

Kent Parks and Recreation
March 17, 2016 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Kim Ball
Jack Neuzil
Peter Orlando
Kelley Labajetta
Debbie Smeiles

Staff Present:

John Idone
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison
Melissa Long

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Role was noted. Sam is on vacation. **A motion was made to accept February's minutes, with one correction; the heading for Director Report was missing. Debbie moved to accept the minutes with the correction and Jack seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None Scheduled.

Correspondence None

Monthly Revenue No Questions

Monthly Expenditures The Time Warner bill is for the internet at the Fitness Center. Melissa suggest John check into the contract of Time Warner for the city rate.

Park Report A lot of the landscaping has been done early because of the mild weather. 20 stumps in Fred Fuller have been ground down. The storm sewer at Al Lease Parks and Kramer 2 have been scraped.

Recreation Report Nancy said this year is the first year in 7 years we have had a major sponsor for youth baseball and softball. Duncan Donuts logo will be printed on every shirt and they will participate in our opening day ceremony, April 30th. We have over 400 in the Adult Egg Scramble and over \$2000 in prizes. Kent Youth Football would like to use the Rec Center for 4 Saturdays to do their registration this year. Nancy wanted to charge the group to cover staff cost. John said this year we will waive the fee but to let them know there will be a cost next year. **Debbie moves to waive the rental fee for Kent Youth Football and Debbie seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Megan has the Schoolz Out Skating Field Trip tomorrow, and the Spring Break Child Care is almost full.
Director Report

1. The State Route 59 project is moving along, and on schedule. Geotech will drill along the trail alignment and the retaining wall in Tannery Park.
2. John asked the board for a motion to accept the Fitness Center lease for one year with the recommended options for 3 additional years. Melissa asked if we could paint, John said it was time to spruce it up and maybe KSU Art Department is looking for a project. There was no more discussion **and Debbie moves to accept the lease terms and Pete seconded and all were in favor ant the motion passed unanimously.**
3. Council approved the purchase agreement and appropriated the necessary funds, now the title is being prepared. John asked for a motion to extend the lease to the current renter to June 15, 2016. **Kim moves to extend the lease and Debbie seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
4. Three firms have the RFP and will send in proposals.

5. The legal ad was run for 2 Mondays. We received 1 bid. KSU has offered \$200 plus 5% plus they are adding new features such as guided nature float **Debbie made a motion to accept the lowest qualified bid: from Kent State Crooked River Adventures. Kim Seconded and all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**
6. We are still waiting on the restroom/concession building. If it doesn't show up in time for the season we would have to bid out the concession sales.
7. Clean up of the area behind Kramer Fields is ongoing. They are removing the top 6 inches of soil and placing it in containers and mixing with soil to dry it out and test it. They have removed trees and have to replace them 2:1. We had the Redmond Bridge tested before and after they brought in their heavy equipment.
8. We were funded by the CDBG grant for \$20,000 for The Portage 59 segment.
9. Mr Acken is interested in selling his entire parcel and it has an active mining permit that is transferable. Negotiations are continuing. The City Engineer is working on signs for bikes and vehicles on Middlebury Rd.
10. We originally received this parcel to make a trail head and access River Bend. We do not have the rights to cross the tracks so those plans were not feasible. ABC needs to add another building and could use this land. Council was told the P&R Board would have to approve the sale and John would like a motion to sell the parcel for \$30,000 an acre. The board would like the parcel shortened up to keep access and a possible trailhead. **Debbie moved to give conditional approval to allow access for parking from Davey Rd. Kim seconded and there was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Additional: Dave Ruller had someone want to donate skate ramp 14 foot wide and 25 by 25 feet high and deep. This doesn't meet safety standards. This ramp is called skate lite and has a 10 year life but is already 6 years old. Insurance would only cover if it is brand new and from a reputable manufacture. John recommends not getting this ramp.

At 8:20 we go to executive session. AT 8:37 executive session ended.

The board directed John to request any and all correspondence from Community Development and the developers of the LN Gross building. Debbie made the motion and Kim seconded and all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Koogler wanted to know if the stairs to Heritage Park were ever going to be fixed. John said they are part of the AMATS 2020/2021 development plan. We are waiting for the grant. The meeting adjourns at 8:40.