

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

Members Present:

Kim Ball
Jack Neuzil
Peter Orlando

Staff Present:

John Idone
Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns

Council Liaison
Melissa Long absent

The meeting was called to order and roll was noted, Kelley was absent and Debbie is out of town. Sam is on vacation. There is a corrections for June's meeting. In the Rec report the word need should be needed. **Kim approves the minutes for June and Jack seconds, there is no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Revenue No questions

Expenditures No questions

Park Report The crew has worked on installing permanent seating at the backwoods stage. They have been cleaning and painting signs. They are now mulching downtown.

Recreation Report This year we have received an increase from the Art in the Park sponsor; Jo Woodard Foundation. We have received \$5000, we would like to have a banner made recognizing them. Numbers have been increasing for the otter race, if any board members would like volunteer, just let Nancy know. Portage County Open has been going well, Nancy is learning how to run a tournament. Darcy Wright has rented all the pavilions at Plum Creek for a neighborhood picnic. There was a lot of alcohol and trash at the event last year and John will ask the police department to be aware of the situation.

Director Report

1. The improvements at the Tannery parking lot has to go to Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning. A variance may be needed. The original lot was built before the riparian set back was a requirement. Now all parking lots within a 200 foot limit from the Cuyahoga River must use pervious pavement. The final plan will be submitted to ODOT and it will go to the Planning Commission on September 6 .
2. John and Nancy have started visits of other recreation centers, yesterday they went to the Natatorium in Cuyahoga Falls and Twinsburg Fitness Center. The survey is still continuing, and after the reports are finished Bransteder-Caroll will give a report to the Board and City Council. Pete asked if they will share financial information. John said they have been very open.
3. The tenants at 745 Longcoy have moved out. The house needs to be torn down. The demolition will cost an estimated \$15,000 and that includes the little trailer on the property across Middlebury Rd. John is having the water, electric, sewer, and gas turned off. John will have to increase the contractual line to cover the expense. **Jack made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$15,000 in the contractual line and Kim seconded, there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**
4. The State of Ohio Building Department needs certification on the hot and cold water mixer for the concession/restroom building. We now have the certification. The precast wall pictures are in the director report. Delivery is expected in late September.

5. This item was covered in Park Report
6. The signs turned out very nice.
7. The paving at Fred Fuller is a major improvement and is a connection to the trail. Section 4 was also paved with a new base.
8. The Dr. Walter Lang trail head had a "trail diet" which is downsizing a trail to look like a trail instead of a roadway. John met with the couple who own the lot next to the trail and explained how it was going to look. Originally it was an emergency access road into the development. Now it is much more inviting.

The meeting ended at 7:43.