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AGENDA PARK BOARD MEETING AUGUST 20, 2020

1. **6:30 p.m.** Call **Zoom or In-Person Meeting (your choice)** to Order at Administrative Office Conference Room, 1281 Hammond Road.
2. Approve Agenda (Additions/Deletions).
3. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2020.
4. Township Day / Movie in the Park.
5. Polar Lakes Park:
 - a. Review Restroom Proposals – Make Recommendation.
 - b. Playground Options.
6. Public Works Director Report.
7. Added Agenda Items.
8. Adjournment.

White Bear Township's

Mission:

To provide White Bear Township residents, businesses and visitors with reliable, high quality municipal services while serving as open and responsible stewards of the public trust.





**Park Board Meeting
August 20, 2020**

Agenda Number: 1 – 2 - 3

Subject: Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.
Township Administrative Offices

Approval of August 20, 2020 Agenda
Approval of July 16, 2020 Minutes

Documentation: August 20, 2020 Agenda
July 16, 2020 Minutes

Action / Motion for Consideration:

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Akenson, Josephson, Koster, Lee, Lombardi, Sinclair; Town Board Supervisor: Ruzek; Public Works Director: Reed; Planner: Riedesel

Absent: Reeves with notice

Present at the Town Offices were the Town Planner and Lee, all other members and guests were present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): Lee moved approval of the agenda as submitted. Sinclair seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2020: Sinclair moved the approval of the minutes of June 18, 2020. Lee seconded. Ayes all.

TOWNSHIP DAY / MOVIE IN THE PARK: Lisa Beecroft was present to report on Movie in the Park and Township Day updates.

Movie In The Park: Beecroft reported that the Movies in the Park turnout for the July 11th movie was good. About 125 people came to the event, which is good for a normal Movie in the Park. The limit, of course, did not exceed 250 people, so Beecroft is comfortable continuing these events. She had spray painted hearts on the grass spread out over the area to guide social distancing. She noted that 60-70% had masks. For future movies she will spread them out a bit further, just to ease comfort. Many also sat at their own distance in the back.

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Beecroft offered to do other promotional things for the Township in place of what she would do for Township Day.

Lombardi made the motion to cancel White Bear Township Day for 2020. Lee seconded. Ayes all.

The Town Board will vote on this on Monday, July 20th, and then Beecroft will send out a press release.

POLAR LAKES PARK – REVIEW OF THEMESCAPES PLAYGROUND – OTHER OPTIONS: The Town Planner reported that the Park Board went through the proposal last month. The three options from Themed Concepts are in the packet. The touch up existing playground option will cost \$70,795.00. The trees and bears option will cost \$197,109.14. The fallen tree option will cost \$201,001.64. The MN/WIS proposal which includes more refurbishing, some removal, some expansion, and new swings for sure, will cost \$92,951.00.

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BELLAIRE BEACH – FINAL PLAN – KAYAK RACKS: The Town Planner reported on the Bellaire Beach project at the current stage in the Master Plan, as shown in the packet on page 19. This is the most current of all the projects on the Master Plan. The parking lot could be kept as is or the island could be removed. The pond size will be increased. There was some discussion on the kayak racks: should they stay where they are at in public view or be closer to the water. It was decided that it should stay in public view. There was some discussion of the parking lot, and the Public Works Director noted that plowing is easier without the island, but it's not a huge deal. The striping can be done in the same pattern and hold the same number of cars with or without the island. There was some discussion of the Lake Links trail and the one-way road. The Town staff are waiting for details to be ironed out and the route is set for the trail. Portions of the trail outside of the Township have been constructed.

