

Kent Parks and Recreation
January 19, 2017 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Jack Neuzil
Kim Ball
Debbie Smeiles
Kelley Labajetta

Staff Present:

John Idone
Sam Tuttle
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns

Council Liaison
Melissa Long

The meeting was called to order and role was noted, Nancy is at Men's Basketball. In November minute's item #3 in the Director Report has the word *the* two times in a row, and Nancy is listed twice. In correspondence the word donation should be donations. **Jack moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Debbie seconded; all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearance: Blake Osborn of Crooked River Adventures stopped by to tell us about last summer. It was Blake's first year as full time program manager. Having a full time manager went smoother than having a student running the program. New this year was the addition of teaching paddle board and river safety. They bought 2 tandem kayaks and they were booked all season long. They had tubing from Tannery to Middlebury Rd. access ramp. Water levels were low in July and they offered group trips at Mogadore Reservoir instead but people still wanted to take the river trips. When the parking lot at Tannery gets redone we will do half at a time so the trails can remain open. The parking will be reduced but customers can use the parking space across the street too. John will meet with Blake to discuss an alternative site at Fred Fuller during the 60 day construction period. Blake distributed the 2016 Crooked River Annual Report.

Correspondence:

Incoming. Council accepted the donation from The Christenson Foundation for flowers at the park entryways.

Outgoing None

Revenue Kim asked if we could show month to month comparison. No other questions.

Expenses The packet had 2 months because December's meeting was cancelled. No questions

Park Report The Shelterhouse had a frozen water pipe in the ladies rest room. The renters worked with us and were very understanding while we worked on repairs.

Recreation Report The KPR Kidz Club is up to 147 kids. Summer camp registration opens to families in the Kidz Club program February 1st. We did not have any attendance at the Senior Workshop. Melissa said she and two others went to the fitness center, but they did not preregister. The calendar will be at the Post Office on Monday.

Director Report

1. The appraisals have come in and we offered both the appraised value with 18 to 20 months to close. Exec session to discuss land purchases.
2. John included the three pages that are going to be in the calendar. Hopefully this will generate support and community interest
3. John and Nancy met with David Coffee the city finance director and bond counsel to discuss the options for financing the Health & Wellness Center. They highly recommended getting a financial advisor to secure the most advantageous bond rating and low interest rate. Pete asked if the advisor would be independent. Yes probably from a large company with experience preparing for bond issues.
4. Included in the packet is a pro forma for operating cost and revenues. The facility could need support in the first few years, we have the financial reserve to subsidize the operation. Melissa asked about the chart on the first page almost all have pools? We have a pool in phase 2. She asked about dedicated senior room to meet senior needs. There are 50% seniors property owners in Kent. We will have intergenerational use rooms with dedicated times and a Senior Programmer and the walking track will be a big draw too. Could John talk to PARTA about getting on the bus route?
5. Covered in correspondence.

6. We were successful in changing the lockdown date move to spring to enable bidding in March or April and award by June.
7. Council approved the Freedom Connection Connector easement to facilitate Summit Metroparks acquisition of the Kisamore Property needed to connect the trails. The plans went to ODOT and they will be reviewed and then out to bid in March.
8. Council approved the Walgreens easement. The easement is not included in the project cost and we have to pay it.

Additional Pete asked how the clean up behind Kramer 4 was going. They are done moving the contaminated soil. And are bringing top soil and getting ready for trees. Should be done by mid-February. Melissa asked about the Community Action Council summer meals for low income kids. We have done those meals at the Rec for the last couple years and they have had issues with getting staff to work their program. Staff will meet with them to see if we can work things out to continue the meal program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.