

KEEGO HARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 10, 2024, MEETING MINUTES
2025 Beechmont
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Present: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Vice-Chairperson Paul Daelemans, Secretary Kathleen Sexton, Treasurer Leslie Clark, Commissioners: Amy Drain, Dan Harrington, Robin LaFrance, Julie O'Brien.

Absent: Commissioner Jaky Van Dox

Alternates Present: None

Staff Present: City Manager Tammy Neeb

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Motion by: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass supported by Commissioner Dan Harrington to excuse Commissioner Jaky Van Dox.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Keego Harbor Parks and Recreation welcomes public comments limited to three (3) minutes, on items that do not appear on the printed agenda. In 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 comments or questions to the presiding officer.

Treasurer Leslie Clark reported that the bioswale next to city hall got replanted with a Community Habitat Improvement Program grant from Oakland County Parks and Rec and support of CISMA staff. 950 plants installed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Dan Harrington, supported by Vice Chairperson Paul Daelemans, to approve the agenda with no changes.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None **Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Chairperson Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, supported by Commissioner Dan Harrington, to approve June 12, 2024, meeting minutes with one change, a correction of Kirsten's last name under approval of agenda.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None **Motion Carried**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

All events are funded the way we asked. There was \$3,565.06 left over for the FY 23/24 budget that was rolled back into the general fund, but really this is left over from not spending the CDBG money and expense for wood chips yet. There is \$8,200 available for FY 24/25.

Motion by: Secretary Katie Sexton, supported by Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass to make a resolution to approve the Parks and Recreation financial report and budget request worksheet dated July 3, 2024, as written, and presented by Treasurer Leslie Clark.

Roll Call: Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass Y, Vice Chairperson Paul Daelemans Y, Secretary Kathleen Sexton Y, Treasurer Leslie Clark Y, Commissioners: Amy Drain Y, Dan Harrington Y, Robin LaFrance Y, Julie O'Brien Y

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Disc golf course update - Sponsorships: Commissioner Jaky Van Dox and Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass are working on sponsorships. The Lodge and Fork and Pint are interested in sponsoring. We should ask the Harbor if they would like to be a free sponsor. Ace Race is a potential tournament event that could take place at the course. Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass would like to make a disc golf course page for our website so we can share information and put sponsors on the site.

Fall Events: The Halloween Parade event is on October 26, 2024, 12 pm at Rose Sortor Park. Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass would like to hire a kid's band called Ultraviolet, for around \$300. Confirmed with the library that they would partner with us. Would like a tattoo station, treat station, arts and crafts station, and maybe a pumpkin decorating around the path. The event is rain or shine. Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass was looking at the budget to see where we have wiggle room to pull from. Commissioner Julie O'Brien suggested an 8x8 canopy that we can hang black streamers from and give a haunted house feel. We currently have \$2,600 in Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) bus credits as of right now. Public car rides for \$2 that run from 6 am to 9 pm during the week and weekends from 9 am to 7 pm. We could use the credits to pay for Waterford buses for a field trip to the Clarkston Family Farm. We need to create a subcommittee (Paul, Katie, and Robin) that will need to determine possible dates and times, bus capacity, registration setup and cost, promotion, activities at the event, and who will be coordinating with the farm. We would do it as a pilot program for the first ten families? Thinking about September. Can possibly bus people to Oakland County Fair for next year.

Park Clean-Up: Clinton Clean-Up event on September 14, 2024. Should we create an event? Brainstorm locations/parks for a cleanup. Let's do Dollar Lake. Secretary Katie Sexton will handle registration with CRWC and Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass will handle promotion and volunteer recruitment.

OLD BUSINESS

Block Party Discussion: Beautiful event, the weather did not cooperate, but it still worked out and Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass has a lovely rainbow photo now. About half of the Art Sail vendors showed up and they did sell items. The 50/50 raffle brought in \$159 plus a \$20 donation from the winner. Ronnie Dahl made 50/50 hats and donated to the committee. The next party is next Friday, July 19, 2024. Cousins Maine Lobster food truck will be there and has been pre-promoting. The band is the Interstate 90s. West Bloomfield Library will be supporting again this year. Chairperson Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass will handle the setup but needs help with the breakdown. City Hall will be open at 4 pm for set up. Signs need to be put out this Saturday. Vice Chairperson Paul Daelemans will put up big signs at the corner of OLR and CLR. We may need to buy more block party signs; Kirsten will look into the cost.

Keego Konnect: Movement in the Park on June 23rd, so great. Laurel is great, lots of positive energy. She will be doing another one this Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 am at Rose Sortor Park. Bring a water bottle, mat or towel, and a great attitude. All ages and abilities are welcome. Yoga in the Park was rescheduled to Saturday, July 6th, and it was amazing, and Yoga in the Park will continue the last Saturday in June/July/August/September. Disc golf clinic on July 14 at Baxter Morgan at 11 am. Another store time in the park on July 19 at Fran Leaf 10:30 am in partnership with the West Bloomfield library. Schedule Hester Court post-painting event for August 4, 2024, at 12pm. Came up with an idea for a

sign that you can keep at the park with a plastic waterproof holder so we can change out the information. Commissioner Julie O'Brien offered to create.

Beautification Awards Update: We had three nominations. Commissioner Jaky Van Dox already submitted. Put the signs out by Sunday, July 14, 2024, and submit information to the Google form. There are brand new signs at City Hall if you need.

Park Inspections Subcommittee: Secretary Katie Sexton will handle volunteer recruitment; we need to come up with a big project for a team. Grills need to be brushed and painted. We do need to paint Baxter Morgan's playscape. Willow Beach footbridge needs to be painted but Fletchers usually do that. We do have a \$900 supply budget for paint.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

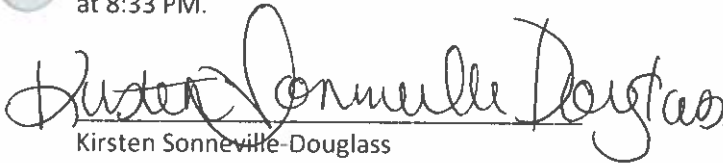
Waterford community Facebook page has 'meet Ringo' which is a paint-a-rock community thing and there is a snake of painted rocks at the Waterford Township Hall Park. This would be something neat for our parks.

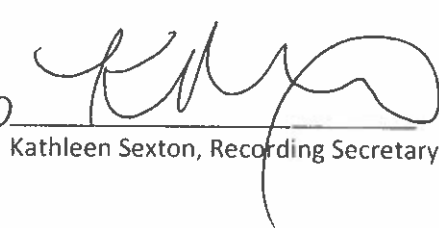
Commissioner Robin LaFrance is asking when we will get reimbursed for Garden Club money –City Manager Tammy Neeb signed the checks yesterday and they are in the mail.

Oakland County Astronomy Club would like to do an event in our parks on August 23rd, can we use a park after dusk? Let City Manager know so she can let police officers know.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Vice Chairperson Paul Daelemans; supported by Commissioner Dan Harrington at 8:33 PM.


Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass


Kathleen Sexton, Recording Secretary