

November 8, 2007

Beach Committee

Present: Edgar Berner, Mark Lyon, John Gillen, Ray Reich, Jaye Stuart, Mary Weber

Consultant: Dirk Sabin

Visitors: None

Guests: None

Chairman Ray Reich called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

Mary Weber moved to accept the minutes of September 19. Jaye Stuart seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

Ray Reich reported that the site was being graded and the sea-wall was in. Dirk Sabin said it will be good to have the asphalt sitting over the winter, as it will compact more.

Ray Reich then displayed the revised schematic sent by William Wooster based on the last meeting's discussion. The schematic shows how the airboat can be stored on its trailer for faster access. Ray Reich said the schematic was still preliminary and there would be time to reconfigure it.

However, this meeting's main topic was Dirk Sabin's initial proposal for the landscaping. Dirk described how a spectacular view when coming from the intersection could be achieved. He went on to discuss the need to address the erosion occurring near one of the old sea walls as well as repairs needed for another sea wall. The loading area and kayak launching area would have stone water breaks to stabilize the erosion currently taking place there. Even though the kayak area would be open at all hours, there needed to be some security for the building when the beach was closed. Dirk Sabin described how protection of the lake from motor boat access while allowing canoe and kayak access would be provided. He also envisioned a series of flat rocks where people could fish from and sit. There would be a biofiltration area to conserve the wetlands and replenish the aquifer. This area would be a 'rain garden' with flowering grasses.

The committee members asked Dirk to determine the square footage of the current grassy area to insure that any suggested changes would not decrease it. Also discussed was the material for the fencing. Monumental steel was thought to be a good possibility, since it lasts, is sturdy, and looks like wrought iron. Fencing is required by the state around what it terms an 'attractive nuisance'. Statistics from Park and Recreation show a need for at least 27 parking places which this plan provides. The bicycle rack would be inside the fence as it is now.

Dirk Sabin will make changes to his proposal based on the ideas that had been brought up by members. His revisions should be ready for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the Land Use Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patte Doran