

Kent Parks and Recreation
April 21, 2016 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Kim Ball
Debbie Smeiles
Peter Orlando

Staff Present:

John Idone
Sam Tuttle
Karen Magilavy

Council Liaison
Melissa Long

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Role was noted, Kelley and Jack had other obligations. Megan is at Kindergarten registration and Nancy has calling hours. In March minutes it said Debbie made a motion and seconded it. Debbie made the motion and Kim seconded the motion regarding waiving the rental fee for Kent Youth Football. **A motion was made to accept March's minutes, with one correction. Debbie moved to accept the minutes with the correction and Kim seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None Scheduled.

Correspondence

Incoming John spoke with Sean and he did not have enough information at this time and he suggested to Sean to try Home Savings Stage

Outgoing We already have a response to the memorial flyer, Bissler's Funereal Home excited to offer this to anyone interested.

Parks Report There have been multiple repairs on mowers and we may not get all the mowing done this week. The Fishcreek playground has been completed. Sam has two Eagle Projects going on now, picnic tables and pet stations.

Recreation Report The Egg Scramble went well \$2000 was spent and \$2500 in donations came in. The children's Egg Hunt also went really well.

Director Report

1. The Bike Trail (59 segment) Project is going well there will be an update meeting next week. We will still need an appraisal even though Walgreens is donating the right of way.
2. Council approved the lease and it has been signed and delivered.
3. The sale closed Friday, there was a delay because the property description didn't state clearly The City of Akron owns the right of way. Council approved the tenant staying until the end of June.
4. John, Nancy and the board gave points to the 3 different firms after reviewing the proposals. All agreed that Brandstetter Carrol and Ibis were the top two choices. BC showed more of an end product and evaluated sites and their approach included a more detailed planning process that included public participation. We will have to have a bond issue, so we will need to get the public engagement. BC has offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Lexington Kentucky. Ibis has home office in North Carolinas and had older projects, but they did the center in Hudson. The Gateway group specializes in larger projects such as stadiums and arenas, they did not fit our criteria. Everyone agrees that BC is the best choice.
5. Council approved the Canoe Livery Lease with KSU. They will open River Day May 21st.
6. The bottom 4 feet of the concession stand will match the bridge. The fabrication subcontractor had the wrong stone forms which caused a delay. We expect building completion in June.

7. The hazardous site clearing clean up makes a nice trail around to the river. We may leave it open and mulch it to make a trail.
8. They are currently surveying the site and reduced it by 30 feet for future trail access.
9. See correspondence.
10. 6x6 sign post painted by the park crew and will be installed very soon.
11. John has photos included in the board packet of the new playground at Fishcreek

Additional: We had a sign dismantled by the Crain Ave trail. We fortunately found all the pieces and it takes a special tool to dismantle it. The fence has been repaired 5 times in the last 2 weeks. We have contacted the KPD. John will contact the railroad again.

The Presbyterian Church on Summit Rd is proposing a high rise student rental on their property. It would contain 367 beds and is fast tracked through planning commission. They cannot give land for the park fee. Therefore John recommends 367x .01 acer per person; 3.67 acres x \$30,000 = \$110,000 that the city will match. This will provide capital for future trail projects. **A motion was made to accept the fee of \$110,000 in lieu of land. There was no more discussion and Kim moved to accept the motion and Debbie seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Adjourned at 8pm