MEETING NOTES
Lighthouse Landing Complex Committee
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
1:30 pm
Evanston Ecology Center
2024 McCormick Blvd.

Members Present: Alderman Eleanor Revelle, Paul D'Agostino, Judy Iacuzzi, Ann McMahon, Matt Poole

Member Absent: Pam Elesh, Linda Eggers, Don Terras

Guests: John Kennedy, Murphy Monroe

Meeting notes for March 13, 2019 meeting were approved.

Committee Member Reports

Lighthouse Park District
No report.

Garden Club of Evanston
J. Iacuzzi stated both the Wildflower and Butterfly Gardens were coming along, but that there had been some plant thefts from the Butterfly Garden. The Garden Club now has keys to the Coach House garage so they can store material inside such as tools. She also said that the downspout on the lighthouse was moved away from where a tree had died.

Ecology Center
M. Poole stated that the summer camp programming had started yesterday and consists of 9 campers in the 5th and 6th grades, running until August 18. There will be beach campouts this summer for up to 60 families, and this fall’s programming will be the same as previous years. He also said that both Fog Signal houses were in good shape for the programs this year.

Neighborhood Issues
A. McMahon noted that there had already been 2 fires on the beach during the very early morning hours. She also said that the area was getting noisy, but that it usually quiets down around 10:30 or 11:00 in the evening, and that the Police Department had been visiting the area to keep things quiet.
Evanston Public Works
P. D’Agostino reported that there had been two clean-up days at the site organized by Charles Smith to begin the effort to restore the Jens Jensen landscape features on the property. He noted that there were still some dead and dying trees that needed to be removed (mostly Ash) and that staff has removed some, and he will try to get to the remainder as soon as the ground conditions allow.

Alderman Revelle
The Alderman stated she would bring up the parking issues and have the signs changed on the spots in front of the building to make it clear where permits are required. She also said that the Harley Clark mansion would be opened up for 3 days this month for viewing by entities considering a proposal for the new RFP process underway.

Public Comments
J. Kennedy and M. Monroe presented a proposal for a “Circus Arts” event at the site. This is to be a joint effort by the Lakehouse and Gardens group and the Actor’s Gymnasium to be held in August. The Committee members raised issues about parking and asked if a September date could be considered after the beach is officially closed. It was also brought up that the proposal would need approval from the City’s Special Events Committee before they could proceed.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2019