motioned to approve the resolution. Councilor Norkus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented the April/May 2026 APV register, noting items that were not standard expenses. Vice President Peterson-Smith motioned to approve the APV as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously CT Hundt also presented the Fund Report, 2026 Combined March Report, Revenue Report, Appropriation Report, Depository Balance Report, Bank Rec Checking, Bank Rec TrustIN, Bank Rec Water, BOK Financial/2020 Bond Series, April payroll. Councilor Norkus will sign off on reports.

CT Hundt report the State Board of Accounts completed their audit of the Town for 2024 and 2025. There were no findings. There was verbal notice regarding the electing/appointing of officers to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC).

CT Hundt presented an invoice from Drive Clean Indiana for \$3150. At the last Town Council meeting the motion did not include from what fund this would be paid and it was over the amount originally discussed. Councilor Norkus motioned to approve payment of the invoice from the Rainy Day Fund. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Councilor Malik gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Councilor Norkus gave report.

Capital Planning Committee: There was no meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Councilor Benson gave report at the beginning of the meeting.

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report. Peterson-Smith talked about signs the Committee wants to put on Green Space lots. Peterson-Smith motioned to allow the Green Space Committee to move forward on getting quotes for signage. Councilor Norkus seconded. There was a discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Norkus gave report. The social trail signs are back in place along Lake Front. President Phelps reported they are still waiting to hear from D & M regarding dune replenishment.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report. Peterson-Smith stated the Town Council needs to develop rules and regulations for the use of Town Property on holiday weekends. President Phelps recommended the Marshal talk to PAL members regarding parking and safety. Dave Wagner, member of PAL, reported that PAL has decided not to do the fund raiser at Rebora. Councilor Norkus agreed that the Town Council needs to give guidance to the Parks & Recreation Committee for the rules and regulations for the use of Town owned buildings, beach, and park. Peterson-Smith suggested flags can be used to designate parking or no parking. Norkus requested Marshal Garard do a sign inventory. There was a brief discussion about the speed limit for Lake Front.

Plan Commission: There was no meeting.

TDD: President Phelps gave report.

Unfinished Business:

Grants updates: Councilor Norkus gave report.

Grant opportunity from the EPA on technical assistance for wastewater treatment:
No update.

Comprehensive Plan Updates and Progress: No updates.

New Business

NWI RDA Development Catalyst Grant Application

President Phelps presented information on the NWI RDA Development Catalyst Grant opportunity. This would be a grant opportunity for engineering planning documents partnering with the Town of Pines. Beverly Shores would be responsible for paying half; \$3,750. Abonmarche ; an engineering firm already engaged with the Town of Pines, provided more information. Councilor Norkus motioned to authorize paying \$3750 from the Rainy Day fund to move forward on the grant. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion passed 3:1.

Town Council Appointment to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) of 3(three) members.
Councilor Norkus motioned to appoint David Phelps, Candice Peterson-Smith, and Matrona Malik to the RDC. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Appointment to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) of 2 members.
President Phelps appointed Donna Norkus and Geof Benson to the RDC.

Written Communications

President Phelps reported an email was received from a resident wanting to use guest passes for Litanica Park. Another email was received regarding parking at Rebora on Labor Day weekend.

Public Comment

Sally Bagnall, 21 S. Beach, spoke in support of CT Hundt and the work she does for the Town.

Town Council Comment

Councilor Malik invited the public to Ed Clapp's retirement party on Friday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

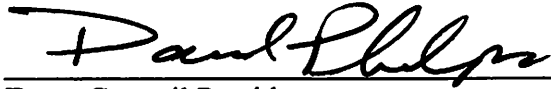
Adjourn:

Councilor Malik motioned to adjourn.

Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 09:18 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt

