

Town of Beverly Shores
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:30pm CT

1. Call to Order

Susan Loeb, Chair, called the meeting of the Town of Beverly Shores Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 6:30pm CT.

2. Roll Call:

Committee members present: Tom Abrahamson, Steve Coughlin, and Susan Loeb. Andre Daugavietis present via Google Meet. Paula Tillman present at 6:46 pm.

Also present were Ellen Hundt, Clerk-Treasurer, Sally Bagnall, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and Candice Peterson-Smith, Town Council Liaison to the Parks Committee.

3. Title VI Community Involvement Survey

Susan Loeb announced that the Title VI public involvement survey is available via the Town's website.

4. Minutes of Meeting of June 8, 2026

Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve the Minutes of Meeting of June 8, 2026; seconded by Steve Coughlin. Approved 4-0.

5. New Business

Susan Loeb informed the Committee that the Saturday, July 25, 2026, ABSR Summerfest event at Rebora Plaza may require keeping Rebora Plaza closed until Monday afternoon July 27, 2026. Fay Booker with ABSR explained that the tent contractor may not be able to dismantle the event tents until Monday July 27, 2026. Limited parking would be available on Sunday at the west end of the parking lot. The Committee asked Ms. Booker to let the Town Marshall know about the situation and request parking enforcement discretion.

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Susan Loeb led a discussion about access to Lituania Park Warming Hut and deck alternatives. While no action was taken on hut access, the Committee agreed to seek quotes for repairing water leakage around the chimney and animal intrusions around the roofline.

Tom Abrahamson led a brief discussion about the Warming Hut name. The Committee clarified that the Warming Hut is acting as Warming Storage until suitable access is restored.

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Tom Abrahamson led a continued discussion of resident survey re: use of Town park property. Considering fiscal challenges ahead, the survey may raise expectations risking disappointment. Tom Abrahamson moved to put the survey on hold; seconded by Steve Coughlin. Approved 5-0.

Steve Coughlin explained that the Lituanica Pond fountain is running 24/7 because the timer has a bad GFI switch. Lake&Pond Biologists will repair at no charge.

SHL 7. New business

Susan Loeb led a discussion about the status of anticipated donated funds from a co-sponsored ABSR/ERG plant sale which raised approximately \$2500. Representing ABSR, Candice Peterson-Smith reported that ABSR has begun deliberation of the gift. If approved, it is expected that any donated funds would be made pursuant to an ABSR contract for landscaping services for clean-up and native plantings at the garden strip at Rebora Plaza. She also reported that the Building Commissioner suggested no work commence until the trees at Rebora are cut and trimmed, especially the four tree trunks and branches leaning into the right-a-way. The P&R Committee did not assume responsibility for the tree issues at Rebora but agreed that it would seek quotes at no cost to get a professional opinion about what should be done and how much it may cost.

Susan Loeb led a discussion about the 2026 budget and remaining spending. The 2026 Parks budget balance was about \$7K. Ellen Hundt advised that there was about \$35,000 in the Parks Donation fund.

SHL 8. Written Comments

None

SHL 9. Public Comments

John Nekus thanked the Committee for its work on issuing Derby boat permits and presented information about a new Lituanica Park Heritage Marker at the Ripplewater Ave entrance. Mr. Nekus will be presenting his proposal to Town Council for approval.

SHL 10. Committee Comments

Paula Tillman said she wanted people to think about Lituanica Park as a place that can benefit the community in terms of fundraising.

Candice Peterson-Smith advised that the budget season was coming up and a 2027 Parks Maintenance Schedule is needed. Ms. Peterson-Smith also ask the Committee to think about remaking the tennis court benches.

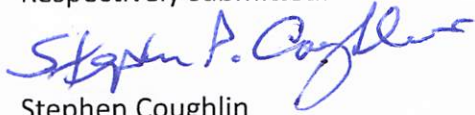
Tom Abrahamson advised that a missing tennis court service line centerline hash mark was painted on.

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10. Adjournment

At 7:55 pm Tom Abrahamson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Paula Tillman. Approved 5-0.

Respectively submitted:



Stephen Coughlin

Secretary

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Approved:



Susan Loeb

Chair

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