MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
January 31, 2018

Present: Peter Beck, Janet Oakley, Cameron Andrews, Marie Bost, and Pat Kostell

Absent: Archie Livingston, Mickey Van Metre

Also in attendance were Jerome Kizer, Iris Hill and Natalie Kantz.

The minutes of December 6, 2017, meeting were approved as read.

Department Head comments:

Iris Hill stated the town had received an email from Richard Gergel of 3602 Yacht Club Road requesting the rope fencing be taken down at beach access #36 adjacent to his residence. After some discussion, Cameron Andrews stated that the TIDE Committee is a recommendation committee only and that in his opinion the town needs to make these kinds of decisions. Janet Oakley stated that the access areas need to be standardized and that issues of encroachment need to be a decision of the Town Attorney and Town Council.

Mrs. Hill also stated that the town is taking all amenities out of Beach Access #1-A, but the deed says it must remain open to the public. Natalie Kantz and her crew are working on getting the beach accesses back to where they were before Matthew.

Old Business:
Burley Lyons Park wayfinding sign – Marie Bost stated that there needs to be a uniform sign branding the parks. Patrick Brown stated there is uniformity in wayfinder signs already. Peter Beck moved that there be branding in park signs only and that wayfinder signs are different. Marie Bost seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Bike Path improvements – Iris Hill stated that the utility work is not in the design as it stands now. She also stated the Myrtle Street project is on hold for now.

2018 Committee Emphasis Areas:
Janet Oakley asked what to focus on for the coming year?
  • Kelly has ideas for Bay Creek Park and some things that need to be repaired at Bay Creek Park.
• Look at additional things for Beach Accesses once they are back to before Matthew.
• Jungle Road Park parking area.
• Sign Branding.
• Bike path – pending opportunities.
• Christmas decorations.
• Benches and other accessories needed at parks. Maybe donated by others in memory of someone.
• Gateway to the beach.

Exposed utility cables – abandoned cable tv cables that have not been buried are a public nuisance or tripping hazard and the town does handle having them buried.

Handrails at handicap beach accesses – Patrick Brown looked at 17 and 19 beach accesses and found no issues. These handrails are pressure treated wood. Iris Hill commented that the town can look at putting stain on them and asked Natalie Kantz to add this to her list of things to do at the accesses.

Adjourned at 11:10 am.