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BEVERLY SHORES SPUR TRAIL

GRANT APPLICATION ALIGNMENT

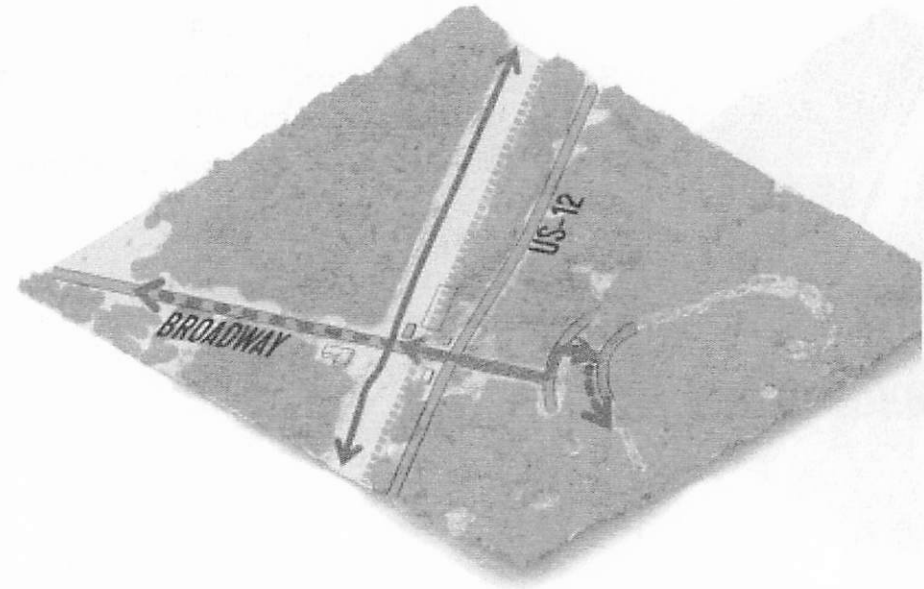
NPS SIGN TO STATION 800

LF of Trail*

2 Road Crossings

1 RR Crossings

*Grant plan showed shorter trail connection (~550')
as shown below



NICTD
STATION

MARQUETTE
GREENWAY

NPS SIGN

**RECOMMENDED
ALIGNMENT NPS
CAMPGROUND TO
NORTH LOT LINE 800 LF of
Trail**
2 Road Crossings

Use Existing RR Crossing

FUTURE BIKE LANES/CYCLE

TRACK TO TOWN/LAKE

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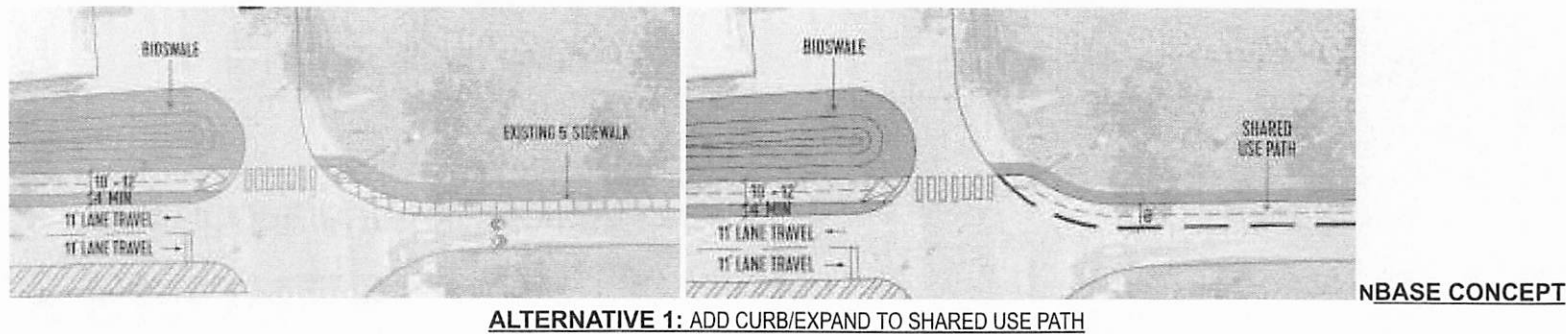
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CONCEPT DESIGN – FOR SCOPE/BUDGET REVIEW ONLY

