

KEEP MIDLOTHIAN BEAUTIFUL MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2019

The Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Kreis, Helen Lekavich, Rita Sareny, John McNichols, Jerry Gillis, Sr., Theda Reed, Jean Bartecki, Jessica Rucinski, Gail Martinez, Rebecca Deneka, Marsha Amrein, Maria Kolacki, Dan Delaney, Kristen Ramirez and Joanne Cano, A.J. Smith Bank (Peoples Bank)

Joanne Cano from Peoples Bank (A.J. Smith Bank) – She is the Vice President at A.J. Smith Bank and has been working with them for 31 years. On May 6th, A.J. Smith will be known as Peoples Bank. Karen Kreis had approached her to inform her about the Great Midlothian Cleanup (GMC) and the possibility of their assistance to be a sponsor for a shredding event at the Clean Up Day. She was pleased to advise that the marketing department at Peoples Bank have agreed to sponsor the shredding truck for three hours and is looking forward to possibly making this an annual event. She provided a list of acceptable items and suggested referencing in the flyer that only three or four boxes would be acceptable and for residents only.

February 21, 2019 Minutes – Motion to approve the February 21, 2019 Keep Midlothian Beautiful Minutes was made by Jean Bartecki and seconded by Jerry Gillis, Sr.

Discussion: Rita Sareny asked that her phrase be changed to: “People who think they can change the world are often the ones who do.” Motion to amend the motion to include “who” was made by Jean Bartecki and seconded by Jerry Gillis, Sr. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call: Ayes: All in Favor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Update of the Executive Director Position – We have only received two resumes and the interviews have been completed. Superintendent Sparrey has made his recommendation. This will be a part-time position. The Village Board will hear the recommendation and discuss the salary in Executive Session at the next Board Meeting.

Update of School District 143 – Rebecca Deneka advised that the GMC Flyers were distributed to the administrators and will be forwarded to the students. The Ecology Club will be participating, and pictures will be provided of the students cleaning up since they will be starting at the school. Juice and donuts will be provided to the students also. Karen Kreis will also provide the volunteer forms to the schools. They will provide the number of students participating. The Student Council will be participating but will check in at Public Works. Karen Kreis reminded everyone that in order to keep our KMB good standing affiliate status with Keep America Beautiful we have to report on the dashboard the names of volunteers, their hours and the number of trash bags collected.

Jessica Rucinski (Bremen High School update) - She sent the flyer to the smaller groups and the entire faculty today. They are trying to have participation from the sports teams to include the teams and their coaches. The girls' soccer and football program has already committed. Regarding the Spring Recycling Art program, she spoke with the Ecology Club and Art Club about creating a future project for the Rain Garden. She noted that the Ecology Club is completing a survey now about disposable water bottles and

their use and one of the things to talk about with the recycled art could potentially using plastic bottles to build something.

Jerry Gillis, Sr. advised that posters have also been displayed at St. Chris to get the word out. John McNichols, who is the Youth Minister from St. Chris Youth Ministry, will also be attending and working with the students. Kathy Caveney commented that the flyers were also forwarded to Nora Grutzius and Bill Busking, who are in charge of the Midlothian Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Letter to Businesses – Participation letters with flyers and the KMB brochure are being hand-delivered to businesses advising them about the KMB affiliation, the explanation of the program, and invite of the Great Midlothian Cleanup on April 27th. The letter encouraged posting pictures of their cleanup efforts on the KMB Facebook page which will help to promote their business. Kathy Caveney asked if the letter could also be sent to the plaza owners and Karen Kreis agreed. Jerry Gillis, Sr. suggested his assistance in getting the letters to the businesses and plaza owners. There were a number of other KMB attendees that also offered their assistance in distributing the letters.

Great Midlothian Cleanup Discussion - Karen Kreis then detailed the schedule for the day which begins at 8:30 a.m. at Public Works and provided the cleanup locations of the Great Midlothian Cleanup. Everyone will receive a map with their cleanup location. There was then discussion of other locations that are needed for the cleanup. Gloves, bags, rakes, vests and grabbers will be provided to each attendee at Public Works, but for the students, everything will be available at the schools. All filled bags will be left at the property and Public Works will pick up the bags.

Garbage Can Project – Kristen Ramirez found another type of garbage can and is square, which would be ideal for artwork. Jean Bartecki suggested getting in touch with Jennifer Reed, since she is the Chairperson for the Fine Arts Department. The garbage cans are the most economical and will be resin material. Jerry Gillis, Sr. asked who would be emptying the cans and Kristen advised that it would be Public Works. This will be discussed further at another meeting since Chris Parker was not in attendance.

Update of the Installation of KMB Signs – Kristen advised that there have been 18 signs put up and were put up by Louie Ceja. She then provided a list of all signs currently in place to include the four entrances into Midlothian, Metra Lot, Rain Garden, Grills' Hardware, all churches, Belly Button Hill, Bremen Heights Park, park at Waverly and Lawndale and Memorial Park, as well as a number of other locations. There will be more coming. There will be 28 signs posted. Kristen suggested selling the signs to a Midlothian resident. Helen then suggested the smaller yard signs to reward people who do beautiful improvements to the community.

Food Donations – Kristen read the list: Berry Field Café (coffee, rolls and juices for the morning); Dunkin Donuts (two or three dozen donuts) and will suggest munchkins; Kenootz (pizza and salad); Phil Estrada at Quimex(soda and water); Save A Lot (brought letter over and will advise); Bartolini's (two pizzas); Gum Wah (egg rolls); Berkots - we received a \$50 gift certificate to Berkots for the Clean Up Day and will use it for sandwich tray, chicken tenders, chicken or fruit. White Castles, Cuzins and Hometown Gyros will be checked into. Public Works is providing plates, napkins, creamer, sugar and plasticware.

Dumpster – The dumpster has been confirmed with Ernie.

All Department Heads will be advising their employees of their Cleanup Day participation

Volunteer Outreach – The first Facebook video went live and reached almost 600 people in less than 5 days.

The CRS Townhall Meeting will be on Thursday, April 4th and at the bottom of the invitation card, the Cleanup Day was mentioned.

Cigarette/Litter Stand Order Update – They will be installed on poles. An order was submitted after she consulted with Superintendent Sparrey and they will start with 25 for the Village. Dominic Egizio requested 10 for the Park District.

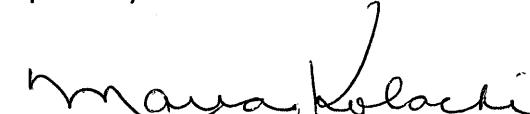
Karen Kreis advised that she registered our Cleanup Day Event on the Dashboard. She requested water, garbage bags and a banner. She provided our logo and date of our event for the banner, which will be picked up at Staples.

Karen Kreis will be applying for a grant for a Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Grant which is due March 29th. We can apply for funding for cigarette litter stands, ashtray containers in the car and for assistance to put together a Litter Prevention Program. We will receive resources from them to put together this program.

Next Meeting Date will be on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

The Keep Midlothian Beautiful Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Maria Kolacki
Deputy Clerk