

**Town of Beverly Shores
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:30pm CT**

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Roll Call:

Committee members present: Susan Loeb, Paula Tilman, Andre Daugavietis, Steve Coughlin, and Tom Abrahamson.

Also present was 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 and in the Council room.

4. Minutes of Meeting of July 14, 2025:

Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve the Minutes of Meeting of July 14, 2025; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Paula Tilman requested the July 14 Minutes include a statement that the old Lituania Park fire ring was disposed of and removed by a local volunteer. Request and Minutes approved 5-0.

5. Old Business:

Susan Loeb led a discussion about the Warming Hut and Outdoor Deck. Susan reported that she was seeking deck quotes and received the following contractor feedback: "seems over-engineered" and "today's treated wood is not good". There was a discussion among the Committee about using composite decking or another wood type. Andre Daugavietis suggested the Committee invite the Building Commission to the next Parks Meeting for advice. Steve Coughlin requested clarification from Charlie Ray that the deck design is per the Commercial Code because his revised drawing references Residential Code.

Susan Loeb led a brief discussion about a new fire ring at Lituania Park. Steve Coughlin said cost was about \$1000. No action taken.

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Susan Loeb reported that the Parks Donation Fund had a balance of about \$35K; and the Parks 2025 Maintenance Fund had a current balance of about \$13K. Steve Coughlin said with Kayak Rack, LRS, Lake&Pond, and Dual Use upcoming payments, the uncommitted Maintenance Fund balance was about \$9K.

Tom Abrahamson led a discussion on the dual use court. Cracks and surface heaves were grinded level and smooth by Resin Pros for the approved amount of \$200. Next, the cracks should be filled and the fill material ground flush. Volunteers will touch-up paint. Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve spending up to \$1000 for a contractor to fill the cracks and grind flush, and touch-up paint and supplies for volunteers; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Steve Coughlin led a discussion about boat storage at Derby and Rebora. Thanks to volunteers the twelve-kayak rack was received, assembled, and located at Rebora just west of the steps. At Derby beach, the required two wooden "Boat" storage signs, and one "Violation" sign were in-place. Andre Daugavietis said that boaters were very happy but wondered whether the Kayak Rack could hold twelve considering the wide width of SUP's. Candice Peterson-Smith mentioned there was one boat being inappropriately stored on National Park beach property.

6. New Business

Susan Loeb reported that the Committee had received an Application for Use of Lituania Park on August 23, 2025 from a resident to show a movie to about ten adults and fifteen children. The Warming Hut would not be used. Andre Daugavietis motioned to approve the application; seconded by Tom Abrahamson. Approved 5-0.

Susan Loeb reported that the Beverly Shores Environmental Restoration Group (ERG) requests approval to conduct invasive plant removal project in Lituania Park at their own expense. Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve the application; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Tom Abrahamson led a discussion about restocking the Lituania Pond with appropriate fish species. At no cost, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will survey the fish population and re-stock appropriately. Susan Loeb motioned to authorize re-stocking by INDNR; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Susan Loeb led a discussion about improving the Administration Building's front garden. Candice Peterson-Smith advised the Committee to be mindful that there were many native plants in the

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garden. Steve Coughlin said that the two tall conifer trees are not native, have overgrown their space, and should be cut down.

Susan Loeb led a discussion about the dual-use and shuffleboard courts. Several sports court contractors have been contacted about turnkey pricing on a new pickleball only court next to the tennis court. Indiana's Creating Places crowdfunding grant program is viable funding source.

Tom Abrahamson reported that the shuffleboard court resurfacing was completed by Resin Pros and repainted by volunteers. The Committee decided not to provide shuffleboard wax for players to use due to the slippery surface left behind after playing.

Andre Daugavietis suggested an article in Sand Tracks to let residents know that the shuffleboard court is ready-to-use.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Written Comments

None, other than the Application for Use of Lituanica Park on August 23, 2025 to show a movie.

9. Committee Comments

Paula Tillman asked the Committee to consider building lakefront deck overlooks.

Paula advised a price of \$3900 for Bernal to refurbish the Admin Building's front garden.

Paula Tillman asked the Committee to consider a fundraising event.

Andre Daugavietis asked if the blue beach mats could be used at Derby. Steve Coughlin said that the blue mats are much wider than the Derby foot path and thought professional labor would be needed.

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10. Adjournment

At 8:18 pm CT Andre Daugavietis motioned to adjourn; seconded by Tom Abrahamson.
Approved 5-0.

Respectively submitted:~

Stephen Coughlin
Secretary
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Approved:


Susan Loeb

Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee