

Kent Parks and Recreation
January 16, 2020
Old Jail 5:30 497 Middlebury Rd

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Debbie Smeiles
Jake Ferlito

Staff Present:

Kevin Schwartzhoff
Sam Tuttle
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

The meeting started at 5:30, roll was noted. Neil is unable to attend. There were no corrections or additions to the December minutes. **Debbie made a motion to accept the December minutes as printed and Jake seconded there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence

Incoming None

Outgoing Informational Only

Monthly Revenue Revenue will be over 2018 revenue.

Monthly Expenditures No questions

Park Report Sam is down to a skeleton crew. Thankfully there has not been a need for a lot of snow removal. Tim Harrod got the bid for park position because no full time person transferred to our department. He will be a great addition to the crew, he never calls off and is a valuable asset.

Recreation Report Nancy handed out Shrek Jr tickets to the board members. We have over 600 kids attending the field trip. Calendars will be done in the next week and then mailed out to Kent residents. The second week of Winter Wonderland had better attendance than the first week; probably because of the inflatable and the field trip. On MLK Megan has her staff development day. Also, the Field Hockey Clinic will be at KSU multi-purpose room, Sundays in February and March.

Director Report

1. The City Council has approved the funds The Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
2. Self-Explanatory
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4. Kevin need a motion to apply for the Natureworks Grant the full cost is \$32,000 and the grant would cover \$24,000. Kevin asked Nancy and the board for any other ideas for grant money. He had given the board a survey and would like feedback. There was no more discussion and **Debbie made a motion to authorize Kevin to apply for the NatureWorks Grant, Jake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

Debbie made a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition. Jake seconded and the motion passed unanimously. After that executive session discussion, **a motion was made to authorize Kevin to make inquiries about the VFW Hall and to pursue the possibility of acquiring the building for recreational use. Debbie moved and Jake seconded and all were in favor.**

Additional: We have to wait for the board member position to be advertised in the Tree City Bulletin. 2 people have applied and there may be additional applications.

The meeting ended at 6:30.