

Kent Parks and Recreation
July 20, 2017 7pm
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Debbie Smeiles
Kim Ball
Jack Neuzil

Staff Present:

John Idone
Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy

Kim called the meeting to order. Roll was noted and Kelley, and Melissa, are excused Sam and Megan are on vacation. There is a corrections to June's minutes "Jack seconds the minutes" should be "Jack seconds the motion to accept the minutes" **Pete moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. There was no more discussion and Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence

Incoming 1. & 2. Western Reserve Land Conservancy completed the annual inspection of the Gavrilloff & Liske property. There have been some neighbors dumping yard waste on the property, and we have cleaned it up.

Outgoing 1. We have another donation for a tree from the Beech Norwood Neighbors.

Revenue No comments

Expenditures No questions

Park Report The parks are looking good.

Recreation Report Summer Basketball league has started with 18 teams registered. Sheila Shiu and Nancy have been putting the tennis brackets together for the Portage County Tennis Tournament. Sheila is also giving tennis lessons now and in the fall. The Otter Race 5k and 10k numbers are low. We have received \$5000 from the Jo Woodard Foundation for 2017 Art in the Park.

Director Report

1. The resolution did not pass last night. Only 7 council people attended, and 7 votes are needed to pass the resolution. The vote was 6 to 1 with John Kuhar voting no on both the Health and Wellness and 500 Middlebury Rd Acquisition. When John finds out if there will be a special council meeting to vote again he will let the board members know.
2. See item 1
3. Covered in correspondence.
4. The Contractor Performance Bonds and Notice to Proceed for the 59 segment of The Portage will be issued next Monday. Crooked River Adventures will move their operation from the Tannery up into Fred Fuller Park off of Stow Street during the parking lot construction phase. The trail will remain open to Stow Street during construction.
5. John has submitted the BOC and got a very good price for the new pickup truck under the State Purchasing Program.
6. The Queen of Hearts is cancelled for July 23 because someone won the pot. The Akron Symphonic Wind concert has been moved to the stage at Dan Smith Park. We are cosponsoring with Main Street Kent.
7. The redevelopment of 315 Gougler will require an easement for the trail near Brady's Leap. There is a small section that will have a retaining wall due to construction of a bioretention cell required by the parking lot construction. The developer is putting a parking lot where the triangle dry cleaners used to be and the public will be able to use it after hours and on weekends.
8. A study is under way to possible reduce SR 261 one lane except the section SR 43 to Campus Center Drive. The volume doesn't justify 2 lanes. Pedestrians cannot cross with ease and 2 lanes encourages speeding. In the future maybe a trail and traffic circles for traffic calming
9. Seniors should be heard. John handed out a news release from the AARP showing seniors want senior centers to be integrated, not the stand alone centers. They want to be integrated into the community. There will be meeting at the Shelterhouse September 14. John wants to bring in a specialist in senior design and will seat a proposal for additional planning.

Meeting adjourned