COLUMBIA PARK PARKING LOT: The Town Planner explained that staff have been working on rebuilding/expanding this parking lot to try to accommodate for 2 sports at once. The Public Works Director, Town Engineer, and Town Planner met and reviewed the design. It will hold 60 vehicles, including 3 handicapped stalls. It was noted that there is minimal work that needs to be done on the park itself. Staff may come up with a recommendation list for ballfield

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improvements prior to spring baseball. The association will want to see the plans prior to approval.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT: The Public Works Director reported on the Public Works Department Activity of June 2020. He noted mowing has been busy, and staff is working with seasonal hired help. He noted that the Town is now maintaining the ballfields for games, including dredging and lining the fields. The remaining **trails** along White Bear Parkway, Centerville Road, Otter Lake Road, Polar Lakes Park, and Columbia Park will be sealcoated this year. The project included the well and lift station parking lots. **Athletic fields** are beginning to see some use. Some games have been held on the fields. There was some discussion of the **projects along Deer Meadow** and staff is in communication with the residents and the association. The neighborhood is in majority of supporting the project. Staff are working with the Lake Links organization on plans for Bellaire Beach, that was previously discussed. There was some discussion of the County's street project for West Bald Eagle Boulevard from County H-2 south to Bald Eagle Avenue and East Bald Eagle Boulevard from Bald Eagle Avenue to Buffalo Street. The proposed trail will narrow drive lanes and expand shoulders as part of the improvement.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: There were no added agenda items.

Lombardi moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Lee seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary



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Agenda Number: 4

Subject: Township Day / Movie in the Park

Documentation: Beecroft Report

Action / Motion for Consideration:

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COVID-19 MN Stay Safe Plan

- Large outdoor gatherings larger than 250
 - Phase 3 - ~~Currently 250 max~~ "Closed"
 - Phase 4 - ~~"Potential for increased capacity"~~ "Closed"
- COVID Safety considerations
 - Staff/volunteer - face coverings, cleaning & disinfecting, social distancing
 - Attendee protections - signage, barricades, hand sanitizer, etc.
 - Public Safety - Ramsey County Sheriff, WBL Fire Dept

Movie in the Park

- Dates/Movies - Saturdays. Seating opens at 7:30, Movie at Dusk.
 - July 11 - Frozen II - Children's Performing Arts
 - The weather missed us, but was a gorgeous night. We had around 125 people, and everyone was respectful and social distanced in the hearts we painted on the grass. Many (but not all) wore masks.
 - ~~○ July 25 - Mary Poppins RAIN OUT~~
 - ~~○ Aug 1 - Mary Poppins RAIN OUT~~
 - Aug 8 - Dora the Explorer
 - 50 guests, Windy night not too hot. Diverse crowd, loved the movie
 - Aug 22 - Little Giants - Youth Football
 - Aug 1 - Mary Poppins
- Guests
 - Hawaiaan Shave Ice (COI, ST19, RC Food Permit)
 - League of Women Voters MN - signing up voters
 - Tyler Antony State Farm
- Expenses
 - Projection/Sound - \$4000
 - Cancel by 2pm if want to move to another date
 - Licensing - \$1700
 - Movies - \$100
 - Signage
 - Masks (free), Hand Sanitizer, Gloves
 - 4 WBP Movie Ads - \$

White Bear Township Day

Cancelled for 2020

Expenses

White Bear Township Exec Board Update
June 2020



-
- Fireworks (\$5,000)
 - 10% if cancel - \$500
 - Advertising
 - Midwest Art Fair
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Other Promo Opportunities

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Agenda Number: 5

Subject: Polar Lakes Park:
a. Review of Restroom Proposals – Make Recommendation
b. Playground Options

Documentation: Restroom Bids

Action / Motion for Consideration:

Report at Meeting / Discuss

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PARK BOARD / TOWN BOARD
FROM: TOM RIEDESEL
DATE: AUGUST 12, 2020

SUBJECT: POLAR LAKES PARK RESTROOM BIDS

The Town solicited proposals to construct two restrooms at Polar Lakes Park. The bid opening was held on August 12th at 10: 00 a.m.

Six proposals were received. Five of the bidders chose the Romtec buildings option. This option is for construction of the buildings which are purchased by the Town from the Romtec Corporation. The cost for the Town to purchase the buildings is \$305K, under a government purchasing contract.

A bid was also received from Public Restroom Company (PRC) which proposes to supply the buildings and labor. The cost of their restroom buildings is included in the bid and does not include the Town purchasing the buildings under a government contract.

