

DECEPTION PARK VIEW ASSOCIATION

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COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2021 AS OF MAY 31, 2021

The Community Recreation Area Planning Team conducted the following activities this reporting period and the following is our status of progress:

June 13, 2020 – A 3-person team mowed the lots and ditches of grass/weeds.

June 26, 2020 – Gave a report at the annual meeting concerning our progress and provided the following workday schedule: July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14.

July 6, 2020 – Melonie Miller donated two picnic tables and eight fire pit chairs.

July 11, 2020 – A 12-person team completed the following: mowed the lots and ditches of grass/weeds, gathered more small/medium sized rocks and placed by the trees, gathered and burned branches in the fire pit, and assembled the donated picnic tables.

August 8, 2020 – A 5-person team completed the following: mowed the lots and ditches of grass/weeds, gathered more small/medium sized rocks and placed by the trees, gathered branches to burn in the fire pit (no burning due to burning restrictions) and assisted a vacant lot owner get into compliance by cutting back blackberry bushes from neighboring properties.

September 6, 2020 – Applied for Island County access permit. This is required to build and for an official address to be issued. This address will become the official Association address.

September 12, 2020 – A 9-person team completed the following: mowed the lots and ditches of grass/weeds, gathered more small/medium sized rocks and placed by the trees, and gathered more branches to burn in the fire pit (no burning due to burning restrictions). We also removed some wire fencing and garbage.

September 28, 2020 – The team met to discuss our way forward and to confirm the scheduled workdays. The following days were scheduled: October 10 and November 14. We will take a winter break until February or March. Things we would like to accomplish before the winter break: level/grade the lots again, gravel the driveway and pavilion site, plant grass for easier maintenance and burn the debris pile. We will continue to mow and maintain the lots.

October 9, 2020 – Reapplied for Island County access permit. Application was returned because we are requesting two access points on two separate county roads, which requires two applications and application fees.

October 10, 2020 – The workday was cancelled due to inclement weather, too wet to mow. However, the team shared pavilion ideas over email. Kathleen redesigned the sketch based on these ideas; emailed the Board and Island County Planning to see if a building permit was required.

October 13, 2020 – Island County informed us that we will have to rezone the property to build a community park. This could cost \$2,500 to \$4,000.

October 14, 2020 – Informed the DPV Board about the rezoning issue. It was recommended to ask if it were a community garden would we need to rezone.

October 15, 2020 – Island County stated that even if it were converted to a community garden it would still need to be rezoned as a community recreation area.

November 9, 2020 – Reported back to the DPV Board that the lots would still need to be rezoned even if we called it a garden. Kathleen suggested that we should consider selling the lots with a water connection. Sallie recommended we ask the community members before we make that decision. Once we rezone the lots, they cannot be sold as residential lots unless they are rezoned back to residential lots.

November 12, 2020 – Received our approved access permits. We can now request an address.

November 14, 2020 – The Johnsons mowed the lots and ditches of grass/weeds.

December 24, 2020 – The Association applied for the lot address. This process was delayed because the access permits were conditional. We received the final access approval on December 10th.

January 22, 2021 – Patricia Shults, the Assistant Planner for Island County Planning and Community Development, confirmed that the Association would only need to complete a Zoning Code Interpretation application for a fee of \$500 plus a \$15 technology fee.

January 29, 2021 – We received the address for the lots, 4997 Deception Circle.

February 8, 2021 – Kathleen spoke with Patricia about verbiage needed for the above Zoning Code Interpretation application and Patricia now believes that this is not the correct course of action. She will consult the Planner again and get back to us as soon as possible.

February 8, 2021 – The team met to discuss our way forward and to confirm the scheduled workdays. The following days were scheduled: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13. Workdays are from 9 am until 12 pm. Things we would like to accomplish for Spring: level/grade the lots again and plant grass for easier maintenance. The team agreed to hold off on the following until we hear from the County: gravel the driveway and pavilion site, move the fire pit, purchase and assemble pavilions, and install bulletin board/library and signs. We will continue to mow and maintain the lots.

February 18, 2021 – Kathleen spoke with Patricia, the Assistant Planner, she confirmed again that we would need to do a Zoning Code Interpretation (ZCI) application and assisted in some verbiage on the form. She recommended we quit calling it a community park and start calling it a community recreation area due to existing zoning verbiage. She also recommended we do a pre-application conference which would include members from the planning, health, public works, and critical areas departments. This conference costs \$300 and should tell us exactly what we can do on the lots before we submit the ZCI application. Kathleen completed the pre-application conference form and will submit once the Board approves. She also recommended we look into doing an environmental

assessment because of the wetland. The engineer contract for replacing our water infrastructure is already scheduled to do this assessment.

March 8, 2021 – Kathleen Johnson informed the Board that we do not have to submit a ZCI application per Patricia's email on February 28. We can also resume calling it a Community Park. However, Patricia recommended we proceed with a pre-application conference due to the wetland issue, which costs \$315. The Board authorized Kathleen to apply for the pre-application conference. Application was mailed on March 22, 2021.

March 13, 2021 – 11 residents mowed the lots, weed-eated the ditches, gathered tree limbs and burned the debris pile. We also assisted a resident in clearing their backyard of an old trailer and other garbage.

April 3, 2021 – The Johnson's applied weed killer to the pavilion area and access road in preparation for the gravel to arrive on Saturday, April 10th.

April 10, 2021 – 10 residents mowed the lots, weed-eated the ditches, gathered tree limbs and laid the gravel for the pavilion/gazebo foundation.

May 8, 2021 – 23 residents and family of residents came out to clean up the lots and build our first pavilion/gazebo, which took all day (9 am until after 5 pm).

May 10, 2021 – At the scheduled Association Board Meeting, Melonie Miller proposed we start the community park fundraising efforts. A spot will be reserved at the park for tiered donations. Fundraising tiers are 1st Tier will be \$1000, 2nd Tier will be \$500 and 3rd Tier will be \$250 or less. Melonie will be coordinating this effort.