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**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 13, 2022**

*This public meeting was a hybrid in-person/digital meeting*

**1. The regular public meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022, was called to order at 7:37 PM in the Home Fire Station Meeting Room by Executive Director Tracey Perkosky.** This is Key Pen Parks first in-person meeting since the start of the COVID pandemic and the first hybrid in-person/digital meeting format.

**2. Roll Call--Commissioners Present:** Mark Michel, Shawn Jensen, Kip Clinton; Commissioners Linda Parry and Ed Robison joined digitally/telephonically. Key Pen Parks Staff present: Executive Director Tracey Perkosky.

**Citizens Present:** Lisa Bryan (KP News), Sami Jensen, Stephanie Brooks (KP Logging Show), John Jaggi (KP Logging Show), Dan Wehmeier (KP Logging Show), Michelle Johnson (Food Backpacks 4 Kids/KP Logging Show), , Zaida Woodworth (Food Backpacks 4 Kids/KP Logging Show), Sara Harwell (KP Little League), Mary Hardy (KP Little League), and Kenneth Wilson (KP citizen).

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Executive Director Perkosky led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which she turned the meeting over to President Michel.

**4. Approval of Agenda:** President Michel said the agenda should be amended to reflect the minutes of the March 28, 2022 Special Meeting and the Regular Meetings of April 11, 2022, and May 9, 2022 are forthcoming and will be submitted for approval at the July 11, 2022, regular Key Pen Parks Board Meeting. The agenda was approved as amended.

**5. Special Presentations:** There were no special presentations.

**6. Citizen Comments:** Sami Jensen thanked the Board for holding a belated formal Splash Pad opening celebration and extended that thanks to the other public officials and citizens who attended the celebration. She said it was a great event and awesome that kids were using it immediately as soon as the water started.

Stephanie Brooks (KP Logging Show Committee) said she was present as a concerned community member and she has concerns about the meeting she and the Logging Show Committee had with Executive Director Perkosky. She received the impression that the Logging Show was not wanted at Gateway Park and now feels that they (the members of the Logging Show Committee) don't want anything further to do with Key Pen Parks. She said she feels that the mountain biking community can come in and shut down all of Gateway Park and 360 Trails from use by the community and that most of the mountain biking community comes from outside the Park District; the Logging show is a community event and raises funds for good community programs. She said that the Logging Show Committee came out of the meeting with Park staff and decided at that time that they were going to look for another venue.

Michelle Johnson (Food Backpacks for Kids/KP Logging Show Committee) said she has never been to a meeting where they have received so much push-back from Key Pen Parks or other public agency. She feels there is no appreciation for the value that the Logging Show brings to the community.

John Jaggi (KP Logging Show Committee) said he is a life-long Key Peninsula resident. He said the Logging Show is the longest running community event; it takes a lot of effort to keep it going. He also said that the climbing poles the Logging Show installed at Gateway Park need to be replaced or removed due to potential deterioration. He's concerned because he installed them some years ago for the Logging Show; he offered to removed them because he's afraid of the potential liability. He said he didn't know they would have to redo the event application each year.

Dan Wehmeier (KP Logging Show Committee) said they had a date penciled in at Gateway Park for the past year; he had talked to Executive Director Perkosky, he reiterated, and the year before, they were penciled in. He said it's a long-time community event and it helps keep the community together while continuing and celebrating tradition.

Mary Hardy (KP Little League) said she's new to the community and the PTA; she wanted to let the Key Pen Parks Board know that KPLL is struggling and their contracts have changed. She said the power to their Conex trailer at Volunteer Park, where they store their uniforms and similar equipment, was "cut-off" and prices for games and rent have gone up. She said the fields are not maintained like they should be and the Park Department is not supporting the community and kids. She said she had a personal issue with the Executive Director about over-flow parking from a KP Middle School track event. She said KPMS had a track event and told organizers they could not park at the school, so she told track meet attendees to park at Volunteer Park in the back parking area ("back by the Frisbee fields"); a staff member opened the gate and "Tracey came out she and I had a not very nice conversation" and were later told that track meet attendees had to move their cars; she had to relay that information to the track meet people.

