

Kent Parks and Recreation
February 20, 2020
Old Jail 5:30 497 Middlebury Rd

Members Present:

Peter Orlando
Neil Dukes
Jake Ferlito

Staff Present:

Kevin Schwartzhoff
Sam Tuttle
Megan Johns
Karen Magilavy
Nancy Pizzino

Council Liaison

Gwen Rosenberg

The meeting started at 5:30, roll was noted. Debbie is not in attendance. There were no corrections or additions to the December minutes. **Jake made a motion to accept the January minutes as printed and Neil seconded there was no more discussion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Personal Appearances None

Correspondences None

Revenue No questions

Expenditures No questions

Park Report Sam got free gravel from Central Maintenance chip and seal clean up; they used it to fill a massive trench. The trench is by the Fairchild Soccer Fields and will help intercept the water flow away from the soccer fields. The new dump truck is ordered and we will get in a few months. The dump truck is the same size and only requires CDL class B. The crew has class B. Tim Harrod was hired and got his CDL.

Recreation Report Nancy is starting tackle football with the High School Coach and Marcus Wright. They only had 40 kids last year. She spoke with the city's insurance risk manager and went over risk control with him. It was previously a parent run organization. It will now be under our umbrella and we will handle the support and paperwork. Our Flag Football program had 190 kids, we will move Flag to the spring and have tackle in Summer/Fall. In the spring we can offer flag to older groups too. Nancy met with Bob from Danbury Assisted living and he will be doing a Brain Fitness Workshop at the Fitness Center. We will have a ceremony for Jack Neuzil former Parks Board Member April 3rd also at Danbury. The 6th grade basketball had their tournament at the MACC Center. Megan told the board we are offering a new program at Spring Break Hawaiian Hangout Jr. for the preschool age group.

Director Report

1. Brandstetter Carroll will upload a file to make corrections to the master plan. Pat will be at the next board meeting.
2. The CDBG grant is to redo the parking lot at the Rec Center. It will update the handicap space too.
3. The Brady Leap Trail is start this fall. **A motion was made to accept ODNR Trail Fund Grant. Neil so moved and Jake seconded and all were in favor.**
4. We were approve for the trail mitigation plan. There is no cost to us, they will fund and get credits. In 1 year they will get started. Ohio Wetlands owns property near Jesse Smith Wildlife Preserve. They will remove invasive species and will recreate the wetlands and give the property to us to maintain after 10 years. **A motion was made to work with Ohio Stream and Wetland Foundation on this mitigation plan and they will manage all aspects of design, and implementation and maintenance for the first 10+ years. Jake so moves and Neil seconds and the motion passed unanimously.**

Additional: Harrison from the City Manager's office is applying for a Bike Friendly Grant. The schools have a levy on the ballot March 17th.