

**September Board Meeting
September 21 2023**

Board

Steve Mitchell
Neil Dukes
Jake Ferlito
Kathleen Wiler

Staff

Angela Manley
Megan Johns
Oliver Wuesch
Karen Magilavy
Garyn Daniels

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenburg

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30. Roll was called. Jake made a motion to accept August minutes, Kathleen seconded roll was called and motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming: Insurance Payment for fence repair
Jo Woodward Donation for Art in the Park

STAFF REPORTS

MONTHLY REVENUE

No questions

MONTHLY EXPENDITURE

JD Williams is for stair repairs for the Main Street section. We split the cost with engineering.

PARK REPORT

A big tree fell in the Davey Arboretum. The trail connector by Fred Fuller Pavilion #5 down to the trail was paved. There has been a very positive response.

RECREATION REPORT

Fall sports are under way. Winter sports sign up has started. There are over 400 kids in soccer. We will be working with KYBA Kent Youth Basketball Association. They will keep all the 3rd-6th grade girls together. We have 55 Adult Softball teams. We will have to cap basketball because of limited practice and game space.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORT Preschool has just started and they have seven kids we need to get up to 10. The before and after program has 106 kids with 26 on the waiting list. Originally Megan had hired 6 new staff then 2 resigned. So we have not opened Longcoy site. The first Kids Night out was the 9th. We had 20 kids. We are opening training classes to the public; CPR & First Aid. Megan will be going to Job Fairs to hire staff.

MARKETING/SPECIAL EVENTS Art in the Park was successful. We had an Eagle Project for the children's art area. Oliver is attending Eclipse meetings. The Eclipse will be April 8th 2024 at 3:08. We have gotten a grant for a mural. Oliver and the committee were thinking a mural in the tunnel would be a possibility. The September newsletter went out and the winter program guide will be next.

DIRECTOR REPORT

3. There are issues with the tunnel mural; It has an anti-graffiti coating; a heavy epoxy. We don't know if using sand blasting or chemicals would be feasible. The chemicals or sand could run into the river. Oliver is researching preprinted panels. The board gave Oliver some sign companies to check out. If the tunnel is not feasible, we are thinking about back up locations

4. Proposed budgets were handed out for the board to review.

2. Angela was approached by the city to sell the property across the street. We bought it for \$360,000 could go for \$600,000.

1. The board has the Master Plan. The items ranking the highest are pickleball courts and a dog park. The Master Plan suggest a Park Foundation.

The Board made a motion to go into Executive Session. In accordance with ORC121.22 Section G, Item (1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official." Neil moved, Kathleen seconded, and all were in favor. The Board made a motion to exit Executive Session, motion to adjourn made by Neil and seconded by Kathleen.

The meeting ended at 7:30.