

Kent Park and Recreation
September 17, 2020
Zoom Meeting 5:30

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Jake Ferlito
Kathleen Wiler
Neil Dukes

Staff Present:

Kevin Schwartzhoff
Megan Johns
Sam Tuttle
Karen Magilavy

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

The meeting was called to order at 5:35. Debbie is excused and Nancy has a commitment at KSU. **There are no corrections or additions to the minutes. Jake moved to accept the minutes and Kathleen seconded, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence

Incoming

1. Quarterly park fee report, there is not a lot of building going on in Kent.
2. Parts of the Charter and Codified Ordinances include are to let everyone know the duties and responsibilities of the board, director, and staff. These can only be changed by city charter.

Outgoing

1. A donation by Pete was made for a tree to be dedicated to Mary Neuzil.

Revenue Revenue is still down.

Expenditures Noted the fence at Kramer #3 was fixed. We have received payment except for the deductible. The man who drove through it has passed away, we may get the deductible back.

Park Report On Monday the Fire Department and Central Maintenance worked with the crew to get a big tree out of the river in Tannery Park. The tree fell Saturday afternoon from bank to bank. All brush and logs have been removed and were not sent down the river. One kayak was pinned under the tree and was folded around the tree. The kayaker walked out on the tree.

Recreation Report Flag Football, Soccer and Adult Softball has started. We are brain storming on how to run the Turkey Trot safely, we talked about using race chips. Nancy is checking prices and will talk to Josh at Running Ritchies. Megan has a Communicable Disease Class on Saturday. Megan is interviewing for Rec Leaders in case we go to full time child care. KPR Kidz Club enrollments are down and she hopes it will increase next semester.

Director Report

1. Middlebury Road River Access The Law Director Hope has contacted the Kuhn's attorney about the property we thought we had purchased about 8 years ago. We informed them we are willing to work with them
2. Downtown Gazebo Project Update Kevin, Pete and Gwen attended the ribbon cutting ceremony. There was a nice article in the Record Courier. Howard Boyle told Kevin about the history of the Gazebo.
3. Fairchild Avenue Property Donation Update The title agency will send the transfer info and Hope will file paperwork for ownership.
4. Franklin Mills Riveredge Park Stone Wall Repair The wall under Haymaker has deteriorated over time, stones have been pushed over and into the river. We'll try to restore it to how it was previously. Future renovation is coming and the path will be widen so we don't want to spend a lot

of money , and we will fix it in late September to make it safer and look better. Stone repair was less expensive than wood or chain link fence.

5. Al Lease Park Basketball Court Repair We had applied for a Nature Works Grant for the basketball court, but those grants were cut off. This court is heavily used by the neighborhood. We are doing a repair and it will last 5-7 years and cost \$9,800 instead of \$30,000. The repair will be a big improvement and will look brand new. No motion is needed, there will be no benches around the sides until possibly in the spring.

Additional, the city is going to work on parking at the Middlebury Rd. pump station, this may stop people parking on Kuhn's property. Pete asked what the Kuhn Family wants. A true remedy would be new access to the river off of the hike and bike trail. Send Kevin any comments or ideas.

At 6:00 the meeting ended.