

Kent Parks and Recreation  
March 21, 2019  
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

**Members Present:**

Peter Orlando  
Jack Neuzil  
Neil Dukes

**Staff Present:**

John Idone  
Sam Tuttle  
Karen Magilavy  
Megan Johns  
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison Absent

Gwen Rosenberg

The meeting started at 5:30, roll was noted. The correction are as following: “the rec is classroom” should be the rec classroom and “plowing block off access” should read when the businesses block off the sidewalks with their plowing. **Jack moves to accept the minutes and Neil seconded and there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances KSU Adventure Center Chris Lucas and Greg Bailey gave a presentation about KSU Adventure Center’s last year. Safety is their number 1 priority. The canoe and kayaking are their most popular services. The most popular trip is to Brust Park. They will also be participating in The Xtingish Torch Festival. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached.

Correspondence None

Revenue No questions

Expenditures No questions

Park Report We are wrapping up at the Rec, currently working on windows and gutters. GAASA travel soccer will start in a couple weeks. The fields will be lined.

Recreation Report The registration for the Adult Egg Hunt opens tomorrow at 9am. The Spring Break Child Care is full and we have a waiting list.

Director Report

1. The School Board has appointed Jake Ferlito to our Parks and Recreation Board and his term runs through 3/27/22.
2. This evening at 7pm there is a meeting on EDG’s Brady’s Leap Project Design at the Roy Smith Shelterhouse. We are having this public meeting to display project plans and rendering and inviting public questions.
3. The livery lease is in the third and final year. KSU has won the bid three times and it is recommended that we request that City Council waive the bidding requirement since they are a state agency. The term of the lease will be five years with a five year extension.
4. The Torch Festival is waiting to see if they got the grant from The Portage Foundation. The paddlers will come down the river and pass the torch in Kent then continue over the next few days to Cascade Metro parks, CVNP and finishing in the Flats in downtown Cleveland. In Kent the sculpture will be unveiled and the Wick Poetry will sponsor poetry readings along with food, exhibitors and music.
5. An open house will be held 4/4 in Cuyahoga Falls for the Cuyahoga River Water Trail. Let John know if you wish to attend.
6. The Rec has undergone quite the transformation from a kitchen to a classroom. It is a nice addition.
7. We are being awarded \$10,000 for engineering and design from this year’s CDBG program.
8. We are advertising for bids for the concession stand

9. The 3 year lease for the Fitness Center coming due in May. They are asking for an increase to \$2750/mo for years 1 & 2 and \$2800/mo for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. **We need a motion to take this to council to authorize. Jack made the motion and Neil seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
- At 6:30 the meeting ended.