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KEEGO HARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
7:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 10th, 2021  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Angelica Arens called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Requirement: As per Public Act 228 of 2020:** during roll call, each member of City Council attending the remotely must announce that they are participating remotely. Except for military absence, they must also assert for the record the county, city, township, or village, and state where they are currently physically located.

**Present:** Chairperson Angelica Arens, Keego Harbor MI Oakland county, Vice chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Keego Harbor MI Oakland county, Secretary Robin LaFrance, Keego Harbor MI Oakland county, Treasurer Leslie Clark, Keego Harbor MI Oakland county, Commissioners, Paul Daelemans, Keego Harbor, MI, Oakland County, Lori Gilman, Boynton Beach, FL Palm Beach county, Daniel Harrington

**Absent:** Jan Hager

**Alternates Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Keego Harbor Acting City Manager Tammy Neeb

**PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**Ian Phipps:** Gave a presentation for a community garden project to involve an Eagle Scout project to be completed by Ian and other scout volunteers. It was well thought out and presented with 2 styles of garden spaces for a purposed lot at the corner of Cass Lake Rd and Pridham. The project would include a 2-rain barrel system for watering. 1 plan included handicap raised beds, both including a parking space. He would only ask the recipients of the garden space donate something from the harvest to a food bank of some sort. It was recommended by the commissioners to present to city council and ask for donations from local builders, businesses etc. for materials to complete the project and move forward in a timely to meet the upcoming growing season.

An introduction of 2 new potential Keego Harbor parks and rec commissioners: Dayna Krukowski and Kathleen Sexton. Both have experience and knowledge that would be welcomed on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Council liaison Ashley Attisha; gave discussion on an upcoming presentation to the City Council study session for Keego Harbor to be a potential Watertown. There was also an exploratory discussion on the expense needed to install a Kayak launch that would make it much more accessible to all with the help of our guests, and potential commission members Dayna Krukowski and Kathleen Sexton. Aquatic and native plant signage was also a topic for the parks. Also discussed the potential to apply for the AARP Development Plan Grant, referred by David Emerling.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by;** Leslie Clark by Lori Gilman to approve the February 2020 minutes Roll Call; Angelic Arens Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Paul Daelemans Y, Lori Gilman Y, Daniel Harrington.

**New Business**

**Election of Officers (Oath of Office)**

**Chairperson**

**Vice Chairperson**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Memorandum:** In accordance with Article VII of the City of Keego Harbor Parks and Recreation by Laws, it is recommended at the March 10 meeting, Parks and Recreation Board Members appoint a Chairperson, and a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Treasurer to serve a one-year term to expire March 2022.

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**Motion by:** Leslie Clark and supported by Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass to nominate Angelica Arens for the office of Chairperson

. Roll Call; Angelica Arens Y, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass Y, Paul Daelemans, Lori Gilman Y, Daniel Harrington.

**Ayes:** all Unanimous    **Nays:** None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by:** Lori Gilman and supported by Daniel Harrington to nominate Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass for the office of Vice Chairperson

. Roll Call; Angelica Arens Y, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass Y, Paul Daelemans, Lori Gilman Y, Daniel Harrington.

**Ayes:** all Unanimous    **Nays:** None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by:** Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass and supported by Robin LaFrance to nominate Leslie Clark for the office of Treasurer.

. Roll Call; Angelica Arens Y, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass Y, Paul Daelemans, Lori Gilman Y, Daniel Harrington.

**Ayes:** all Unanimous    **Nays:** None

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by:** Leslie Clark and supported by Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass to nominate Robin LaFrance for the office of Secretary.

. Roll Call; Angelica Arens Y, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass Y, Paul Daelemans, Lori Gilman Y, Daniel Harrington.

**Ayes:** all Unanimous    **Nays:** None

**Motion Carried**

#### City Wide Garage Sale Discussion

Much discussion on the dates because of the city signs needing dates or a resolution to call the Memorial Day garage sale, Leslie will check with Sylvan Lake to co-inside the dates.

2021 AARP Community Challenge Grant Opportunity referred by David Emerling Ashley Attisha discussed the potential of a smaller grant that would have to be related to senior citizen access to parks, but the project would have to be completed this year, grants are rare and should be tabled onto the next years grant plan.

#### Old Business

##### DTE Foundation Tree Grant Implementation Plan

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, cash match with man hours considered for Corey Mills of DPW to trim and remove dead trees in planned location for the new trees, Leslie did ask if anyone had any input on the types of trees to planted and let us know that Rose Sortor and Fran Leaf parks did not need any new tree plantings. Hester Court and Baxter Morgan parks would be the targets for new plantings this year.

##### Fran Leaf Park Wetland Restoration Action Plan

Leslie Clark gave us an extensive plan for the new plan to manage the wetlands within the boundaries of the Fran Leaf park with an immediate action plan to create City of Keego Harbor Wetlands ordinance to limited new building plan on property touching the borders of the wetland property in Fran Leaf Park. The plan would continue to remove and kill invasive plant species and replace them with the native plants that belong to the eco system that have been crowded out over the years by invasive plants, there was discussion on a proper place to install a Kayak launch in the proper place, in Fran Leaf canal.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned with motion at 8:00 PM.



Angelica Arens, Chairperson



Robin LaFrance, Recording Secretary