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KEEGO HARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

7:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 12, 2025, MEETING MINUTES
2025 Beechmont
Keego Harbor, MI 48320

CALL TO ORDER: Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

Absent: Dan Harrington, Jaky Van Dox

Alternates Present: None

Staff Present: Tammy Neeb, Ronnie Dahl (arrived at 7:22pm)

EXCUSAL OF ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Motion by: Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass, supported by Leslie Clark, to excuse commissioner Dan Harrington and Jaky Van Dox. This was Jackie's last meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass supported by Leslie Clark to approve the agenda with the addition of the egg hunt under new business.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Leslie Clark, supported by Paul Daelemans, to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes as written.

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None

Motion Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:

This month includes expenses for Egg Hunt so far, approximately \$750; the event is budgeted at \$800. All other bills are paid. We are \$5,865 to the good through the end of June.

Motion by: Kirsten Sonneville-Douglass, supported by Robin LaFrance, to make a resolution to approve the Parks and Recreation revenue and expenditure report summary financial report dated February 5, 2025.

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

Ayes: Unanimous **Nays:** None

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Website: We would like to have a greater presence on the city website, such as links to our social media and a way to opt into an e-newsletter about our news and events.

Newsletter: Kirsten and Amy are working on designing an e-newsletter for parks and rec. A meeting will be scheduled with the city to understand what is needed to make it possible for us to send e-blasts to the current list of subscribers to city news and announcements.

Thank you cards: We would like to design and print Parks and Rec thank you cards for volunteers, business owners who have donated, Taste of Keego participants, etc. Options for printing are Vista Print, Minute Man Press in Sylvan. Kirsten will get quotes for 100 or 250 cards.

Egg Hunt: Leslie and Kirsten will co-chair. Egg hunt will be on April 19th at 11am. Leslie has decided that the candy covered tootsie rolls are the best option for 'durability' in the egg. We will begin ordering supplies in February. We have 4,600 eggs. Last year it seemed like there were too many eggs and the year before there weren't enough, so this year's plan is to use about 3,800 eggs. Bill Bertakis is on for photography. We need about 4 volunteers from the early college kids arriving at 9:30am. We have approximately \$40 left in the budget (sidewalk chalk and bubbles) unless we find sponsors. Julie will reach out to potential sponsors for some bigger, more special prizes. Maybe try to find something parks and rec related. Leslie was going to have people over to stuff eggs as a social event.

Canal Clean Up: Scheduled for April 5 at 12pm. Tammy received an email from a resident who lives near the canal who suggested doing it in the fall. Some residents cleaned out the leaves in the fall which made the work much less in the spring.

Community Garden – Compost: Opens April 26th. Robin called SOCCRA and we can buy compost up until the end of March for \$10/yd (extremely affordable). They don't deliver so Doug would have to pick it up. We have raised enough money with the garden plots to fund it. The leftover from after being used for the community garden can be given away to city residents. Has to be paid with a credit card there at the time of pickup. We can either put it in the driveway by DPW or at the community garden, maybe both. We need 10 yards or whatever the amount of two loads of the dump truck equals. Tammy will need to talk to Doug to see if it's feasible.

Motion by: Leslie Clark, supported by Paul Daelemans, to make a resolution to approve the expenditure of up to \$100 to purchase 10 yards compost from SOCCRA assuming that its possible for the city to pick it up with the dump truck and deliver half to the community garden and half to the driveway in front of the DPW.

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

Keego Block Parties: Kirsten is asking for help with food trucks. Amy and Julie said Taqueria Flores has great food, and they also have a food truck. Art Sail will be participating. The Weekend Comeback is the band for July. Sound Project is another band, stay tuned for more updates.

SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Grant Webinar: EPA funds through GLRI; all spending at the federal level has been paused. They are waiting to see if the emphasis on social and environmental justice will stay or go. SEMCOG is asking us to fill out a survey to say we are interested and what services we would need to help complete the grant. Baxter Morgan, Fran Leaf, and Tate Optimist are all options for a GSI installation. The survey needs to go to the council, Leslie will forward it to city staff with suggestions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Winter Wonderland Park Recap: Everything has been taken down, very organized take down.

Keego Kconnect: Met with library, they are going to provide dates for reading in the park.

- **Bike Club:** Katie would like to plan a community bike ride for one of the Keego Kconnect events. Katie will come next week with a date and reach out to sponsors for safety gear like lights and helmets. She will also talk to her bike community about organizing an event like this.

Taste of Keego 2.0: We ended up with 11 participants this year. Several commissioners and Ronnie participated. Ronnie had an idea for something like a bingo card or punch card and then they can enter some kind of drawing. This is a good idea, but we are still pulling restaurants in at the last minute, so once we have a more established crew of restaurants we can move in this direction. An e-newsletter would help with advertising. Maybe do an inflatable restaurant crawl? The subcommittee will regroup to talk about a post event survey and thank you cards.

Cold Storage: Tammy will talk to Doug about cleaning out. We would like to organize the cold storage area so we can store ore stuff. We need to get rid of the tents in there.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussing items to add to next month's agenda.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kirsten is proposing the idea of a rotating schedule of commissioners to provide an update at the council meetings. Leslie has been doing it. Ronnie can do it in Kirsten or Leslie's absence.

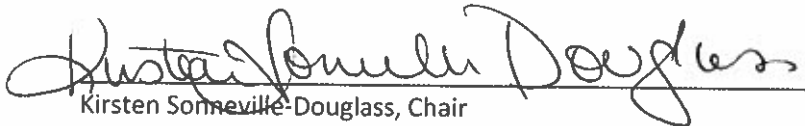
Tammy said Waterford School District buses are available and the same price as last year.

Paul said Harbor House is thinking about expanding into parking lot, which takes away from Baxter Morgan parking. A reason to develop a city parking lot for Baxter Morgan.

Leslie said TIFA is talking about outdoor fitness gear in Webb Pocket Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Paul Daelemans at 8:33 PM.


 Kirsten Sonnevile-Douglass, Chair


 Kathleen Sexton, Recording Secretary