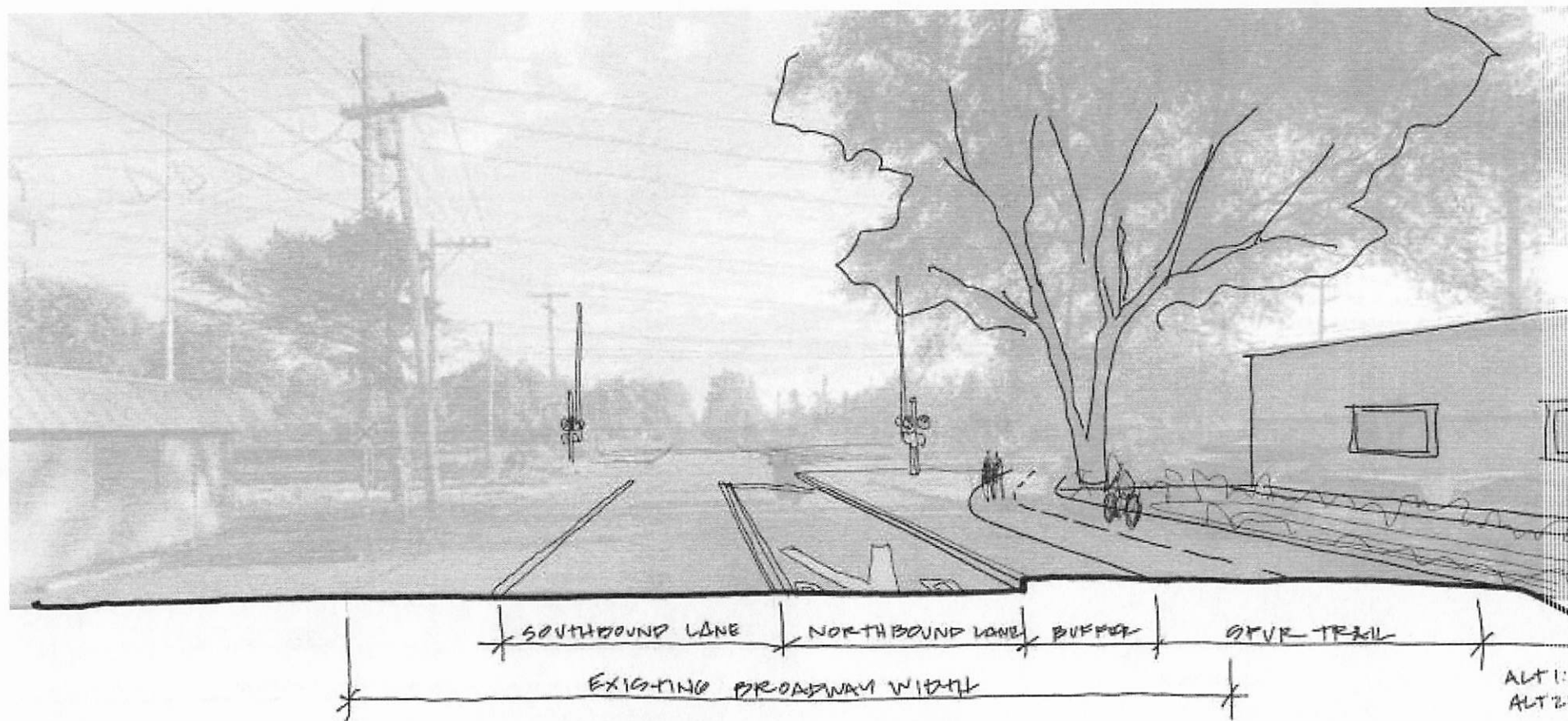
EXTEND SIDEWALK TO
CAMPGROUND PATH,
ADD CROSSWALK



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TYPICAL PROFILE LOOKING NORTH AT GAS STATION

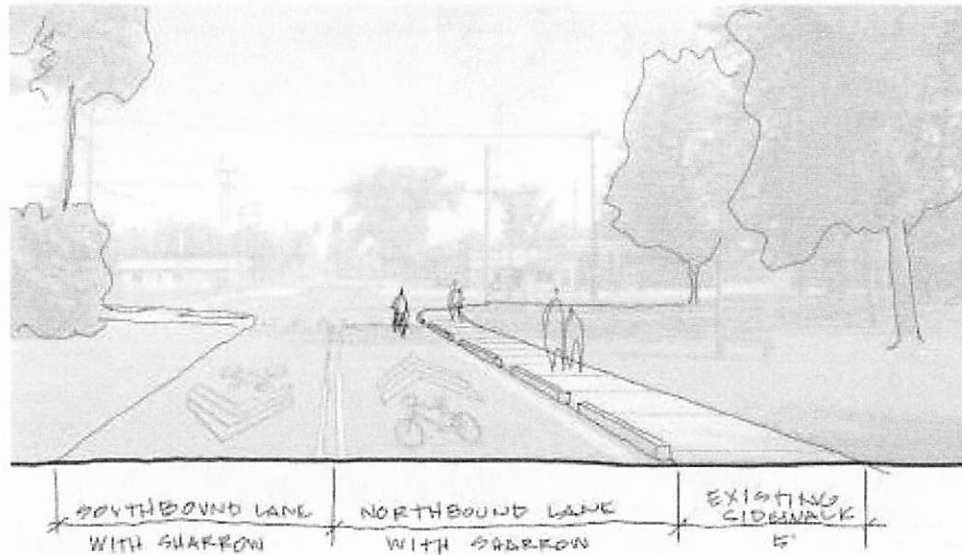


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TYPICAL PROFILE LOOKING NORTH FROM CAMPGROUND SIDE OF US-12

ALTERNATIVE: ADD BARRIER CURB ALTERNATIVE: EXPAND TO SHARED USE PATH





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