The following are a summary of the bids:

#1	Dering Pierson Group =	\$450,673.00
#2	Ebert Construction =	\$477,700.00
	Welsh Construction =	\$543,390.00
	Hout Construction =	\$589,731.76
#3	Public Restroom Company =	\$790,431.00 * includes buildings
	Weber Construction =	\$997,000.00

The Town's cost for the buildings must be added to the Dering Pierson, Ebert, Welsh, Hout, and Weber construction bids. This cost is \$305K.

With the Town paying for the cost of the Romtec buildings, the apparent low bidder is Dering Pierson with a total cost of \$755,673.00. Ebert Construction was the second lowest bidder at \$782,700. PRC had the third lowest bid at \$790,431.

Note: There will be additional costs/contractors which must be added to the cost of the project. These costs are not part of the bids and will be paid by the Town. These costs include: tree removal, stump removal, site grading and extension of sewer and water to the buildings.

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**Park Board Meeting
August 20, 2020**

Agenda Number:

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Subject:

Public Works Director Report

Documentation:

Report

Action / Motion for Consideration:

Report at Meeting / Discussion

**White Bear Township
Town Board Update
On
Public Works Department Activity
(July 2020)**

1. **Lift Station Upgrades–**
 - Lift Station #9 (the last of the Town’s 10 Lift Stations to be rehabilitated) – There is minor restoration work remaining and the Town Engineer is obtaining the O&M manuals.

2. **Safety**
 - All staff to begin wearing masks on July 27th while indoors per Governor Walz’s order.

3. **Water Meter Repair/Reading**

Water meter replacement project update – Public Works continues installing meters/radios at residences since the week of June 15th with appointments typically scheduled at 7 a.m. and 12 noon. The installations are the non-warranty installs left from the meter project due to a lack of response by the property owner.

 - Commercial meter testing – Will continue in 2020

4. **2020 Capital Equipment Purchases/Capital Improvement Projects**
 - Mill and Overlay Administration Parking Lot - \$50,000.00. Postponed until 2021.
 - Purchase replacement Plow Truck (#49) - \$300,000.00. Approved by the Town Board, on order with delivery of the Truck Chassis expected in November.
 - Purchase replacement Asphalt Hot Box - \$70,000.00. Approved by the Town Board, Purchased, and is in use.
 - Reconstruct Columbia Park Parking Lot - \$250,000.00. The Town Engineer is finalizing plans and specifications for bidding. The work is anticipated to be completed this Fall.
 - Rehabilitate Bellaire Beach Park - \$200,000.00. The Town Board approved Ramsey County Park and Recreation, Soil and Water Division’s proposal for design, bidding, and construction of Shoreline Stabilization Project. Staff is working with the Lake Links representatives on finalizing the bid documents for the replacement picnic shelter.
 - Storm Water Projects –
 - a) Reestablish drainage flow along north side of R.R. tracks between Division Street and Eagle Street. CP Rail has cleaned the culverts that cross under the R.R. tracks within the Township. The Town Engineer will be providing the Town Board with an Engineering letter for development of plans an specs.

- b) Water Quality Improvements to storm water discharge locations at both Park St (Outfall 6) and St. Anthony Ave (Outfall 5). Both of the Saffle Baffle structures have been placed. Park Street is completed and St. Anthony will be once Ramsey County replaces the storm pipe under West Bald Eagle Boulevard. This work will proceed the Pavement Preservation Project July 29th on H-2.
- c) Replace storm pipe running from Liebel Street under Highway 61 and the railroad tracks. The Town Engineer is preparing bid documents at this time.

5. Storm Water Program

- Staff will be completing an updated SWPPP for submittal to the MPCA.

