

MINUTES
KENESAW BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
June 2, 2020 AT 8:00P.M.

The Village of Kenesaw Board of Trustees held a special board meeting on June 2, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. via video conferencing as was advertised for the purpose of Kenesaw Pool and Park reopening discussions. Board Members present: Ronda Ehly, Sarah Kroos, Teresa Uden, Rene Colon, and Lawney Knuth. Members absent: None. Also present: Lacy Mack, Angela & Neel Keiser, Stephan Schneider, Sara Nielson, Jessica Benes, Kari Legg, Lindsey & Jeff Higel, Tim & Samantha Schirmer, Sarah Schacht, Taylor Hanson, Tyson Denkert, Matt Reimer, Jodi Randall, Jamie Braniff – others on the Zoom meeting were not identified.

Agenda:

Call to Order/Roll Call

Notice of the open meeting act literature

Comments from the Public

Discuss/Action: Kenesaw Pool 2020 Operations

Discuss/Action: Kenesaw Park Reopening

Adjournment: Next Meeting: June 9, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting:

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Kroos called the meeting to order via video conference at 8:03 p.m. and took - **Roll Call:** *Rhonda Ehly, Lawney Knuth, Sarah Kroos, Rene Colon, and Teresa Uden - all present. Quorum is met.*
2. **Location of the OMAL:** Chairman Kroos gave notice of the location of the Open Meetings Act Literature to be on the south wall of the meeting room noting that per Governor Ricketts Executive Order No. 20-03, the board claims the rights to the limited waiver, thus holding the meeting via video conferencing.
3. **Comments from the Public:** Chairman Kroos opened the floor to community members present on the Zoom meeting. Multiple participants made comments: All who spoke shared that they would like to see the pool opened as soon as safely possible, as well as the Kenesaw park. Discussion was made from the participants noting that they feel that the board should limit the pool access – possible options were: To Kenesaw residents only; Kenesaw school district; Last year season pass holders, Christ Lutheran school families. Participants noted that they would be willing to work with scheduled times to accommodate the current DHM restrictions if necessary, but would like to make sure that scheduling is available to everyone easily, and not just online. Questions on if Kenesaw residents would be allowed to being guests to the pool. No concerns were relayed to the board with regard to current social distancing recommendations other than to state that they do not feel that there will be an issue. Questions were asked about disinfecting of communal area. It was also expressed by the residents that they would be willing to sign a waiver should the board feel that is necessary. There was also much support for the reopening of the park as soon as possible.

The board responded to the noted questions and concerns on social distancing and disinfecting, stating that their plan would be to follow the guidelines set out in the Phase II DHM from DHHS effective June 2, 2020. Pool Manager Kroos provided information on options for setting up set swim times to stay within the 25% capacity required in the DHM which would also include break times for staff to sanitize any communal areas, and also reminded everyone that the water in the pool is chlorinated and thus is also a disinfectant.

Chairman Kroos concluded the Comments from the Public by thanking them all for participating and expressing how important it is to the Kenesaw Board of Trustees to hear from the residents of Kenesaw regarding these issues.

4. **Discuss/Action: Kenesaw Pool 2020 Operations-** Chairman Kroos provided information she had received from other towns with equivalent size, noting they are opening with sign up times/cleaning times/signed waivers/no storage in bath houses etc. Christian Kroos noted that he has already removed the benches from the bath houses, to help eliminate congregating, and that there is not storage available in the bathrooms. It was discussed that we would be able to have 45 patron excluding staff at the 25% allowance. There was extensive discussion about how to go about sanitizing areas between swim times and/or on some type of schedule that would be decided at a later time. City Council Shon Lieske noted that the liability for the pool with regard these issues is not very high, and provided a sample waiver for the board to review should they choose to go that direction. He also provided that the Village would need to pass a resolution with regard to the rules/restrictions that would be put in place for the 2020 pool season. This would need to be worked up and reviewed for approval at the regular board meeting on June 9th, 2020. Discussion of creation of a subcommittee for creating the resolutions and regulations to submit at the June 9th, 2020 meeting.

Motion Made by Trustee Uden and seconded by Trustee Knuth that the Kenesaw Pool Will open for the 2020 Pool Season after the June 9th regular meeting. Roll Call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.

Motion Made by Trustee Ehly and seconded by Trustee Knuth the pool opening date will be June 12th, 2020, pending that acceptance and passing of proper resolutions and regulations at the June 9th, 2020 meeting. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried.

Subcommittee Appointed: Pool Manager Christian Kroos, Trustee Ehly, and Trustee Uden.

5. **Discuss/Action: Kenesaw Park Reopening –** Chairman Kroos opened up the discussion regarding the reopening of the park, noting that the comments from the public were all in favor of reopening as soon as possible. It was noted that Hastings has lifted their park restrictions. Shon noted that signage should be placed at the park stating the “play at your own risk” clause, noting that the equipment would not be sanitized. He also discussed signage for the bathrooms at the park should the Village choose to open them. After discussion a Motion was Made by Trustee Uden and seconded by Trustee Knuth to open the parks and restrooms as soon as signage is posted. Parks will be ‘play at your own risk, no sanitizing will be done, keep social distancing rules.’ And the restroom will be cleaned/sanitized once daily, and signage for social distancing will be place. Roll call: Trustee Knuth-yea, Trustee Ehly-yea, Trustee Kroos-yea, Trustee Colon-yea, Trustee Uden-yea. No opposed. Motion carried. Sarah will create temporary signage immediately to be used while Jeff looks to order permanent signs.

6. **Adjourn Special Meeting:** Motion made by Trustee Uden and seconded by Trustee Ehly to Adjourn. Roll call: No Opposed, Motion carried at 9:13 pm
Next Regular Board Meeting is Scheduled for June 9, 2020 @ 8:00 via Zoom as previously advertised.

Chairman

(SEAL)

Clerk/Treasurer

I, Cindy Kiefer, Clerk for the Village of Kenesaw, hereby certify that the preceding minutes are a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenesaw on June 2, 2020. These minutes were posted in three public locations in the Village of Kenesaw and the shortened version was published in the Hastings Tribune.

Clerk/Treasurer