

Kent Parks and Recreation
February 21, 2019 @ 5:00 earlier time
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Debbie Smeiles
Jack Neuzil
Neil Dukes

Staff Present:

John Idone
Sam Tuttle
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison
Gwen Rosenberg

At 5pm the meeting was called to order. In the recreation report it should say “we are doing” not “we doing”. **Jack made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction and Neil seconded it and there was no more discussion and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence None

Revenue No questions

Expenditures No questions

Park Report

When we had the big snow storm and shoveled the city sidewalks. The storm occurred over the weekend and with a Monday holiday, we had difficulty clearing the walks. Ben got the Gougler, Mantua and south Water Streets done but on the east side he kept breaking belts and the businesses parking lot plowing block off access. The Rec is classroom renovation painting is almost done. We are now waiting on electrical and furnace/AC work to be completed.

Recreation Report We are starting the second session of Positive Dog Training and are now including a puppy playtime. Baseball, softball and soccer are all in preseason. Nancy is starting a youth yoga for 1st to 5th graders in April at the Rec Center. Currently we are working on the Adult Egg Scramble, if anyone know someone or a business who would like to sponsor send them our way. The Kent Jaycees and HomeTown Bank are our sponsors. We have a change in the summer camps this year. We are offering Kent Rec and Davey again, but Davey is for K to 3rd and Plum Creek is a Junior Expedition Camp for 4th to 8th grade with the emphasize on adventure.

Director Report

1. RTP grant application has been submitted. Included is a copy of the letter of support from ODOT for the RTP application.
2. We discovered there was an error in the easement the city is granting West River Place. The area granted is 200sf not 400sf. The legal description was changed and the new price is \$969.
3. The preliminary plans for the Brady Leap Project show 10 ft wide trail with 2 ft berm. At the Brady’s Leap mid-block entrance the grade will be reduced to 11% from 14%. A natural water retention basin will be graded for rainfall overflow. Renderings are being prepared for the public meeting.
4. John has a slide show for city council for the whitewater plan update. A lot of the items on the Whitewater Concept Plan have been completed.
5. We have 2 donations going to city council for acceptance for their memorial tree plantings.
6. Kent School Board is requesting input from the community for their strategic plan, John and Megan are going over to the meeting after this meeting.

7. The Livery Lease may not have to go to public bid since we have a working relationship with KSU. Council may have to approve the waiving of the bidding requirement. This would allow KSU to have stability and to invest in their program.
8. The work on the festival is coming along, HomeTown is sponsoring and Alex Bevan and The Chardon Polka Band will be performing. We will have a sculpture commissioned. The Portage Foundation grant has been submitted to help pay for the sculpture. The Wick poetry center is composing the stanza that will be on the base of the sculpture.
9. See Park Report
10. John has contracted the School Superintendent to discuss a new board member. We have ordered a plaque for Kelley Labajetta's service to the P&R board.

The meeting ended 5:45.