



Kent Park and Recreation
June 16, 2022
5:30 at the Old Jail

Members Present:

Debbie Smeiles
Kathleen Wiler
Neil Dukes

Staff Present:

Angela Manley
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy

Board Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

Neil called the meeting to order at 5:37. Steve and Jake had conflicts and are unable to attend. Roll was called and is listed above. Please review May's minutes. **There are no corrections or additions. Kathleen made a motion to accept the May minutes, Debbie seconded and roll was called all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances Councilman Robin Turner and KPD Chief Nick Shearer are in attendance. We are going to the director's report first. Discussion about being pro-active about unsanctioned events in our parks. 2020 and 2021 we had Juneteenth celebrations and the crowd was very loud and destructive. We had another party on Memorial Day with 2 arrested and more damage to the park. Angela and Nick from IT went to the park to see if an outdoor camera security system would be a possibility. We have good sight lines and connection, if we order now it will take over a year to get it in due to supply chain issues. They checked out points to have the cameras. The hosting equipment would cost around \$700. The KPD would be able to monitor the park. Angela has been monitoring social media to check for any pop-up parties. It has been professional promoters/DJ that are not local, having crowds come to Plum Creek. Another option is to have the electricity at pavilion #1 shut down at a certain time. We can increase signage and look at the wording in the permit. Landscaping may make the park more visible. The neighborhood committee is also invested in the event and the park and said they are going to monitor the park. We will also have increased police patrols this weekend. The chief said they are coordinating with other agencies and checking for possible parties.

Correspondence .None

Staff Reports

Revenue & Expenditures There were no questions about the May reports.

Park Report No questions

Recreation Report .No questions

Director Report

1. Covered in Personal Appearances

New Business

Old Business Neil reported that the Juneteenth Festival is getting positive press especially social media. There are lots of activities planned; kickball, gospel choir, awards, poetry readings and a movie. The event is Sunday between noon and 6pm with the movie later.

Debbie made a motion to adjourn at 7pm Kathleen seconded and the meeting ended.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.