

Kent Parks and Recreation
September 20, 2018
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta
Jack Neuzil
Kim Ball
Debbie Smeiles

Staff Present:

John Idone
Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Sam Tuttle

Council Liaison
Gwen Rosenberg

At 5:30 the meeting was called to order. Roll was noted. Sam was out in the park, we had several trees come down. **Jack made a motion to accept August minutes. Kelley seconded and there was no more discussion and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Correspondence None

Revenue No questions

Expenditures The report includes 4 AED for P&R that needed to be upgraded.

Park Report No questions

Recreation Report We had discussed what we are doing for the artist since we cancelled Sunday at Art in the Park. We may give the returning artist a discount. John is waiting for the final budget. In youth basketball Nancy is adding girls to the Portage County League for 4th 5th and 6th graders. We will be using the KSU wellness center. We can use 2 courts at \$35 per hour. This is less than the schools are charging for Stanton.. The parents get free parking and would not be charged to watch. We also have 160 kids for Flag Football and their last game will be under the lights at Dix Stadium again. The Black Squirrel Running Club has 60 enrolled. The adult sewing class is getting a lot of comments on Facebook, people seem to want an evening class. So Nancy is talking with the instructor. Megan has hired a Longcoy administrator and that is the last staff needed. Karen and Nancy will be going to North Carolina for an ACTIVE Net training. Nancy is also looking at E pact which is similar to final forms that the schools use. We would be using it for the before and after school program. No wifi is need and all the info is available on tablet or phone. Nancy was also talking with Peerfit a company that offers workout benefits for employees who have Aenta insurance. This is a program similar to Silver Sneakers.

Director Report

1. John and the owners will meet next week and he will show the benefits of the easement.
2. The final change order for the Portage was reduced by \$11,000 and over all by \$13,000. This section is from the esplanade to the Tannery
3. The developer has agreed to the Park fee. Pete made a motion to accept the park fee of 58 units x 2.0 person/unit x .01= 1.16 acres x \$30K/acre=\$34,800 for the Park Fee of 227 Franklin Ave. Debbie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Woody who ran our Kramer Concession Stand has had health issues and cannot fulfill the contract for the rest of the year. Lillian Denning will sell for the next 6 weeks for Fridays and Sundays only during adult softball.
5. The dedication plaque will be installed on Saturday September 29 at 11am. Hal Walker will have a choir and speakers there. The board members are invited.
6. Cathy Ricks and staff will have children's activities at the Creativity Festival.

Additional: John asked Suzanne about the classification change for Nancy. He was told it was turned down by Dave Coffee and Dave Ruller. He had thought they reached a compromise for the 4A. They will consider it in the future and said it wasn't a critical position. John said she has a huge impact on the community. Pete asked if we can take it to City Council and they can overrule it, but maybe board members could ask council why the committee turned down the class half step. Gwen agreed to speak with Dave Ruller about this matter.

Meeting ended at 6:30