

KEEGO HARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION
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7:00 P.M. April 13, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Vice Chairperson Paul Daelmans, Treasurer Leslie Clark, Commissioners Julia Hall, Dan Harrington (at 7:15), Dayna Krukowski, Kathleen Sexton, Jaky Van Doo

Absent: Secretary Robin LaFrance

Motion by Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass seconded by Commissioner Daelemans to excuse Secretary LaFrance

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Staff Present: Admin Specialist Lori Gilman

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: **Open the meeting to the floor.**

1. Councilwoman Attisha reported that she is applying for a small grant from GMAR for the Kayak Launch.
2. Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass reported that a prospective Alt member was not interviewed today due to illness.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass seconded by Commissioner Daelemans to approve the agenda

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES / FINANCIALS:

The minutes of the March 9, 2022, Parks & Recreation Commission meeting were reviewed

Motion by Treasurer Clark seconded by Commissioner VanDoo to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The financial report dated April 2022 was reviewed. \$20.72 was added to the \$700 approved for the planters for the community garden.

Motion by Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass seconded by Treasurer Clark to approve the financial report for April 2022 as amended.

Roll Call:

Sonneville-Douglass-Y, Daelemans-Y, Clark-Y, Hall-Y, Harrington-Y, Krukowski-Y, Sexton-Y, VanDoo-Y **Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Park Tour with Keaton Douglass

Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass proposed that this fundraising activity, which should be combined with the sale of special T-shirts, be tabled until next year to allow more time for planning and shirt printing. All agreed.

2. Taste of Keego Fundraiser Revival for this fall

Little enthusiasm exists for resuming this event currently. The subject will be revisited at a later date.

3. Winter Wonderland

This event will be held on Friday Dec 2, 2022, at 5:30PM outdoors in Rose Sortor Park. Treasurer Clark will chair, and Commissioner VanDoo will be on the subcommittee. A proposed plan and budget will be presented by mid-summer. A volunteer Santa is wanted, and we have a couple of options.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Event Promotion / Advertising Update

Commissioner VanDoo presented the options for a ¼ page 'clip-and-save' ad in the Beacon to cover the remaining events of 2022. The residents-only events such as the Egg Hunt and the Tree Lighting Party (Winter Wonderland) will not be listed. Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass also reported that we can include a flyer for next year's events in the winter tax bills at very low cost. Lori Gilman reported that cost-sharing with the city is being investigated since they could put newsletter-type info on one side of the mailing. Ms Gilman also reported that the city email blast of our even calendar was well-received.

Approved 5.11.22

Motion by Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass seconded by Treasurer Clark to spend \$517 to run a one-time-only ¼ page ad, B&W with red, to be drafted by Commissioner VanDox and submitted to city staff for approval by city attorney Tom Ryan, to be run in the soonest available issue of the West Bloomfield Beacon.

Roll Call:

Sonneville-Douglass-Y, Daelemans-Y, Clark-Y, Hall-Y, Harrington-Y, Krukowski-Y, Sexton-Y, VanDox-Y **Motion Carried**

2. Community Garden

Commissioner Hall and Vice-Chairperson Daelemans reported that the Community Garden was ready by the opening day of April 9th. Ten of the 16 spots were already spoken for. Treasurer Clark reported that DPW will install a trash can. A bench that was donated to Webb Park has been moved to the Community Garden. Commissioner Hall accepted the offer of two compost bins from Treasurer Clark. The excess garden soil will be used by the Garden Club in city flower beds. On the advice of DPW, we will watch the metal edges of the beds for signs of denting or becoming sharp and reinforce them if necessary. Commissioner Hall is coordinating the sign-ups with city staff.

3. Canal Cleanup Recap

Treasurer Clark reported that the cleanout of the canal on Saturday 4/2 went well. The date was discussed and the first Saturday in April seems to best balance weather and water depth. This October, we will work with DPW to install snow fence to concentrate the leaves in the shallowest part of the canal.

4. Egg Hunt Update

Treasurer Clark confirmed that all commissioners working the event should be at City Hall at 9:30am Saturday 4/16. Commissioner VanDox will don the bunny suit and Commissioner Krukowski will be the bunny and photography assistant. Five other Commissioners will be present. High school volunteers seem uncertain this year. The city hall bathrooms were confirmed to be available. Ms Gilman will notify the Chief that we need the door unlocked at 9:30am and the back up is that we call Dispatch to request a Keego Officer to stop by and unlock the door.

5. Memorial Day Parade Upate

Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass that 13 parade entries have registered to date. Indo is considering allowing the use of their restroom by entrants in the staging area since we have offered to pay for an attendant. The ceremony at the rock is at 9:30 and the parade is at 10. We need block captains among the viewing audience to move barricades back and forth. Ms Gilman confirmed that the buses have been ordered/reserved and the stage paid for. The bike decorating activity will take place in the Magnolia parking lot. Insurance riders are being provided for Magnolia and Indo.

6. Block Parties Update

Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass reported that some food trucks and two bands have been confirmed. Still needs one more band and two more food trucks. The trivia contest at the events was discussed. The consensus was that we will have it at the first one and then decide on the others. Councilwoman Attisha and Commissioner Sexton are creating the questions. A means of displaying the questions is being investigated, perhaps streaming them on social media. Our sound system may be needed. We will all get trained on operating it at the May Parks & Rec meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chairperson Sonnevile-Douglass reported that the City-Wide Garage Sale has been promoted, and thanked DPW Foreman Corey Mills for his work fixing the lights in the pavers at the flagpole at the Rock. Yay Corey! Treasurer Clark reported that the Garden Club kickoff meeting will be Wednesday 4/20 at 7PM in the gazebo.

ADJOURNMENT:


MOTION by Vice-Chairperson Daelemans, seconded by Commissioner Harrington, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Motion Carried


Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Chairperson


Leslie Clark, Treasurer