



VILLAGE OF SUTTONS BAY
VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Lutke.

Present: Bahle, Case, Long, Lutke, Newcomb and Suppes
Absent: Christensen
Staff present: DeVol, Fay, Larrea and Miller

Approval of Agenda

Bahle moved, Case seconded, CARRIED, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Consent Agenda

Suppes moved, Long seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The Village Council meeting minutes of September 16, 2019 submitted by Fay are approved. The payment of invoices submitted by Treasurer DeVol are approved. Ayes: 6, No: 0.

Public Comment/Communication and Reports

Pat Seiler voiced her support for the proposal on the November ballot for Early Childhood Services and encouraged individuals to vote yes on a millage of 0.253, which equates to approximately \$4.50 per month, or less. If passed, it would provide early childhood services for approximately 1,000 plus children in Leelanau county.

Marian Kromkowski, Probate and Family Court Judge for Leelanau county, spoke on behalf of National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Kromkowski is tasked with being a strong voice for youth, and supports a millage for Early Childhood Services on the November ballot and encourages a yes vote for this millage. Kromkowski stated prevention is the first line of defense. The website for this endeavor is www.leelanauearlychildhood.org. A handout was provided and attached to the minutes.

Lois Bahle voiced her support for Early Childhood Services. Bahle further stated that due to the recent high winds, a lot of wood has accumulated in Suttons Bay, some of which has nails, and wondered if Village staff could remove the wood.

Brian Buysse stated changes at the library, inhouse, and further voiced concerns about how public is treated at board meetings. He encouraged the Village to speak to the appointees and remind them it is a public meeting and to not use the meeting to mock or otherwise make a public member uncomfortable.

Good of the Order

Case asked about the new vehicle purchase; Larrea stated it is getting fitted for the tool box and may be ready for pick up yet this month. The purchase of a second vehicle is on hold pending the final price of the first new truck. Case asked about the Sheriff's contract, believing it is a working relationship that works indicating the need for it. Larrea stated the contract is in negotiation. Case asked about the Parks and Rec Plan; Larrea stated the review is ongoing. Case asked about the employee manual; Larrea stated the employee manual review is ongoing. Case asked if any original landscaping plans were located; Larrea stated a contract for the landscaping has been signed and work begins tomorrow. Case asked if the dead trees in Bahle park have been evaluated for hazard and removal; Larrea stated an estimate has been received and a contract signed. Case asked about the drainage issue on Broadway; Larrea stated that he has met with Leelanau county on the issue, and it may be a civil matter. Case asked about the water rate study; Larrea stated it is ongoing.

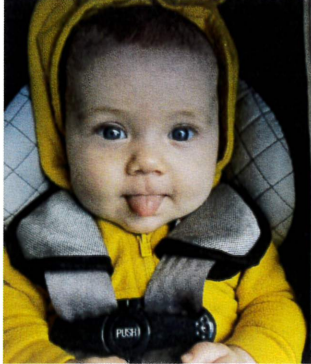
Suppes stated he attended the Northwest Michigan Housing Summit. The goal of the summit is to create affordable housing in a ten-county area. Senior housing, aging in place, was another topic covered. His take away was that there is plenty of help available in determining needs and solutions for housing.

Manager's Report

Larrea stated the Marina has been closed for the season, and that recently the Marina experienced another seiche that required sand bags to prevent it from taking out infrastructure. He further thanked staff for a job well done. Larrea stated the Metro Act has been signed. Larrea encouraged everyone to check out the website which will become an informational billboard. The first draft Blight Ordinance has been sent to the attorney for review. Larrea stated ongoing contract talks for the Harbor Master, Zoning Administrator and Sheriff.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Shar Fay, Village Clerk.



Vote November 5th on the Early Childhood Development Millage Request

Why is this important?

Because 90% of the brain develops *before* kindergarten

Because every Leelanau child deserves the best chance to succeed in life

On November 5th, Leelanau voters will be asked to vote on a 0.253 millage that would raise approximately \$728,000 for Early Childhood Development Services in Leelanau County.

Early Childhood Development Services are planned to be coordinated through the Leelanau County Health Department and help parents raise children who are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Decades of research studies show that parents and children who are supported in early childhood results in:

- ✓ Better problem solving skills
- ✓ Improved health outcomes
- ✓ Higher graduation rates
- ✓ More likely to attend college
- ✓ Higher lifelong earnings
- ✓ Lower substance abuse rates
- ✓ Half as many criminal arrests
- ✓ Less depression
- ✓ Lower teen pregnancy rates
- ✓ Lower retention/special education needs

Early Childhood Development benefits Leelanau families with pre-kindergarten age children in one of the most meaningful periods of development.

