

KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

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

1. The regular public meeting of Monday, January 9, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Home Fire Station Meeting Room by Park Board President Mark Michel. This is Key Pen Parks meeting is a hybrid in-person/digital meeting format.

2. Roll Call--Commissioners Present: Commissioners Mark Michel, Linda Parry, Shawn Jensen, Ed Robison and Kip Clinton. Key Pen Parks Staff present: Executive Director Tracey Perkosky and Office and Outreach Coordinator Trielle Alstead.

Citizens Present: Judd Morris, Bruce MacDonald, Sami Jensen, Todd Rosenbach, Jeff Minch, Frank DiBiase, Lisa Bryan, and Kris Hagel (Peninsula School District Executive Director of Digital Learning).

3. Pledge of Allegiance: President Michel led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda: President Michel asked if there were any changes or amendments to the agenda; hearing none, the agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Special Presentations: Kris Hagel, Peninsula School District's Executive Director of Digital Learning discussed the two levies Peninsula School District is asking voters to approve in February. Prop. 1 is a replacement Programs and Operations levy. Prop. 2 is a new Safety, Security and Technology levy. The Key Pen Parks Board of Commissioners took no action regarding these levies.

6. Election of 2023 Key Pen Parks Board of Park Commissioners Officers: President Michel opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Michel nominated Commissioner Parry for Park Board President; Commissioner Jensen seconded the nomination and the Board voted 5/0 to approve Commissioner Parry as Park Board President. Commissioner Parry nominated Commissioner Michel for Park Board Vice President; Commissioner Jensen seconded the nomination and the Board voted 5/0 to approve Commissioner Michel as Park Board Vice President. Commissioner Robison nominated Commissioner Clinton as Park Board Clerk; Commissioner Michel seconded the nomination and the Board voted 5/0 to approve Commissioner Clinton as Park Board Clerk. Outgoing President Michel handed the meeting over to new Board President Parry who continued the meeting.

7. Citizen Comments: Commissioner Parry asked if any citizens present wished to address the Board and reminded them of the three-minute time limit. Judd Morris spoke about Item 13 on the agenda (Unfinished Business/Consideration of Renaming of Gateway Park or a Park Amenity after Scott Gallacher). He had a letter of support from Terry Lee (former District 7 County Councilperson and former PenMet Parks Director) and from Gina Cabiddu former President of the Key Peninsula Business Association (KPBA). Todd Rosenbach had a letter of support from Frank Garratt. Sami Jensen said she reached out to Kirsten Gallacher (Scott Gallacher's widow) and Jim Gallacher (Scott's father); she read a letter from Mr. Gallacher who wrote that he thought renaming Gateway Park might be too much and instead suggested a field, the Pavilion, or some other Gateway Park facility as appropriate. He did suggest that the

Volunteer Park skate park be named after the West family who donated funds to that project in honor of their deceased son; he thought perhaps a quiet glen (grassy opening in a wooded area) would be nice. Sami Jensen said that Scott Gallacher was happy with the name of Gateway Park and that she thought the Splash Pad might be named after him.

8. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of December 12, 2022, were approved as submitted.

9. Financial Report: The November 2022 Springbrook financial balance was \$5,041,612.65. The November 2022 Zoo/Trek deposit was \$25,414.84. Total Zoo/Trek collections to date were \$258,547.82. The November 2022 Real and Personal Property Tax deposit was \$82,460.05. 2022 Real and Personal Property Tax collections to date were \$1,446,779.69. Springbrook expenditures for November 2022 were \$151,401.74. President Parry asked if there were any objections to the November 2022 Financial Report; hearing none the report was approved as submitted.

10. Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Perkosky referred to her written report to save her voice (see Key Pen Parks Agenda for January 9, 2023). She did say that a derelict 30-foot sailboat beached at Taylor Bay Park; she has a meeting scheduled with DNR to discuss its removal and disposal.

11. 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):** Executive Director Perkosky said she will be meeting with them next week to pursue winding down that organization.
- c) **Trails Committee (Commissioner Michel):** Commissioner Michel said he had no trail report.

12. President's Report: President Parry said she had nothing to report at this time. Commissioner Michel mentioned that he is glad he is no longer Board President.

13. Unfinished Business:

- a) **Consideration of Renaming of Gateway Park or a Park Amenity after Scott Gallacher:** Commissioner Robison said he's spoken to a lot of people about this topic and most have liked the idea of naming the Gateway Park splash pad and/or the Gateway Park playground in honor of Scott Gallacher. Park Board consensus was that honoring former Executive Director Gallacher by naming either the Gateway Park splash pad and/or the playground after him is appropriate. Commissioner Robison said the Lands and Improvements Committee will be bringing a recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

14. New Business: No new business was scheduled or mentioned at the time this meeting's Agenda was approved. Commissioner Michel raised the following issue at this point in the meeting.

- a) **Creation of a Special Lunch Room with Portable Heaters in the Gateway Park Barn:** Commissioner Michel said that to date there has been no special lunch room with portable space heaters created for maintenance staff use inside the Gateway Park equipment storage barn and maintenance staff had complained to him. Commissioner Robison said that infrared heaters are often used in barns to provide "spot" heated areas. Executive Director Perkosky said that, during her tenure, staff has had access to the heated Maintenance Office adjacent to the Gateway Park caretaker's house for use as a lunch-and-break room, that they know it's available and that they often choose to

not use it. She said that the barn would likely have to be brought up to code to provide such a space within it. President Parry recognized citizen Sami Jensen who wished to comment on this topic as it had not been included as an agenda item prior to Citizen Comments. She said, as a private citizen, she thought that the availability of the heated Maintenance Office for a staff lunch-and-break room was a reasonable compromise, at which time Commissioner Robison interrupted her; President Parry regained control of the meeting. Executive Director Perkosky said that remodeling/upgrading the Gateway Park barn to current code had not been included in the 2023 budget because no one mentioned it during budget time. She will research requirements with Pierce County Planning and Public Works and the Fire Marshall and continue to ascertain that the Gateway Park Maintenance Office is open and available for maintenance staff to use as a lunch-and-break room.

15. Other Minor Matters: No minor matters.

16. Good of the Order: Commissioner Michel welcomed Office and Outreach Coordinator Trielle Alstead to Key Pen Parks.

17. Meeting Adjourned: The in-person/digital hybrid public meeting of January, 2023, was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next regular in-person/digital hybrid meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Home Fire Station Meeting Room. The regular meeting may be preceded by a 6:00 PM or 6:30 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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