



Kent Park and Recreation
September 15, 2022
5:30 at the Old Jail

Members Present:

Steve Mitchell
Debbie Smeiles
Jake Ferlito
Neil Dukes

Staff Present:

Angela Manley
Oliver Wuensch
Karen Magilav

Board Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

Steve called the meeting to order at 5:37. Megan, Kathleen and Sam had conflicts and are unable to attend. Roll was called and is listed above. Please review the August minutes. **There were no questions or comments Debbie made the motion to approve the August minutes and Jake seconded. Roll was called, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence Staff Reports

Revenue & Expenditures The payments to KSU were for the Exped Camp.

Park Report Sam is not here and the report accepted as written.

Recreation Report Angela told the board that Megan has 2 new hires. It was Oliver's first Art in the Park, he told the board only 3 Artist changed spots. The Family Room was a cool and popular activity for the crowd. He estimates there were over 10,000 attending on Saturday. Sunday was busy after the rain cleared out. The kid's activities were a big hit. Next year he is looking for more family activities. There were no incident or accident reports. Staff will be at the Ravenna Balloon-Affair

Director Report

1. See Oliver's recreation report
2. The next step for Brandstetter-Carrol will be a stake holder meeting; this is different than the steering committee. It will be in person at the Roy Smith Shelterhouse October 27 after 6pm.
3. Angela had another planning meeting regarding staffing the downtown Ice Arena. She did not promise to staff because we are struggling to staff our own programs. This year they may charge admission. Angela had told them what hours the Cuyahoga Falls Ice Rink was open. They wanted us more involved and said they would put us on the banner. She hates to be the person who keeps telling them that we can't help.
4. Our department has no accident or incident report forms. The city has employee related forms, but that is all. Angela will create those forms. Accidents Reports are for any injury that needs first aid. We need witness statements and contact information.
5. Staff has not been to the OPRA Conference for 2 years because of Covid. They offer CPU'S required for certifications

Old Business none

New Business We are in our 2nd season for tackle football and cheer. It is a financially draining program. They used to run independently, and they may again. Some of the expenses are equipment, league fees, software, stadium rental, and more. We had 40 kids last year over 100 this year. The city does allow fundraising, and they are doing it anyway. They want fees waived. Kent Youth Tackle and Cheer is not usually under KPR, they were their own organization. We have had to chase a lot of paperwork and payments. After the season we will sit down and look at benefits profit and loss.

Jake said he gets a lot of pickle ball request. That would be a capital project. Steve said he gets asked about a Dog Park. Gwen said the mural in the Crain Ave tunnel was very cool and council is looking to give out multi-cultural grant funds.

At 6:40 Steve makes a motion to adjourn and Jake seconded all in favor. Meeting adjourned.