

Kent Parks and Recreation
July 19, 2018
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta
Jack Neuzil

Staff Present:

John Idone
Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns

Council Liaison
Gwen Rosenberg

At 5:30 Pete called the meeting to order. Roll was noted. Debbie, Kim, and Sam are absent. There are corrections to the minutes. 1. In the Park Report library's should be libraries and 2. across for should be across from. 3. In the Directors Report #11 report is spelled wrong. #12 expenditure should have an s on the end. **Kelley moves to accept the minutes with corrections and Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances Melissa Long told the board she has been speaking to KSU Associate VP for Facilities Planning and Operations to coordinate with us programing for seniors and physical health and wellness. Doug Pierson wants to sit down with John and Melissa to discuss future plans related to seniors.

Correspondence

Incoming We have a new laborer position to fill the opening created with the promotion of Russell Heeman. According to union policy, the position was awarded to Matt Benson who has ten years' experience with the city in the Service and Water Departments. He will start on Monday.

Revenue No Questions

Expenditures No Questions

Park Report. The Tannery entrance to Riveredge Park has been renovated using pervious pavers to match those used at the Tannery. The underbrush was cleaned up and a small paver pad installed with a picnic table. We mulched and put in stone borders. The next step will be to fix up the trail under the Haymaker Bridge. At Forest Lake the tot playground was installed, John showed pictures to the board. A bush was transplanted to buffer the nearest house from the new playground.

Recreation Report. We have 14 teams in the outdoor basketball league. The teams are from Kent, Field, Streetsboro, Stow, and Ravenna. Art in the Park has 101 artist. Please take some rack cards to distribute. Registration for the School Age Child Care has started. Megan will hire 1 administrator and 3 pm rec leaders. Wednesdays we have the cooking program at Davey and the Rec. This is how we used the grant money from the Rotary Club.

Director Report

1. We have an easement drawing that we all agree on. Right now John is negotiating the price.
2. Proposals have been received from 6 groups. Interviews will start in the next few weeks
3. The new tot playground is under way.

4. Riveredge Park entrance renovation are completed. We removed old railroad ties and street bricks and scrub brush. We added pavers and a sign and native stone border.
5. The laborer position was posted internally. The bid was picked up by Matt who has worked for water plant and central maintenance the past 10 years.
6. John met with the classification committee and they are unwilling to make changes to the class schedule. The Recreation Supervisor position has a greater responsibility than in past years. The Recreation Supervisor is responsible for over 50 part time and seasonal positions and has a greater contact with the public than other positions in this classifications. Pete asked if we could take it to council. John suggested making a subclass 3A would be a good compromise.
7. This mou is to partner with Kent City School for another 5 years. We have a great relationship with the schools and would like to continue and John recommends renewal for another 5 year period. **A motion is made to renew our working with Kent City Schools for another 5 years. Kelley moved and Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

At 6:30 the meeting closed.