

***"It Is More Blessed To Give
Than To Receive"***

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council,
City of Benton Harbor, Mich.:

Gentlemen: On behalf of my wife, Carrie E. Klock, and myself, I take great pleasure in presenting to the city through you a deed to the tract of land formerly owned by E. K. Warren on the lake front, consisting of about ninety acres. This is the property which the progressive citizens of Benton Harbor have three times failed to secure for a park through bonding issues.

There are no strings attached to this gift and no conditions. It is the property of the city if you accept it. The gift is made in the memory of our deceased daughter, Jean Klock, in the hope that we may be able to minister to the pleasure of the children of this and coming generations, a pleasure we were denied the doing for her.

It is our wish that the lake frontage may always be preserved in its natural state and be a playground for the children and a bathing beach for all the people.

Very truly yours,

J. N. KLOCK.

RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING GIFT.

Whereas, on this date, May 7th, 1917, J. N. Klock and Carrie E. Klock, his wife, have tendered to the common council of the city of Benton Harbor, Michigan, a certain deed wherein and whereby said parties transfer and convey to the city of Benton Harbor that certain parcel of land in the township of Benton, county of Berrien and state of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Legal description of the land follows, ending:

"The above description includes all of block 29 in Higman's Michigan Park and all the plat of Long Beach, except lot 115 and land west of said lot and between same and Lake Michigan," and

Whereas, said deed contains a covenant and condition that said lands shall forever be used by said city of Benton Harbor for bathing beach, park purposes, and other public purposes, and at all times shall be open for the use and benefit of the public subject only to such rules and regulations as the said city of Benton Harbor may make and adopt; now therefore,

Resolved, that the common council of the city of Benton Harbor in regular session assembled, for and on behalf of the city of Benton Harbor does hereby accept said deed and does hereby accept the conveyance of the lands and premises described in said deed subject to the conditions set forth in said deed, and

Resolved, that said lands, above described, upon the delivery of said deed to this city of Benton Harbor shall be forever dedicated for bathing beach, park purposes and other public purposes, and at all times shall be open for the use and benefit of the public, subject only to such rules and regulations as the said city of Benton Harbor may make and adopt;

Resolved further, that in behalf of the people, and especially the children of Benton Harbor and vicinity, that this council extend to Mr. and Mrs. Klock their appreciation of this valuable gift, together with the assurance that this council will co-operate to make this park the blessing to humanity which the givers intend it should be.

Resolved, also, that since Mr. and Mrs. Klock have given this largely for the benefit of childhood and as a memorial to their deceased infant child, Jean Klock, that this land be named and shall be forever known as "Jean Klock Park."