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KEEGO HARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 12th, 2021

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

Requirement: As per Stated of Michigan Public Act 254 of 2020 and City of Keego Harbor Resolution 21-10, during roll call, each member of Parks and Rec attending the meeting remotely must announce that they are attending remotely. 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, Daniel Harrington, Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Dayna Krukowski, Keego Harbor MI, Oakland County, Kathleen Sexton, Keego Harbor MI, Oakland County

Absent: Jan Hager

Alternates Present: None

Staff Present: Records Clerk Lori Gilman

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Keego Harbor Parks and Recreation welcome public comments limited to three (3) minutes, on items that do not appear on the printed agenda. On Accordance with its Meeting Conduct Rules, Parks and Recreation will take no action on or discuss any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the chair. The public can speak to agenda items as they occur when the presiding officer opens the floor to the public. When recognized by the presiding officer, please unmute your microphone, state your name for the record, and direct all comment or questions to the presiding officer.

Paul Daelemans informed us that he has 60 blocks at 16" x 8" x 6" as a possible use to rebuild and move the flower box at Hester court park and noted a thank you to Leslie Clark for cutting down the grasses at Memorial park.

Kevin Belaen gave an in-depth presentation on what it would take to build a skate park in Keego Harbor, with knowledge of grants, funding and experience working with other communities to build similar skated parks and projects. Kevin and with the help of People Skate shop Ben Clarke explained that the sport has grown considerably over the years and is here to stay with even more interest growing with women and young girls in the last few recent years. Being that the skateboard community is so strong, Mayor of Sylvan Lake, Ben Clarke explains it to be an answer for a constructive place for teenagers and young adults to connect. It was recommended to present this idea to city council.

Guest Jackie Docks was present and interested in becoming an alternate Parks and Rec councilperson. She gave some discussion on her experience with the small town of Evergreen, Colorado.

Approval of Agenda. Add Ian Phipps Community gardens plan of intention.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Angelica Arens, support by Leslie Clark to approve the March and April 2021 meeting minutes. Roll Call; Angelic Arens Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass Y, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Paul Daelemans Y, Daniel Harrington Y, Dayna Krukowski Y, Kathleen Sexton Y.

Motion Carried

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New Business

Park Surveillance Leslie Clark and Angelic Arens lead much discussion on the need for some sort of park surveillance to protect the financial investment and the hard work of all the volunteers that have worked on the park installations and improvements to the city parks. There was a common consensus that it is not the responsibility of the Parks and Rec board members to paint and remove graffiti and vandalism from the parks considering the recent graffiti vandal attack on Baxter Morgan park. Mayor Brian Lampl addressed a few options on how to protect the property of the city parks with surveillance and signage. There was some discussion on designating a graffiti wall as a deterrent but did not get much support.

Cleaning and Repainting of Playground Equipment; Leslie described the research she put into how to remove the graffiti and that she washed and waxed them to make it easier to clean and remove paint for the future if necessary. She noted the last time they were painted was 2016. The picnic tables are clean for now, and a need for new soccer nets to be possible donated. A budget request to be set for up to 200.00 if the donation is not available this year.

Motion by; Leslie Clark, support by Daniel Harrington, to set a budget of up to 200.00 to purchase 2 soccer nets if the soccer nets to be donated are not available this year for Baxter Morgan park. Roll Call; Angelic Arens Y, Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Leslie Clark Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Paul Daelemans Y, Daniel Harrington. Dayna Krukowski Y, Kathleen Sexton Y. **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

Pavilion at Baxter Morgan Park-Jack Armstrong; Has funding in place.

Community Garden-Ian Phipps: Angelica Arens and Lori Gilman met with Ian at the site of proposed community garden. Corey is to remove the No Parking sign at the site. Ian to present to city council on Tuesday of the changes in his plan. Dayna to follow up with question for the completion of the project. Discussion on rules and conduct for patrons of the garden.

Memorial Day Virtual Ceremony: Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass the Ceremony will go on with Honor Guard and High Band playing taps and National Anthem. We are to borrow the wreath from Cass/Keego Women's club and to check into replacing the wreath belonging to the city for next year.

Social Media Policy: discussion on how to use the social media pages for publicity and upcoming events.

Beautification Awards: Dayna Krukowski, Kathleen Sexton, Ashley Attisha. Kathleen set online support for the awards with nomination forms, use of drop box, assigned areas, and decided May 19th at 7pm to pick up yard signs at city hall. Commissioners to choose their award recipients by the June 2nd and announced at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.



Angelica Arens, Chairperson



Robin LaFrance, Recording Secretary