



**WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT**  
**Lakefront Committee Meeting Minutes**  
*Monday, August 26, 2019*  
*6:30 p.m. – Mallinckrodt Community Center*

**Attendees Present**

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Commissioners/Committee: Chair, Bryan Abbott, Gordon Anderson, Cecilia Clarke  
Staff: Jerry Ulrich, Emily Guynn, Steve Wilson

Staff: Holly Specht

**Attendees Absent**

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None

**I. Meeting Called to Order**

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Recognition of Visitors**

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The Attendance Sheet will become part of the permanent record.

Chris Lewis provided a positive review of the sailing beach season and praised the staff for their hard work and thanked Superintendent Ulrich for the installation of the gate at the sailing beach. He asked for consideration be given to making the stairs on Lake Avenue more visible and hopefully encourage more walkers to use it creating more safety between vehicles and pedestrians.

**III. Communications and Correspondence**

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Commissioner Abbott acknowledged a couple pieces of correspondence, one in regard to bathrooms at sailing and one from a resident in regard to various maintenance concerns throughout the park including the level of woodchips on the path by the harbor, the water pressure for foot washing at the beach house, the sand on the path leading to the dog beach, and a lack of bench in the family changing rooms.

**IV. Unfinished Business**

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**A. Lakefront Project – Update**

Superintendent Ulrich reported about repeated incidents where people have been driving through the sand areas in the parking lot and getting stuck. Staff is working with the architects to come up with landscaping solutions to prevent future incidents. Staff also reported that after Labor Day, the winter shutters will be added to the building to close the concession and administrative portions of the building.

**RFP for Coastal Engineering Services**

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Director Wilson reported the RFP's have been sent out by direct mail to certain companies as well as public notice and are due back on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**B. RFP for Land Planner**

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**C. Langdon Beach Access**

Superintendent Ulrich reported that the beach is still inaccessible and the stone is still fully exposed.

**V. New Business**

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**A. Eagle Scout Project**

Lee Dobie, an Eagle Scout candidate, proposed his project of building six life buoy stands on the beach. The buoys will allow for someone in the park or on the beach to access a life preserver and toss it to someone who made need assistance. He outlined his design process and working with Superintendent Ulrich to develop the project. He also spoke about working with Lakefront Assistant Manager, Katy Bradford, in choosing the location for the stands. The Committee asked questions about the process, the projects, and wished Lee the best of luck in obtaining his Eagle Scout status.

**VI. Manager's Report**

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**Lakefront Manager, Holly Specht, reported:**

- August experienced 10 closures due to high surf, storms, lightening for the most part, with one half day being due to bacteria
- PDRMA visited the beach and were pleased with the safety protocol and equipment
- Beach volleyball concluded recently, much later due to the weather
- Staff has started returning to school but enough remain to complete the season
- Preparation has begun for the triathlon on September 15<sup>th</sup>

**VII. Adjournment**

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There being no further business to conduct, the Lakefront Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes Approved on October 7, 2019

  
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Committee Chair

  
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