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Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021

This public meeting was a digital Zoom meeting due to Washington State's COVID-19 "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" mandate.

The regular Zoom meeting was preceded by a 6:31 PM Zoom Study Session. Executive Director Perkosky reported Jeff Minch is now on board as the new Parks & Facilities Manager while two summer seasonal staff are returning to college. Volunteer & Office Coordinator Gleason has begun twice monthly volunteer trail maintenance events. Events Coordinator Grandt is working on a new Harvest Festival (vendors, games and food trucks) in conjunction with All Hallows Eve. Executive Director Perkosky said the Gateway Park Splash Pad is now closed for the season and that use during the final two weeks prior to its Labor Day close had been decreasing. She hopes to have additional information regarding the splash pad water drainage issue relative to the dog park by the next public meeting; progress on the issue had been delayed due staff COVID issues. She also reported that DNR contacted Key Pen Parks regarding possible purchase of 360 Trails; the lease expires in 39 years. Estimated value at the time the lease began in 2009 was \$6,500,000.00 to the School Trust Fund; that amount was determined by resource value using extraction of sand and gravel (\$5,200,000.00) and the remainder land and timber (\$1,300,000.00). The Board expressed interest in having the Executive Director further research options regarding DNR Trust Land Transfer Lease program and whether Key Pen Parks should reach out to State Legislators regarding rule changes. Executive Director Perkosky said she met with the Lind brothers and expressed Key Pen Parks interest in continuing discussions about that property; she also said that the Sportsman's Club negotiations will be a long-term project. (Zoom recording was paused at 7:10 PM and resumed at 7:30 PM; Study Session business concluded earlier than expected.)

The regular public Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Executive Director Tracey Perkosky. She turned the meeting over to Board President Robison after the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Commissioners Present: Ed Robison, Shawn Jensen, Mark Michel, Linda Parry and Kip Clinton. Staff present for Key Pen Parks: Executive Director Tracey Perkosky.

Citizens present via Zoom: Sami Jensen, Lisa Bryan, Tim Kezele, Stan Moffett, Heather Rogers

1. Approval of Agenda: President Robison asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was adopted as submitted.

2. Special Presentations: President Robison turned the meeting over to Executive Director Perkosky to present Certificates of Appreciation to Rob Home, Dianna Home and Heather Rogers for their service to the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Foundation as they are leaving the Foundation. Rob and Dianna Home were not "present"; Executive Director Perkosky said she would make sure they received them. Heather Rogers was present via Zoom; Commissioner Jensen thanked her for her efforts and she said she plans to continue volunteering

as an individual. Executive Director Perkosky returned control of the meeting to President Robison.

3. Citizen Comments: Heather Rogers asked whether there will be additional wayfinding signs and leash-law signs posted in Key Central Forest; Executive Director Perkosky said that staff can produce “dogs on leash” signs which can be posted but they are postponing new permanent wayfinding signs due to DNR’s planned logging in 2023.

4. Approval of Minutes: President Robison asked if there were any objections or corrections to the August 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes; hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Financial Report: The August 2021 Springbrook financial balance was \$3,827,191.30. The August 2021 Zoo/Trek deposit was \$24,792.95. Total Zoo/Trek collections to date were \$152,301.84. The August 2021 Real and Personal Property Tax deposit was \$8,943.40. 2021 Real and Personal Property Tax collections to date were \$823,628.22. Springbrook Expenditures for August 2021 were \$106,323.80. President Robison asked how much of the \$3,827,191.30 fund balance was in the investment account vs. cash-on-hand; Executive Director Perkosky responded that \$2,000,000.00 is invested with Pierce Co. with the balance cash-on-hand. President Robison asked if there were any corrections or objections to the August 2021 financial report. Hearing none the financial report was adopted as submitted.

6. Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director Perkosky reported All Hallows Eve and the new Harvest Festival are scheduled to take place at Gateway Park on Saturday October 23. Volunteer trail work parties will begin on Saturday Sept. 25 and continue every other Saturday with the exception of October 23.

7. 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 was unable to attend; Executive Director Perkosky participated instead. She reported that they are looking for new members. The remaining Foundation Board met with two potential new members, one of whom has fund-raising experience while the second has maintenance and land experience.
- c) **Trails Committee (Commissioner Michel):** Commissioner Michel said that he encountered several individuals with level 1 e-bikes on the trails at 360 Trails. He said lack of rain has made trail surfaces problematic and that he hoped for a good volunteer turnout on Sept. 25. He plans to meet with Volunteer & Office Coordinator Gleason and Executive Director Perkosky about trails and specifics about mountain bike trail maintenance/repair.

8. President’s Report: President Robison said that Key Pen Parks is now moving into “budget season” and he encourages the Board to reach out to citizens their needs and desires regarding Key Pen Parks’ parks, projects and other facilities are included in the 2022 Budget.

9. Unfinished Business: No Unfinished Business.

10. New Business: No New Business.

11. Other minor matters: Commissioner Parry asked if the Minutes can contain the Study Session discussion regarding the potential land acquisition of the DNR properties.

12. Good of the Order: Commissioner Michel thanked Heather Rogers, Dianna Home and Rob Home for their efforts on the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation Foundation. He said it was great that Executive Director Perkosky included Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation as

an agenda item; Commissioner Parry agreed with the sentiment. Commissioner Michel said that due to COVID concerns the 2021 Gateway Park Splash Pad opening was a “soft opening” and requested that Key Pen Parks consider a formal opening in 2022 or 2023 to recognize Heather Rogers’, Dianna and Rob Home’s, and the Foundation’s assistance with that project.

Commissioner Jensen agreed.

13. Meeting Adjourned: The public Zoom meeting of September 13, 2021, was adjourned at 7:51 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 7:30 PM and may be in person at the Volunteer Park Concession Building or via Zoom per Governor Inslee’s “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” directive. The regular meeting may be preceded by a 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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