6. Water system improvements/issues

- Water System Improvements update – The project had a delayed start due to Covid-19. The MDH’s approval had taken an extra 3 weeks. Well #4 Development is completed. The new pump and motor for the well have been ordered.
- The Town Engineer is going to provide an agreement for the Town Board to approve regarding replacement or lining of watermain between Taylor Ave and Gaston Ave, on Hugo Road. The watermain is a 12” line. One home would be without water. We can temporary water from a hydrant on Taylor while the work is completed, for the resident at 5475 Hugo Road.
- Hammond Road Water Tower repainting in 2019 – Some punch list items remain and a 1 year paint inspection will be completed in late September/early October. The Tower will be drained for the interior paint inspection.
- Establishing an interconnect, for area south of TH 96, is being reviewed with the City of White Bear Lake’s Public Works Director/City Engineer.
- The Public Works Director continues work on drafting the America’s Water Infrastructure ACT 2018 (AWIA) requires an assessment of the Town’s Water System be completed and submitted by June 30, 2021. The Emergency Response Plan (ERP) follows closely behind, due December 31, 2021.

7. Sanitary sewer system improvements/issues

- The deactivation of the Birchwood Lift Station #1 is completed. The Public Works Director will follow up on the televised inspections for the sanitary sewer service line connections.
- The Town Engineer has reviewed the flow monitoring completed in Centerville Road sanitary sewer line and will share observations at this Executive Meeting.

8. Street Improvement Program.

- The 2020 Street Project is well under way. Hillaire, Summit, Forest Court, Glen Oaks, and Arbor Drive (north half). Hillaire, Summit, Forest Court, and Glen Oaks base course was placed on July 23rd.

9. **Sign replacement program (retroreflectivity standard)**
 - Street name sign replacement will begin in 2021 per this year's revised CIP.

10. **Personnel Updates:**

11. **Park Projects:**
 - The trails remaining trails along White Bear Parkway, Centerville Road, Otter Lake Road, Polar Lakes Park and Columbia Park will be sealcoated this year. The project included the Well and Lift Station parking lots.
 - Athletic Fields are beginning to see some use. This week a Soccer Camp is being held on the upper soccer fields and a baseball game was held last night on field 4.

12. **Ramsey County Projects within the Township;**

2020

- County Road H-2 Resurfacing work to begin July 29th, with a Road Closure on July 28th for a culvert replacement.
- West Bald Eagle Boulevard from County H-2 south to Bald Eagle Avenue.
- East Bald Eagle Boulevard from Bald Eagle Avenue to Buffalo Street
- Buffalo Street from Highway 61 west to East Bald Eagle Boulevard.
- Otter Lake Road from Goose Lake Road to Highway 96. Scheduled to begin August 19th with completion in mid-September.
- Century Avenue from Cedar Avenue to Co Rd F. Preconstruction meeting will be held July 30th @ 1 p.m. via WebEx. This is a joint project between the two counties.

2020-2023 Proposed

- Co Rd J from Otter Lake Road to Centerville Road (Design 2020, Reconstruction 2023)
- Mill and Overlay of South Shore Boulevard from White Bear Avenue to Co Rd F?
- Hugo Road Mill and Overlay from Park Ave to Co Rd J.
- Co Rd F from McKnight Road to Century (East Co Ln)
- Portland Avenue from Highway 96 to Taylor Avenue.
- East Bald Eagle Boulevard from Buffalo Street to Taylor Avenue.

13. Informational sharing regarding Public Works in general:

Public Works Jobs for July 2020

1. Monthly safety inspections of, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting, eye wash stations and A.E.D., fall harnesses
2. Continuing doing water testing and monitoring of the Towns water system
3. Continuous water testing at well's 1, 3, 5 and 6
4. Completed 15 state bac t tests
5. Continued various water meter and radio repairs
6. Water shut off for home repairs
7. Located water services for the 2020 street project on the Southside
8. Raised curb stops for the driveway installation for the 2020 Southside street project
9. New construction water turn on's and radio programing
10. Resumed sanitary sewer jetting operations
11. Gopher one locates in Township, North Oaks, Gem Lake, and Birchwood
12. Sign installation and repairs throughout the Township
13. Ongoing patching of Town roads (280+ tons and 864 man hrs.)
14. Mowing and weed whipping Town Parks and Lots
15. Emptied trash in all the parks
16. Herbicide treatment at all Town playground areas
17. Dragged and prepared baseball fields at Polar Lakes, Four Seasons, Mead and Longville Park
18. Added new Rec Step (wood chips) at Birch, Four Seasons, Bellaire Beach and Manor Park playground areas