For more information visit www.leelanauearlychildhood.org

Paid for by the Early Childhood Development Committee, 1888 North Eagle Highway, Lake Leelanau MI 49653





Lifelong behaviors are formed a lot sooner than you would think.

Children's brains develop and they learn more rapidly from birth to age five more than at any other time in their lives. Consequently, 90% of brain growth occurs before kindergarten, impacting how children will learn, feel, and behave for the rest of their lives.



Investing in our children now reaps huge rewards later.

The highest rate of return-on-investment (ROI) in early childhood development comes from investing as early as possible. A small investment now pays huge dividends later in reduced juvenile crime rates, reduced incarceration and court costs, reduced special education costs, and reduced health care costs.



Give our kids the best chance to succeed in life.

Children who start kindergarten with the capacity and skills they need are more likely to succeed as adults. The research, and there is lots of it, says that kids in school who start behind, stay behind, which impacts them for their entire lives.



All parents want to be good parents.

Early Childhood Development is about building a community in which all children grow and thrive in nurturing homes and all Leelanau parents have access to resources they need to be the parents they want to be.



Ensure that every parent has access to the family supports they want.

Early Childhood Development is a high-quality early childhood experience that promotes healthy physical and mental growth for all children and their parents. It is completely voluntary, free, available to all who want it, and includes playgroups, parent programs, home visits, and health resources.



The benefits to Leelanau County will be huge.

Leelanau County will build a strong foundation of childhood development services for all families that strengthen our talent pipeline, and promote sustainable long-term economic prosperity for families and their children.

The Cost:

***90% of Leelanau County residents
will pay less than \$4.50 a month****

** Based on Leelanau County Equalization Department 2019 assessment data bases*

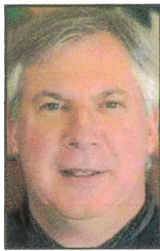


A T I S S U E : A T - R I S K C H I L D R E N

Early childhood development and juvenile delinquency

BY JOSEPH POVOLO

Children participating in Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs are healthier, more successful in school, more competent emotionally/socially, show better verbal and intellectual development, less grade repetition, lower dropout rates and decreased delinquency than those not enrolled in such programs.



Povolo

Although there is no way to completely predict which children behave in delinquent ways in the future, risk factors correlate these behaviors: fetal substance exposure, abusive families, poor child rearing, poor parental supervision, criminal parents, low family income, poor housing, low educational attainment and physical/sexual abuse. Co-occurrence of any of these increases predictability. As more risk factors are diffused, the child has

less reason to misbehave. Parents who are offered practical and social support are in a better position for effective parenting than those who are stressed and alienated.

Three-year-olds in Chicago's Child-Parent Center Program for one or two years benefited in ways that were observed 15 years later: lower dropout rates, higher graduation rates and lower rates of juvenile crime. Children who didn't participate were 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. A 22-year High Scope/Perry study showed that leaving at-risk children out of this program multiplied by five times the risk they'd become chronic lawbreakers as adults.

A George Mason University study of police chiefs rated various tools for crime prevention; ECD programs had the highest rating by three to 10 times more than alternatives like trying juveniles as adults and building more detention centers. Although we tend to think children drop out later in high school, many are lost long before

that. It's too late for some students to address the problem by middle or high school. Dropping out of high school is one of the highest indicators of heading toward a life of poverty. The Perry study found that \$1 invested in high quality ECD programs results in \$7 in preventative costs associated with incarceration, school dropout and teen pregnancy. Family members get help to stimulate their child's cognitive development, handle discipline and develop home management skills.

Home visiting and Head Start provide early intervention and comprehensiveness. Head Start aimed to improve the intellectual capacity and academic readiness of children to reduce school failure. Unanticipated effects improve self-esteem, social behavior, physical health, less reliance on government assistance, substance abuse, higher employment/income, greater family stability and decreased delinquency.

Home visiting—improving parenting provides children with important skills

for the rest of their lives, such as emotional/impulse regulation and empathy. Without these, risks for delinquency increase.

As the number of risk factors increase, the likelihood of delinquency increases. By implementing early interventions such as quality ECD programs, we can target risk factors that predict delinquent behavior.

Leelanau County's residents have an opportunity on Nov. 5 to vote yes on a millage to decrease delinquency and impact the outcomes for children in their community.

About the author: Joseph Povolo, of Elmwood Township, is the Family Court administrator for the 13th Judicial Circuit Court-Family Division. Prior to that, he spent 25 years in juvenile probation.

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