Sarah Harwell (KP Little League) said she is on the KPLL Board. She said field rental prices have doubled and they were told that the sponsor signs on the fences would have to be taken down. She also said the cost to rent the ball fields for practice has gone up and the fields have not been maintained. They haven't brought this forward before because they are afraid of retaliation. In response to a question by President Michel, she said that she had notified park staff of problems with the fields. She said Scott was an advocate for their league and came to them and worked with them. They also complained that KPLL can no longer operate their league snack shack (*editorial clarification: as opposed to THE Snack Shack, the business which pays to rent the Concession Building*).

Kenneth Wilson (a citizen) asked why these community organizations are being charged and not supported. He asked about whether the Gateway Park caretaker house is vacant or being leased; he asked for a copy of the Key Pen Parks budget to be posted to him via the US Postal Service (no computer/internet) and stated his address. President Michel said he would mail copies of the 2022 Key Pen Parks budget document.

**7. Approval of Minutes:** See Item 4. Approval of Agenda. The Special Meeting minutes of March 28, 2022 and the Regular Meeting minutes for April 11, 2022 and May 9, 2022 will be presented at the July 11, 2022, regular meeting for Board approval.

**8. Financial Report:** The May Financial Report will be reviewed at the July 11, 2022, regular meeting; Fiscal Specialist Armstrong is on vacation and Pierce Co. did not close their monthly financials before she left.

**9. Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Perkosky reported that the first Maker's Market at Gateway Park is on June 18<sup>th</sup> and the first Key Pen Parks' Family Fun Fest is on July 9, 2022; the former is a new event and the latter replaces the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Social. Cinema Under the Stars is on Friday nights in August, alternating between Volunteer Park and Gateway Park. 10 people signed up for the June 11<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Work Party at 360 Trails; 20 Key Pen Pirates members also volunteered. The next planned Volunteer Work Party is the June 25<sup>th</sup> Home Park Clean-Up Day; some planned tasks are painting, new wood chip installation, weeding, and refinishing picnic tables. She said that more volunteer project options are opening up now that new Parks & Facilities Manager Jacobs is on staff.

Executive Director Perkosky said that Key Pen Parks is expanding its outreach efforts through the School District, in the KP News online calendar, on Fire District 16's list of community events, and through the Paganelli's Community E-Newsletter; more than 30 people have already signed up to receive the new Key Pen Parks monthly newsletter.

The Splash Pad will be open through Labor Day from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily; even with the very wet winter and spring, the changes to the stormwater/splash pad runoff detention area seem to be working as designed. Over the winter, about 25% of the dog park has been under water or waterlogged ground/muddy due to its proximity to the nearby wetlands; there is an online survey asking dog park users opinions regarding several possible solutions to the mud/wet area issue (exacerbated by the extensive rain). Popularity of both features has highlighted parking constraints at Gateway Park; an RFQ for a Gateway Park Master Plan Update will be issued in July.

Staff has been working hard at mowing, trail clearing/maintenance at all parks; the arrival of the new triple-deck mower will greatly speed mowing. The Splash Pad and surrounding areas are being regularly pressure-washed and the picnic table umbrellas have been greatly appreciated by park users. Staff is preparing to re-paint the Concession Building (Snack Shack) and Administration Building at Volunteer Park while continually removing graffiti at all park facilities; Kiwi Fence has been hired to repair the damaged chain link fence which separates Fields 2 and 3 from the Key Peninsula Highway; because they needed to cross the fields to access that fence, fence repair has been scheduled for after KP Little League season ends.

Little League Baseball ends June 11<sup>th</sup> at Volunteer Park while Shockwave Baseball continues to the end of July. Executive Director Perkosky said that Harbor Soccer is negotiating fall youth soccer field rentals; it will be for little kids and run from mid-August through November. Some Volunteer Park field work will happen in the few weeks between the July baseball season end and the mid-August soccer season start. She noted that Key Pen Parks is still seeking seasonal employees. She said a disc golf enthusiast has approached Key Pen Parks about updating and expanding the Volunteer Park disc golf course to 18 holes; staff and the enthusiast are exploring

possibilities. She invited Commissioners and family to walk in the Home 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade along side Key Pen Parks' decorated tractor.

