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Park & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, 02.07.2022 – 7:00p
Meeting Minutes

Present Commission Members: Lynn Harrington, John Grant, Blythe Everett, Michael Perkins, Abigail Smith Hanby (*late*)
Also Present: Alternate Committee Members Julia Neff & Diane Impastato, Director of Park & Recreation Jared Kuczenski, Town Selectman Rufus deRham

Call to order: Lynn Harrington calls the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Director of Recreation & Parks Jared Kuczenski requests to amend the agenda to include a discussion of Baseball & Softball program ideas. This is added to the agenda as section 8.c.ii.

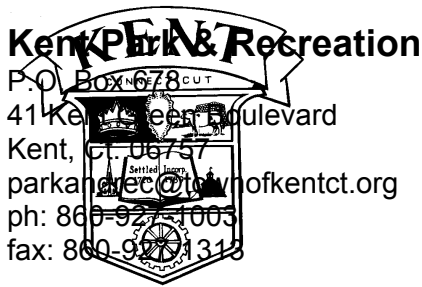
Motion to accept amended agenda: Motion made by John Grant, carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Jared Kuczenski said there is no correspondence to report at this time.

Director's Report: Jared Kuczenski gave a report on recent department activities and goals (see attached).

Old Business:

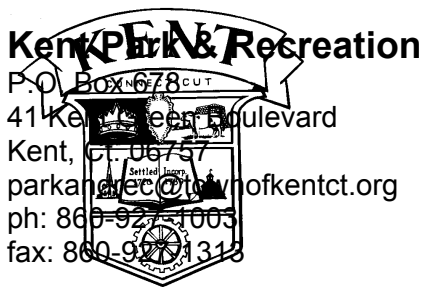
- Learn-to-Skate
 - Jared Kuczenski reports that he will be meeting with program coordinator Lee Sohl during the next week to learn about the program.
- Free-Skate
 - John Grant reports that he has spoken with the Kent School regarding use of their ice rink on Sundays for this program and that it will cost the town \$300 per hour.
 - Lynn Harrington states that this program will run for one hour on Sundays, for three straight Sundays. Dates are to be determined.
- Ski & Snowboard Club
 - Julia Neff reports that the program was successful and there is some outstanding work to be done on billing and refunds.
- Director of Park & Rec Search Committee
 - Lynn Harrington requests a meeting of this committee to approve minutes and dissolve committee.
- ASP Director Committee
 - Lynn Harrington reports that despite significant applicants only one was interested in interviewing. That interviewee was not able to make her initial interview but Lynn will attempt to reschedule.
 - John Grant mentions that he spread the word about the need for an ASP Director at the most recent Board of Education meeting.



- Youth Basketball Clinic
 - Abigail Smith Hanby reports due to low signup numbers, the start of the program has been pushed back from 2/8 to 2/15.
 - Jared Kuczenski reports that signups are currently at roughly 30 children between the ages of 4 years old and 2nd grade.
- Seasonal Maintenance Contractor
 - Jared Kuczenski reports that he has received one quote from Ed Matson.
 - John Grant reminds that we will be taking quotes through 2/21/2022 and that we should expect more quotes from local businesses.
- Pickleball Court Prep
 - **Motion to pursue quotes for professional painting of pickleball lines on both tennis courts at Kent Commons Park:** Motion made by Blythe Everett, seconded by Abigail Smith Hanby, carried unanimously.
- Parks Master Plan Committee
 - No updates to report.
- Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
 - No updates to report.
- Five-Year Capital Plan:
 - Rufus deRham reports that we are late getting in our capital plan narrative in.
 - Abigail Smith Hanby states that she is unable to write the narrative at this point in time.
 - Rufus deRham and John Grant state that they will be able to write the narrative following the conclusion of this commission meeting.
- By-Laws & Constitution Committee
 - No updates to report.

New Business:

- Bartlett Tree Emerald Ash Borer Treatment
 - John Grant reminds the commission that this is a necessary service for the health of the trees at our parks and that the commission previously authorized the treatment to be performed.
 - Jared Kuczenski states that he will contact Bartlett to make sure the treatment is taken care of.
- Camp Kent & Emory Park
 - Lynn Harrington reports that she may have someone who is able to fix the pool and will check back in with the commission once she has further information.
 - Lynn Harrington also reports that she will be working with Jared Kuczenski to bring back and improve Camp Kent.
- USTA "Tennis in the Parks" Program
 - Julia Neff reports that she and Michael Perkins have been in touch with the USTA New England regarding this program.
 - Julia Neff states that this will be a 6-week program with hour-long sessions one weekday per week from April 30th through June 18th. Grades 1 & 2 will run from 3:30p to 4:30p and grades 3 & 4 will run from 4:30p to 5:30p.



- Julia Neff also states that the program will be a Park & Rec “Fee Program” costing participants \$60.
- Julia Neff also reports that the USTA will be providing coaches for the program.
- **Motion to run the “Tennis in the Parks” program for the spring of 2022:** Motion made by John Grant, carried unanimously.

- Baseball & Softball

- Jared Kuczenski states that he will be reaching out to other communities in the area to determine the baseball and softball opportunities the currently exist.
- Jared Kuczenski also states that he will be working on creating a program palette that will address baseball and softball needs for children 3 years old through 18 years old with emphasis on developing a foundation to build off of for the future.

Lynn Harrington reminds the commission that the next regular meeting is on February 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion made by Lynn Harrington at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Jared Kuczenski, Director of Park & Recreation

Signature: _____

Date: _____