Mechanic jobs for July 2020

- Assisted Public works with grass cutting at Polar Lakes Park, Admin. an Public Works
- Mowed North Oaks lift stations with flail mower
- Helped with the dragging and preparation of Polar Lakes Park baseball fields
- Had tires put on #31 (pickup), and #34 (rounds truck)
- Replaced brakes in #26 (pickup)
- Replaced leaking fuel filter on #40 (5 yd. dump)
- Contacted MacQueens for a mobile repair for broken brake lines on #46 (Elgin Sweeper)
- Repaired A/C unit in #46 Elgin Sweeper
- Picked up new enclosed trailer for ball field grooming and have been outfitting for all equipment to be in the trailer
- Called Tri-State Bobcat to complete a mobile repair on #8 (Bobcat tire machine) due to a broken main hydro belt and seized up pulley. The machine was out in the field during break down
- Repaired and rebuilt multiple blade spindles on #6 (Toro 4000D mower)

- Serviced multiple units
- Piled sealcoat rock and swept parking lot in the Public Works yard



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Agenda Number: 7 - 8

Subject: Added Agenda Items
Adjournment

Documentation:

Action / Motion for Consideration:



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Subject: FYI / Items passed by the Town Board Pertaining to the Park Board

Documentation:

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TOWNSHIP DAY 2020 – UPDATE: The Town Planner reported that Township Day is set to be September 19th and so far planning has gone well except for COVID-19. At the July Park Board meeting, the Board recommended cancellation with a simple motion. The issue is with pre-planned events, like the fireworks display. But the Town doesn't have a current contract, so it is not obligated to pay a cancellation fee. It was noted that the fireworks contractor should understand since everyone is in the same boat there. The Town has had this contractor for over 10 years, though. Legally the Town can't pay them without a signed contract. There was some discussion over the Ramsey County Sheriff's reluctance to police the event.

As liaison to the Park Board Ruzek made the motion to cancel Township Day 2020. McCune seconded. Ayes all.

There was some brief discussion of the Movies in the Park success: 125 people showed up and there was social distancing.

July 10, 2020

Dear Resident:

The Town Offices have been contacted several times this summer with reports of rule violations at the Summit Lane access to White Bear Lake. The Town Board discussed the site and violations at a recent meeting and **is considering closing the access if violations continue.**

If you use the site, please follow the rules listed below:

- The access is closed to the public between November 1st and May 1st.
- The part is open 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.
- No person shall bathe, wade or swim at the beach except when dressed in bathing attire which is socially acceptable and conducive to water safety.
- No person shall bring into or use at the beach, any inner tube, life raft or other inflatable or buoyant object intended to support a person except U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets or vests when properly attached.
- No person shall scatter any debris which could be a safety hazard.
- No person shall use the Summit Lane Park property for picnicking, grilling or of food or fires of any type.
- No person being in custody of any animal shall permit said animal to enter Summit Lane Park except for properly leashed or harnessed guide dogs trained to lead the disabled and accompanied by its disabled master.
- Bicycles are prohibited on the dock.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Boats shall not be tied to the dock at any time or permanently moored at the site.
- Motorboats shall not operate within 50' of the dock.

If you have any questions please contact Pat Christopherson at 651.747.2750 or via email at pat.christopherson@whitebeartownship.org.

Sincerely,

Patrick Christopherson
Town Clerk-Treasurer

MR. Lombardi, please share with the
park board

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AUG 10 2020

TOWN OF WHITE BEAR

Dear Town Board,

I have lived on Summit Lane for 20 years. I took part in the purchase of the new dock which all the neighbors bought and then we were required to donate it to the park board.

When the lake was low, there were all kinds of issues from the adjacent property owners. When the lake went back up, one family moved away and a wonderful new family moved in.

