



Kent Park and Recreation
February 23, 2022
5:30 at the Old Jail

Members Present:

Steve Mitchell
Kathleen Wiler
Neil Dukes
Jake Ferlito

Staff Present:

Angela Manley
Sam Tuttle
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy

Council Liason

Gwen Rosenberg

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:30. Roll was called and is listed above. Please review January's minutes. **Jake made a motion to accept the January minutes, Kathleen seconded and roll was called all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence The Jo Woodard Foundation made a donation to our department of \$10,000. This came through the corporate sponsor program

Staff Reports

Revenue & Expenditures There was not a lot of spending in January, we had to set up new purchase orders. The last lease payment was made for the Fitness Center.

Park Report The crew has been busy pushing snow. The city sidewalks have been a mess. It took over 77 hours to clear Water St and Main St, plus more snow is coming in.

Recreation Report Kids in the Youth Basketball can go to a Cavs game. The Preschool is up to 19 kids. We have taken Kids off the wait list for the Kidz Club. We still need Rec Leaders for school year and summer. Megan is waiting to see what staff she gets so she can make a decision about Exped Camp. Spring Break enrollment has been increased to 30 kids.

Director Report Preliminary survey were handed out to the board, The survey is staying open until the public open houses, they may change slightly. The titles and charts are not consistent on every page, so please read carefully. The first meeting of the steering committee is March 10th. Angela passed out a list of the steering committee.

Marilyn Sessions and Don Schjedal are very interested in Kent having a dog park. We have to go through all our community surveys and public open houses to determine the community wants and needs that would go into our 5 year or 10 year master plan.

The new formula for the Park Impact fee is going to City Council this month.

Angela has moved the deadline for the new job posting to March 4th. She was expecting more applicants, so the executive session she had scheduled for tonight's meeting is not needed. The board talked about how few people are looking for jobs and everyone is having a tough time getting

employees. The salary has been set by council so we cannot increase or add additional benefits to the job description. Human Resources has experienced this across the board.

New Business In the new budget that passed we will be replacing a mower. We will get a trade in and a pretty good price. Once the purchase order gets Board of Control approval; we can order it and it will take about 5 months to get here.

The Fitness Equipment will be photographed to go into the auction after council approves the items. It will be at govdeals.com.

Old Business Neil shared that there was a meeting last week about Juneteenth, they discussed entertainment and events.

Sam told the board that the trail is flooded and there is a blockage near Kramer and under the railroad tresses, so the boardwalk cannot be accesses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.