

**KEYPORT IMPROVEMENT CLUB MINUTES – FEB. 11, 2020 – MERCANTILE
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 PM**

A PowerPoint presentation of historic Keyport with pictures of the construction of the base in 1913 was provided by Jim Barnes. Someone at the base found them, gave them to Jim and he made the DVD for our historical purposes.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Welcome and Introductions – Gene Warden

MINUTES of the NOV 12, 2019 – Were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report: Jason Ward – Current Bal. = \$13,461.91

Started: \$15,104.68.

Checks written: \$1500 for NKHS Marching Band, \$350 for the Sea Cadets, \$50 for website maintenance and \$62.77 for the Slow Sign for Hwy 308.

2019 Audit Status = Currently in work and almost done.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Reports:

• **Park Committee – Doug Chamberlain**

Saltwater Park:

A donated owl house has been hung looking out to the play area.

The water trail sign was hit by a tree and has now been replaced.

April 22nd is Earth Day so we will have another cleanup date coming up.

Thanks to Len Marklund that repainted the table that had graffiti on it.

New gravel was placed by the pump house.

The Kitsap Parks Dept. placed a new wood bench and Water Trails sign.

The committee requested \$2000.00 to replace the table that was burned. The request was denied. They will provide \$300.00 to repair it but think they will try to do the repair.

Central Park:

2-5-2020 – Hedge removal and irrigation system has been on hold for almost a yr.

Gene Warden talked to Stella on Feb 5th and revised the agreement so it's realigned with the meeting that he had with her about a yr. ago. There were a few minor items that Doug, Karol and Gene went over on Feb. 10th. Gene will send it back to Stella and ask her to have Doug and Dennis to start working on permits or whatever is necessary to get the work started. Once the agreements are signed, the work can start.

There is a small sinkhole along Hwy 308 by the large drain. It has been marked by sticks and reported to Public Works. It was suggested that we send a picture of it to Kitsap 1.

- **Emergency Preparedness – Karol Stevens – More work to do in the spring.**

- **At Home in Keyport – Karol Stevens**

Karol serves on the Aging Council Committee and learned that Keyport is considered a (NORC) Natural Occurring Retirement Community. The idea is to help people that need support. We have medical equipment stored at Rosie Watne's garage. Anyone needing a wheelchair, walker, shower chair, or crutches can contact Karol. A scooter is available for loan from Rosie.

She provided a sign-up sheet for "At Home in Keyport" to develop a spreadsheet of service contractors, with their permission, with the intent to help people to continue living in their homes as they grow older. An example would be window cleaners, roof repair etc. Something similar to a micro Angie's list.

- **Port of Keyport – Ramp Replacement – Gene Warden**

A couple of slabs were out of spec so they have to be replaced. The work will continue through the 15th, then shut down 10 days to 2 weeks for a fish window. It is estimated that by the end of Mar. the ramp will be operational.

Still need Corp approval on the rest. Probably July timeframe. Three prices were all over budget. They went back to RCO and they increased the amount and approved more funding.

- **12-30-2019 – Fishline Donations:**

14 coats, 10 sweatshirts/sweaters, 3 pants, 7 scarves, 1 vest, 7 shoes, 2 blankets,

2 long underwear, 5 gloves, 4 socks, 5 shirts, 5 hats & 6 hams.

Fishline Holiday Collection Total – \$1285 + change

- **Census 2020 – Karol Stevens**

The Kitsap Aging and Long-Term Care Council goal is to get the word out and it's coming up again.

The U.S. Constitution requires this to be done.

Originally, U.S. Marshall's on horseback counted everyone in the country. Everyone gets counted. The data determines the number of House Representatives. This has to come out to 435. It also triggers the redistricting of all the legislative districts in the state.

Federal funding is distributed per the population. Many programs are funded from the data collected. Food stamps, Head Start, school lunch programs, transportation funding.

This year is the first online version, along with a toll free # and a paper version to collect the information.

They want self-response. An online portal will be available on Mar. 12th with 10 questions.

Karol Stevens has a copy of the questions if anyone is interested.

Keyport has 1 census per physical address.

It requires the address, if you rent or own, a phone #, for each person in the household or where they will be on April 1st. These questions are not optional. You don't have to completely fill out the survey. If you are concerned about privacy, census workers are sworn to secrecy and can be fined.

For those of us in Keyport with a PO Box, we won't get a letter. They want us to self-report.

The site is www.2020census.gov

There will be more information at the next Keyport Improvement Club meeting on Mar. 10th.

- **Progressive Dinner Success – Gene for Ellen Strong –** There were 63 people that attended the main course at the Torpedo Town Diner.
- **Hwy 308 Business Sign Replacement Project Update – Peg Garrison**
Gave the history on the current sign origination. Three individual businesses paid for their sign.
She received a bid from a Fest vendor, Wizz Signs.
Their bid included:
New signs of metal with reflective letters with each business name, removal of the old signs, repaint the posts, and installation of the new ones.
They would include one with our heron icon at no cost.
The cost to each business would be \$300 and for KIC \$1300. The total bid was for \$2457.
If we don't do the "Ahead One Block", it would bring the cost down to \$1100. This would include the "Welcome to Keyport", website & the heron logo.
This is the only bid she got.
The treasury has the money to do this and still do the Central park improvements.
A motion was tabled until the next meeting and Peg will provide the businesses feedback.
- **"SLOW DOWN" HWY SIGN UPDATE – Claire Ward**
Claire brought the new sign to the meeting. It is bright yellow and says, "Slow Down Kids & Pets at Play". It will be placed per WSDOT requirements along Hwy 308 as you enter town.

NEW BUSINESS

Rosie Watne – A woman from Tracyton expressed her admiration to her about the Keyport decorations and tree. She said that Keyport's were second only to their Tracyton church tree in the entire county!

**Doug Chamberlain - Fix It Fair – Kingston – Village Green Community Ctr.
April 25th - 1 PM to 4 PM.**

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

FEB 13TH – SENIOR LUNCH – MERC – 1 PM

FEB 14th – VALENTINE'S DAY

FEB 18TH – BLUEGRASS MUSIC – CASA MEXICO – 7 PM

MAR 10TH – KIC MEETING – 7 PM – CASA MEXICO

ADJOURNMENT @ 7:59PM