

West Tisbury Parks and Recreation Committee

Minutes May 5, 2021

(approved 6/2/21 5-0)

Present; Hap Bernard, Skip Manter, Lisa Amols, Matt Gebo, John Rau, Joe Schroeder, Frank Sutula, and Peggy Stone.

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Frank Sutula came to discuss way we can work together to keep people off his private property and keep them out of the dunes. He said he is tired of confrontations but people are not respecting the signs. He asked if we could put a map on the website telling where the beach and the private line is. Also asked for us to put the map in our literature. He also asked if the guards could monitor and ask people to stay off dune and pick up trash. Joe said they walk to the stream several times a day but their main focus is on the water. He said signs and the planned rope fence should help. Frank said there are kids 4 and 5 years old on their own playing in the stream and dunes. Joe said I get it –they expect us to baby sit their kids but that is not our job. Joe asked if the stream was on town land. Frank said once it leaves the dune most of that is his property. Skip said we should put up as much rope as we have. He doesn't think the map is a good idea; people don't really look at it. He said no trespassing signs and roping are good. Joe asked Frank if he considered hiring monitors like the other side of the beach has done. Frank asked if he had names. Joe said no but talk to owners on the other side> Matt said have no trespass signs and if they fail he can call the police. Frank said signs come down. Matt suggested for him to take morning walks to check on his signs. Lisa agreed signs are good as long as they are specific and consistent. Frank agreed hoping it will work, he doesn't want to get to the point of calling police. He thanked the committee for listening.

In other business, Joe said there is a shortage of guards do to no classes during the pandemic. We have three guards including him but are still in need of more. He said school sports are going to July 3 so he will have to wiggle the schedule. Basketball court is in use all day from school kids. He said the fence needs some repairs. He asked if the tennis courts could be brush cut so they could move the picnic tables over there for the kids to have shade. He thinks we should replace the picnic tables. Also, the hardware on the door of the shed needs to be replace; the doors don't shut as it is now. Joe reiterated he is anxious about the lack of staff. Matt asked minimum age for the lot. Joe thinks freshman in high school. Joe asked about the status of the shed at LCB. Joe and Matt said they could meet there to discuss where it should go etc. Peggy asked about parking on Cottles side of road, as of now we have no companion pass. Joe said the companion pass was a failure anyway; he suggested having bullet points on the sticker with the info. John said it sounds like a good idea but the stickers have already been printed. Maybe something to consider for next year.

The next meeting was set for June 2, 2021 at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Stone

Board Administrator