

Kent Parks and Recreation
August 15, 2019 5:30
Kent Parks & Recreation Office

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Debbie Smeiles
Jack Neuzil
Neil Dukes
Jake Ferlito

Staff Present:

Nancy Pizzino
Karen Magilavy
Megan Johns
Sam Tuttle

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

The meeting started at 5:30, roll was noted. **Debbie made a motion to accept the July minutes as printed and Neil seconded there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondence None

Revenue Nancy gave the board a new format for the revenue. It shows month to month comparison and is easier to read.

Expenditures No questions.

Park Report Sam can't wait for school to start so the graffiti stops. The crew is building a catch basin at the Rec for the playground. This will prevent mulch from washing away.

Recreation Report Soccer and Flag Football are starting. Our travel soccer is growing. We have a few teams in a new league called Ohio Travel Soccer and we also have teams in GAASA. We have a new fitness class called Fit for Mom and the instructor will also offer personal training and senior classes. The last week of summer camps went well. Megan is preparing for school year. We have 162 children enrolled. Megan is looking for afterschool rec leaders. Babysitter Training will be held at Kent Free Library again.

Director Report

1. Last Wednesday Nancy was at the Cuyahoga River Water Trail meeting. The signs have been design and will be ordered. There will be a dedication on October 4th at Waterworks Park.
2. The Water Reclamation Crew has cleaned out the trough at the dam. The dam pool has some downed trees and water looks dirty and stagnant. Nancy met with Melanie Baker the Service Director about cleaning the area.
3. Wright Heating will be doing the installation of a new furnace and air conditioning unit. The a/c will be installed in the spring so there is a full year warranty.
4. Paving will begin the week of September 12th. Two areas at Plum Creek will be paved and the Trail head at Middlebury by Thompkins.
5. Self-explanatory
6. The Rotary has awarded a playground grant for a new playground at the Rec Center. The Rotary Club members are going to help spread mulch and prep for the playground. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony later in September.
7. The Portage County Regional Planning Commission is working on an interactive map of Portage County. Todd Peetz the Director of the Commission met with Nancy and they went over all the city's parks and amenities. Todd has been invited to the next board meeting.
8. The Jeep Compass has arrived. This is a vehicle for use by recreation staff.

At 6pm the meeting adjourned.

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Mr. Orlando called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Board members present:

Debbie Smeiles,

Jake Ferlito,

Jack Neuzil,

Neil Dukes,

Peter Orlando

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg.

Staff Present:

Suzanne Stemnock

At 6:34pm, Mr. Orlando stated there was an Executive Session.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN ACCORDANCE

WITH ORC §121.22 (G)(1): "To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing" made by Ms. Smeiles, seconded by Mr. Ferlito. Motion CARRIED with a voice vote 5-0.

At 6:35pm The Board began Executive Session.

At 7:14pm, The Board came out of Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting in open forum.

At 7:15pm, motion to appoint Kevin G. Schwartzhoff to the Director of Parks & Recreation position was made by Mr. Dukes, seconded by Mr. Ferlito. On roll call voting, "Yes" votes: Mr. Ferlito, Mr. Dukes, and Ms. Smeiles and "No" votes: Mr. Orlando and Mr. Neuzil. Motion passed with three (3) votes in favor and two (2) against.

At 7:16pm, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Smeiles, seconded by Mr. Dukes and carried by voice vote 5-0