Kent Parks and Recreation
November 29, 2018
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:
Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta
Jack Neuzil
Kim Ball
Debbie Smeiles

Staff Present:
John Idone
Sam Tuttle
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison
Gwen Rosenberg

Roll was noted, Gwen Rosenberg unable to attend. Corrections from October's minutes: the word "that" is missing. In Park report there should be their. **Pete moves to accept the minutes with corrections. Jack seconded and there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence None

Revenue no questions

Expenditures no questions

Park Report The crew has to wait for the leaves to thaw to finish pick up. Kramer Concession Stand and restrooms were closed for the winter.

Rec Report Basketball schedules are done, this year teams are playing at KSU Student Recreation and Wellness Center. We have 40 kids in Children's Musical Theater. Wrestling also had a good turnout. We are starting a new dog obedience class for dogs and puppies. The class will be held in the jail. We had 517 enrolled for the Turkey Trot and 37 for the fun run. Brunch with Santa has 37 signed up. The KPR kidz club had a great feast last Monday and over 100 kids attended. The next Babysitter Training will be at the Kent Free Library.

Director Report

1. We did not make the top 3 for the OPRA Capital Project award.
2. All storm damage repair has been completed except the telephone pole and light in Fred Fuller. When repair is finished we will submit for payment to the insurance company.
3. John is preparing a slide show for council on the Cuyahoga River Water Trail. The community meetings had a good attendance.
4. Davey Tree planted a Ivory Silk Lilac and Cornelian Cherry at the Arboretum
5. The Park Fee Report is included in the packet
6. The city match of park fees collected from developers may not be required. Council could change the code.
7. We are ready to move on the EDG proposal. John has revised items from 2016. We hope to have them begin the design in December. The Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant application is due February 1st.
8. This is information is from an article sent to us by Dave Ruller. We are not addressing senior needs and we have a big hole here in Kent. We have never put a senior levy on the ballot. It could be a Parks & Rec or a different department. These could be put on by city or counties, but unsure how would it get divided up.

9. We will replace the 1995 Dump in 2019
10. John has included pictures of the new skatepark elements.
11. The Position & Review Committee has denied the Recreation Supervisor upgrade. Council would have to approve. Some positions are being upgraded in the Police Department. Could a request come from the board? Debbie would like to see what positions are also in the new category, but it would be tough to compare. Civil Service has to change job descriptions.
12. If we convert the kitchen at the Rec Center to a classroom, we could put air conditioning in the room and divide the kids into groups to use the room. Kent Social Service may be interested in the commercial stove. We are looking at a new furnace for the shelterhouse including air conditioning.

Additional: Our December meeting will be at Little City Grill 5:30 December 20th.
The meeting ended at 6:30.