

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012
AT 3:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

I. Call to Order at 3:04 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Larry Whalen

Absent: Ham Ross

Dept. Heads Present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy

II. Review Chequamegon Bay Engineering's 95% Concept Designs for Big Bay Town Park and planning discussion. Points of discussion as follows:

Town Foreman, Keith Sowl, reported that he received a phone call from State Congresswoman Janet Bewley offering help with funding as a result of an article she read in the *Island Gazette*. Sowl then showed pictures of the possible types of cinder blocks that could be used in construction of the buildings at Big Bay Town Park. Some of them had both texture & color for an upcharge of about 50% [\$8 per block which includes labor]. Sowl hopes to put bids out for this part of the project in May of 2012 and award the contract in June of 2012. Beth Fischlowitz requested samples of the colored/textured blocks.

Jim Patterson added that the extra expense could be justified by the savings in the cost of painting.

Sowl said that the bottom line is "what do we want it to look like?"

Consensus to see the block samples with a view to ordering the upgrade.

Gravel was discussed next: Sowl reported that nearly all of the remaining ¾" gravel belongs to Ashland County. He added that the County would be willing to sell the gravel to the Town. He said the Town can use the 5/8" at a cost of \$24.55 a ton. Greg Nelson pointed out that the 5/8" would be perfect at the slower speeds that are posted in the Town Park. Nelson asked if the cost of the gravel [purchased from the County] is reimbursable at a rate of 50% per the Department of Natural Resources grant. Sowl replied that the gravel & the hauling are reimbursable. Consensus to use the 5/8" gravel.

Foreman Sowl continued by pointing out the waste haulage may become an issue since the holding tanks are larger than any Island haulers are currently hauling. He added that there are several solutions to that problem.

Regarding permitting, Sowl stated that campsites may not be within 50' of a wetland [and that campsites must be within 400' of a toilet]. He reported that there is a May 1, 2012, [10:00 AM] meeting with Jason Berkner of the US. Corps of Engineers and the officers of the tribes that he will attend.

Foreman Sowl then presented each page of the 95% plans: four electrical campsites will be eliminated but not this season. The ultimate goal is 60 campsites at the Park, including the walk-in sites, along with a stone fireplace at the picnic shelter that is produced by Island artisans. He reported that the well at the site goes back to 1969 and that Bob Mellin, well driller, would be analyzing it. The wood that is sold at the wood shed [at least for this year] will be the by-product of the site clearing. After that, bids will be taken for vendors that will supply firewood.

III. Adjournment at 3:55 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 3/27/12

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