

Kent Parks and Recreation
February 18, 2016 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Kim Ball
Jack Neuzil
Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta

Staff Present:

John Idone
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Sam Tuttle
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison
Melissa Long

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Role was noted, Debbie is out of town. **A motion was made to accept January's minutes, with one correction the word *going* should be *doing*, Jack moved to accept the minutes with the correction and Kim seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances Did not attend.

Correspondence No Correspondence

Revenue The board did not have any questions.

Expenditures John let them know the \$10,000 is for the fitness center 4 month payment.

Park Report We had to clear the sidewalks at the last snow and the last time all the new recycling containers were blocking the sidewalks.

Recreation Report We are beginning a new class, fencing and the class is full. We start meetings for the Adult Easter Egg Hunt if anyone knows potential sponsors. The foot skills clinics are also full. March 5 we are offering CPR and/or First Aid certification.

1. A student from Roosevelt would like to use the stage for a play and a rehearsals. John would like board approval to waive the rental fee. **Kim moved to allow Emmy Larison use of the stage for her production with no fee. Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
2. Audiology students from NOAC at KSU and UA would like to put on a small 5k walk/run in Al Lease Park called Get into gEAR. **John would like board approval to waive the fee. Kim move to allow Get into gEar use of Al Lease trails for no fee. Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. We will be listed as a sponsor and included on the insurance waiver.**
3. The final plan review will be moved up to December of 2016, and we will advertise for bids in the spring instead of the fall of 2017. John feels he will get better price bidding earlier in the construction season.
4. We are trying to get the restroom concession building sooner.
5. Annual reports were handed out and this shows the scope of all our projects.
6. Jim Silver the Law Director recommended a couple of changes to the city code to bring us up to current practices.
 - a. An annual review of all the parks and facilities instead of a quarterly review. We have more parks and staff and we regularly monitor the parks and facilities.
 - b. We have programs in place for many populations and work with Kent State. We no longer have KABC and other groups on our board. The only required relationship on the board would be Kent City Council and Kent Board of Education.

Jack makes a motion to accept the changes in the code per the letter with Jim Silver and Kim seconds and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Council approved the acquisition of the Betkoski Property. We will give the tenant time to move out, we do not want to be in the rental business. We would have to bring it up to code. John is looking into a grant to tear the house down.
8. John finalized a brochure for memorial trees and benches. **He would like the board to approve the brochure, Kim so moved and Jack seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
9. We worked with IBIS in October 2007 on finding a partnership for a Rec Center. We had in 2007 programs and the land to put into the project, but no money. Summa moved to Golden Pond and up in Hudson to Western Reserve. We now have a couple of great parcel and passed our operating levies to permanent status. We want to find the right partner such as UH Robinson, Crystal Clinic or Kent City Schools. With a bond issue we would have more control and more to offer. They also help run fitness centers and get them up and running. We want to be community friendly and combine with a partner

At 7:55 the meeting adjourned.