Executive Director Perkosky said she has been working on a large Public Records Request regarding the 2018-2021 State Audit; the information is being released in two batches due to volume. She said she did a presentation about Key Pen Parks at the Gig Harbor Land Conservation Fund's information session on June 9<sup>th</sup>; she mentioned the Key Pen Parks and Recreation Foundation during her presentation. She will also be giving a presentation June 10<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Career Day. She said the bond refinance is nearly complete with a saving of approximately \$42,000.00 over the remaining life of the bond; the final transaction will be complete on June 28, 2022.

Prior to the June 11, 2022, Key Pen Parks Board meeting, President Michel had requested additional information about the Logging Show's move from Gateway Park; see the Key Pen Parks Agenda for June 13, 2022, for the timeline from January 24, 2022 through the May 12, 2022 meeting, after which the Logging Show Committee decided to change the 2022 venue for the 2022 Logging Show. Executive Director Perkosky said that no present Key Pen Parks staff member had experience organizing any of the previous KP Logging Shows and they had to use the internet to gain information as Key Pen Parks had not received a proposed layout by the first of the year and requested same. The Event Permit Application, without a site map, was received by March 15, 2022; staff continued to request a site map which was finally provided April 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>, at which time Executive Director Perkosky said she needed information from Enduris (Key Pen Parks' insurer) regarding risk management for the event and it could take from 3 days to a week for return information. (Some Logging Show Committee members disputed the stated time frame.) During that time, she was notified by the KP Logging Show via email (May 14<sup>th</sup>) that they would not be using Gateway Park as they had found another venue, so she ceased efforts on that project and went on to address other issues. (The printed Executive Director's report states that the KP Logging Show will still be using Key Pen Parks' large tent free of charge for the duration of their 2022 show.)

Replying to Citizen Comments, Executive Director Perkosky said staff had requested replacement/repair of the Key Peninsula Little League sponsor fence signs; they were deteriorating and coming loose, creating a potentially hazardous situation. The electrical problem at the KPLL Conex trailer was called to Key Pen Parks' attention by KP Little League President Lee Miller at the start of the season; a Musco circuit breaker problem; staff noticed about the same time that the Musco field lights, on the same electric circuit as the KPLL Conex trailer, were out. Key Pen Parks just received the replacement breaker and is now in queue for a Musco approved electrician (Musco warranty requirement) to replace. Executive Director Perkosky said she hopes that solves the problem.

#### **10. Board Committee and Advisory Council Reports:**

- a) **Land and Improvement Committee (Commissioner Robison):** Commissioner Robison said he had no report.
- b) **Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Foundation Report (Commissioner Michel):** Commissioner Michel reported that Bob Green from the Foundation had no report; they are waiting for the request for the umbrellas for the dog park.

- c) **Trails Committee (Commissioner Michel):** Commissioner Michel said its growing season; Key Pen Pirates members brushed back a 0.7 mile of trail while 7 other volunteers worked on other trails.

**11. President's Report:** President Michel said he's happy to be meeting in person again and he's happy to have people attending; it's really vital that we listen.

**12. Unfinished Business:**

- a) **Leahy Property:** Executive Director Perkosky said there is not a lot to report since the May meeting. She did an online search for an access easement and found none; she concluded that if there are any recorded easements to the parcels in question, the easement documents are very old (if they exist at all).

**13. New Business:**

- a) **No New Business**

**14. Other minor matters:** No minor matters.

**15. Good of the Order:** Commissioner Jensen thanked the members of the public for coming; he said we hear your concerns. Commissioner Parry said it is important that public concerns are addressed. She wanted to let them know how much she appreciates them coming and sharing their concerns. Commissioner Michel said thanks for the work that has been done on the parks and it's good to see kids enjoying the splash pad. He said before adjournment, he wanted to let attending citizens know that we (KP Park Commissioners) will be sticking around after the meeting.

**16. Meeting Adjourned:** The in-person/digital hybrid public meeting of June 13, 2022, was adjourned at 8:32 PM. The next regular in-person/digital hybrid meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Home Fire Station Meeting Room. The regular meeting may be preceded by a 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM study session. Key Pen Parks reserves the fourth Monday of each month for special topic meetings should any be needed. Should any regular meeting date fall on a public holiday, the substitute date is the Tuesday following the regular meeting date.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Kip Clinton, Board Clerk.

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