



Kent Park and Recreation
March 17, 2022
5:30 at the Old Jail

Members Present:

Steve Mitchell
Kathleen Wiler
Debbie Smeiles

Staff Present:

Angela Manley
Sam Tuttle
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy

Council Liason

Gwen Rosenberg

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

Personal Appearances Garyn Daniels addressed the board, regarding the full time sports coordinator position. He noted that he did not have a degree because he lost his financial aid. He said he has been with Parks & Rec since he was a 13 year old referee, he has coached for us for 11 years and he knows athletics and the community in Kent. He has done a 3 year plan to improve athletics including a meeting with the principal Dennis Love. How do we reach certain demographic, and how does the High School work with Parks & Rec. We have grown and Nancy has been gone for a year and we haven't missed a step. We are running 37 programs and all are growing. Garyn wants the chance to watch Kent grow along with winning a state championship in soccer. Steve assured Garyn that his application will be given equal consideration.

Correspondence Angela handed out memos she had given council regarding donations. The donation for LaVonne (Bonnie) Dunaway will be an annual donation and the family asked this year's donation go for the kids. Megan was thinking about "GaGa Ball Pit". These donations were approved by council last night.

Staff Reports

Revenue & Expenditures There was nothing out of the ordinary last month. A few items are divided among all the city departments; copy machine, property insurance, vehicle insurance, property tax. In revenue sponsorships have been coming in for baseball and softball. The corporate sponsors would be listed under Promotional Revenue

Park Report The flood has receded, but a couple trees along the edge of the trail washed out and that trail section needed reinforcement. They put in 67 tons of concrete and rocks. Right now it is holding. There are trees in across the river and the Fire Department will want those down because they are a hazard and will knock people out of their canoes and kayaks. The trees are at a difficult spot to remove. One of the kayaking group has told their members to avoid the area.

Recreation Report Martial Arts has moved to the Rec and out of the Fitness Center. Registration was going for Baseball, Softball, and Soccer. Field Hockey Clinic wrapped up. Foot skills and Basketball are almost finished. Preschool enrolments are higher than they have been in a long time. We have a waiting list for the Spring Break Hawaiian Hangout. Davey Student council is doing a

donation drive and park clean up in May for Parks & Recreation. Gwen said City Council has approved funds for diversity grant. So if you have any ideas for events for inclusivity. Bridget Susel at Community Development has information.

Director Report The Steering Committee met via Zoom last week. 14 people met and spoke about ideas and questions. They had an intro to project and survey. The next meeting will be in person and they will brainstorm about our next 10 years. Indoor space is a big need. The Fitness Center online auction has started and has 195 listings and it will be open for the next 10 days through 3/27 6pm. Bids are coming in. We have a lot of questions about flooring. The trailer was looked at today. The site has had lots of traffic. Brady Trail Dedication will be in May, the engineers wanted to do the dedication before Christmas. Angela wants to wait until the stair railings are in and tie it to River Day Celebration. There will be a ribbon cutting and the schools will have a field trip down there and Angela will invite the Steering Committee.

New Business Angela handed out an attachment about the SPIN bike Company; they have their bikes to rent at campus, downtown and 2 park locations; Kramer and Tannery.

Old Business Neil sent an update about Juneteenth. They have a meeting on April 3rd and will send Angela an itinerary. They are excited to have events at multiple places.

At 5:58 Motion made by Debbie to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with ORC Section 121.22 Section G, Item (1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion. Or compensation of a public employee or official." Seconded by Kathleen. Motion was made by Steve to return to the meeting and seconded by Debbie. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.