

Kent Parks and Recreation
May 17, 2018
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta
Debbie Smeiles
Jack Neuzil

Staff Present:

John Idone
Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns

Members Absent

Kim Ball
Gwen Rosenberg

Council Liaison
Gwen Rosenberg

At 5:30 Debbie called the meeting to order. Roll was noted. Kim, Gwen and Sam are unavailable. There is one correction to the minutes. Nancy has "meet" should be Nancy has met. **Pete moves to accept the minutes with the correction and Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence None

Revenue No Questions.

Expenditures No Questions

Park Report The crew is busy getting ready for spring. There is only one water fountain left to be open. Stones have been placed at our electronic message sign and across from the Harold Walker fix it station

Recreation Report New sports camps this summer are Ice Hockey and Golf. We have started a middle school tennis club with Stow, Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge, Our Lady of the Elms, and Hoban. The Marketing Survey launched last Friday and we have 300 completed. We want to find the needs of the community. Megan is getting ready for summer camps and there are new cubbies at the Rec.

Director Report

1. Self Explanatory
2. John handed out copies of MOU from Davey They are planning on sprucing up the Arboretum with boulders, signs, and trees. They will be taking over the care of the park. John is going to council to explain the plans and get approval.
3. The NRPA Agency shows favorable results and some areas where we can improve. The report is included.
4. The slide has been installed at Artemis Park.
5. John is currently ranking consultants and hopes to have interviews scheduled soon
6. John showed the board a cross section of decking we may use at the Main Street Bridge if the ramp option is selected. It is low maintenance and has long life, and is brought in sections for cost effective installation.
7. John got prices for turf at the rec between the basketball court and the shade structure. The proposed areas is 40x45. However, the cost to have turf installed depending on the quality grade is between \$15k to \$20K.is very expensive. We have abandoned this idea and are going to dig it up and plant grass in the fall in-house for about \$1,000.
8. John handed out a draft of the Cuyahoga River Water Trail brochure for the board to look over.

At 6:16 Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kelley seconded; there was no more discussion and the meeting adjourned.