As you may know, Roger Carlson fought a courage battle with cancer and lost it recently. Last summer when he could no longer open the gate, he asked Catherine Velky to take over for him. I believe he knew she loved it as much as he did. Catherine began a beautification project in his honor. She started it when he was still alive so he could appreciate it. She collected donations from many neighbors but had to do much of the work herself.

In all the time I have lived here, I have never seen it so lovely. It's welcoming and a delight to walk down the path. She can often be found weeding or picking up sticks after storms, or even planting divisions. I've never seen so many people walk down the pretty path to just look at the view...from flowers to water.

Sadly, the increase in traffic, of which there is not a lot; just more than previous years, has the neighbor to the West of the access furious. It broke my heart to read the recent letter about neighbors getting along. We are a strong community of friends looking out for one another and enjoying the beauty around us. There is no fighting going on except for the one man who lives next to the access. He screams, he shouts, he keeps looking out waiting for someone to do something wrong. He took his own yard debris and put it in the access for people to trip over. I've seen him shut the gate early and then heard he complained it wasn't being managed. HE seems to have a thing against Catherine. Despite all that has happened, she gives him the benefit of the doubt (she is a good woman) over many things.

Jeff Miller's strategy is to complain and complain until he gets the access shut down. There is nothing out of the ordinary going on down there. Well, there is an occasional rule breaker but we the people try to address it. We have also told Jeff (for 10 years!) that if he has an issue, he can tell one of us and we'll address it. But no, he goes right to the police or the park board, that latter of which seem to be afraid of him. Why is Jeff Miller heard and we are not?

Shutting down the access would be a sin. The mean-spirited letter offended everyone (except Jeff). Two items I want to specifically address:

- 1.) For 20 years we have had rafts down at the access. It's not right to make a new rule like that for no reason. I understand on July 4th there was an issue with a lily pad, and I understand that, but it was an isolated incident.
- 2.) There is no one down at the access that is inappropriately dressed. There is no skinny dipping because it's clothes at night and if someone wants to swim in their clothes, that is their right. A mother can, and will, have to do an emergency diaper change at some time in her life; maybe several. That is not against the law and if any of you have

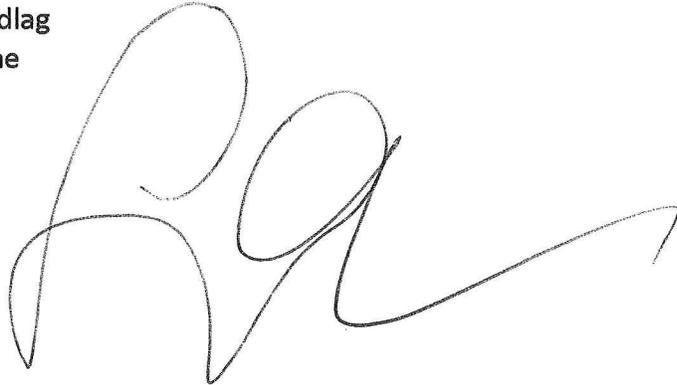
children, you know it is what it is. If that was the incident that Jeff complained about then shame on him. He really is sexist, and we already know he is a bully.

I believe it's time Jeff Miller hear from the park board that he's a **public nuisance** and his **disorderly conduct** when he sees something, he doesn't like is offensive. His own yard is disgraceful that it's ruining the beautification project. The park board should ensure the safety of the community, not cater to the man who obsessively complains. If you think about it, there are a number of lawsuits that could be filed against him or the park board if the board discriminably continues to allow his behavior to go on this long.

I intended to write a nice letter about how lovely the access is now, and Roger would have loved how it's progress. Many people are using the access to swim, sit on the dock, SUP, kayak – adding a kayak rack was brilliant!!!! . Thank you!

Please do not just it down or threaten to shut it down. It is a very peaceful place for all of us with the exception of one person. If he is so overwrought with activity at the access, move. We are more than willing to work with him to manage what he calls offenses but I'm guessing he won't do it because he makes half of them up!

Linda Schiedlag
Summit Lane

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Linda Schiedlag', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.