

Kent Parks and Recreation
May 18, 2017 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Debbie Smeiles
Kim Ball
Jack Neuzil

Staff Present:

John Idone
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy

Council Liaison
Melissa Long

Kim called the meeting to order. Roll was noted and Kelley, Sam, and Nancy are excused. **Pete moves to accept the minutes and Jack seconds, there is no more discussion and the motion passes unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence Incoming None

Outgoing Land and Water Conservation Fund requested photos. John sent them in as required.

Revenue No Questions

Expenditures The easement on the list is for the Walgreens section of the new trail.

Park Report The new restrooms are open to the public. Summer staff has been hired. We are caught up with mowing. Pete said the fields look great.

Recreation Sports Camp and Rec Camp start in May and the rest in June. We have 9 in the babysitter class, the class is a requirement to assist in any of the summer camps. Megan had staff at all the schools for Kindergarten registration and there is a lot of interest in the afterschool program. The Ultimate Fitness Challenge starts in May. River Day will be May 20th at the Farmers Market and there will be activities at Plum Creek also.

Director Report

1. We had to purchase a commercial refrigerator and freezer for the concession stand and the AED has been installed on Kramer 3. Foul ball netting was installed higher than the original backstop to keep the balls out of the picnic area. Angelo's Pizza is doing well. The concession items were approved with the exception of sunflower seeds and gum.
2. There are 2 different options for the Health & Wellness Center financing; the first is a levy that has broad purposes and could be capital or operating costs. It could put the city close to the state code 10 mill inside millage limitation. It could limit the city's ability to fund other capital projects. The second choice is a voted bond levy. We cannot use it for operating cost or toward past land purchase but we can purchase future land up to 30 years. The choice is \$19 million or \$17.5 million the term will be for 28 years. The cost to bond \$19m for a \$100,000 home would be \$8.06 a month and for the \$17.5 would be \$6.05 a month. The board can choose and make a recommendation to council or we can allow them to decide. **Pete made the motion to go with option #2 the bond levy at \$17.5. Debbie seconds and all are in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
3. The Tobacco Free Play Zone is voluntary there is no ordinance yet. The signs have been installed in the dugouts and athletic fields.
4. The board liked the plaque for Robert Wright. The relief of Robert's head was returned to be fixed. It will be hung beside the front door of the Rec Center. Nancy is planning a dedication for June 25th.
5. The pre-bid meeting will be Tuesday and the bids are due June 1st. Park crew may be able to handle some of the smaller line items; stump removal, and landscaping to save some money if these items are non-performed.
6. The canoe livery lease was signed and delivered.
7. We need board approval to sell alcohol during the Queen of Hearts pending approval of city council. We would be named in the insurance coverage. The barrier could be a ribbon or signage. We are not doing the one proposed festival on the July 4 downtown holiday weekend. The central maintenance staff already has a lot to do that weekend. They will provide security and pay our police. **Debbie moves to approve alcohol being sold at the July 23rd Queen of Hearts events, pending final city council approval. Jack seconded and there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

8. We have drained down our capital line with the bridge, restrooms and bike trail. 2018 is a very conservative budget with minimum increases. **Debbie made a motion to accept the 2018 budget request and Pete seconded and all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

At 8:30 the meeting adjourned.