

TO: MWR Board of Directors
FROM: Rick Orr
DATE: August 27, 2024
RE: Kids Cove Funds at Community Foundation of Marquette County

I am formally asking the Board of Directors of Marquette West Rotary Club to approve a resolution regarding the Kids Cove Endowment Fund and the new Kids Cove Playground for All.

When the original Kids Cove was built, additional funds were placed in a Playground Maintenance account with the Community Foundation of Marquette County (CFMC). Each year, the CFMC notifies MWR how much of the account is "spendable". The City of Marquette has generally assumed responsibility for maintenance of Kids Cove and these funds have rarely been used. The spendable amount is currently \$4,645.60.

The Kids Cove Endowment Fund now stands at \$26,067.60.

The Playgrounds for All Committee (PFAC) has raised \$1.45 million to construct the new playground at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Since June 2024, the Committee is trying to raise an additional \$300,000 to cover unanticipated costs of the new playground. To date they have raised \$220,000 of the \$300,000 and need to raise an additional \$80,000.

The City of Marquette received a Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant for the playground in addition to the funds raised by the PFAC. This grant requires the City of Marquette to assume all maintenance costs for the playground. Since 1997, the Kids Cove Endowment Fund has been used very little for maintenance, and I do not foresee maintenance issues in the future that would require use of these funds.

I am asking the Marquette West Rotary Club Board to adopt the following resolution requesting the CFMC release all of the Kids Cove Endowment Fund to the Playgrounds for All Committee to assist with completion of the playground. These funds will also qualify for matching funds in the amount of \$25,000.

Resolution #1

The Board of Directors of the Marquette West Rotary Club request the transfer of all remaining funds from the Kids Cove Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of Marquette County to the Playgrounds for All Fund to be used to complete the new Playgrounds for All playground located at Ellwood Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

These funds will be used to pay additional unanticipated costs related to construction of the new playground. In addition, they will also qualify for a match of funds in the amount of \$25,000 that can also be used to complete the playground.

**Resolution Adopted on August 28, 2024, on a motion by Pesola and second by Froberg.
Motion carried by the following vote**

Ayes: Ayes: Pesola, Froberg, LaCombe, Christensen, Lopac, Buher, Williams, Quinn and Knaffla

Nays: None

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela Christensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Certified by Pamela R. Christensen,
Recording Secretary
Marquette West Rotary Club**