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Kent Park and Recreation
Monthly Meeting
December 13, 2021, 7pm

Present: John Grant, Chairman Lynn Harrington, Diane Impastato, Kate Symonds, Blythe Everett, Julia Neff, Michael Perkins, Julia Neff

Call to Order - Ms. Harrington called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:11pm.

Elevation of Alternates - Ms. Everette made a motion to elevate alternates. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Acceptance of Agenda - Ms. Impastato made motion to accept the amended agenda. Ms. Neff seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence - Nothing to report

Public and Invited Guests - Anna Kennedy, James Valleskey, Rufus deRham

Director's Report - Nothing to report

Old Business-

Pickleball - Mr. Valleskey has been a pro pickleball player since 2014. He says it is a fast growing sport, it is easy to teach, and he feels that there is much interest in this area. It is less expensive than tennis and more people can play at once. Tennis courts can be easily modified with blue lines to accommodate pickleball. Mr. Valleskey typically charges \$40 per session and that cost would be divided between players. Program would run June, July, and August. Commission discussed. Ms. Everette made a motion to move forward to offer pickleball in the summer. Ms. Neff seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Director Search Committee update - Ms. Neff updated the commission. Subcommittee has had 2 days of interviews after narrowing 32 applicants to eight. They interviewed seven candidates and have further narrowed the pool. The subcommittee should be coming to commission soon with a candidate.

By-laws committee meeting update - Ms. Everette said the subcommittee met and discussed foundation documents and they are making progress.

Parks: RFP for maintenance worker - Mr. Grant has a job description ready to advertise. See Attached.

Parks Master Plan - Nothing to report

2021-22 Budget Monthly Report - Nothing to report

Five-Year Capital plan - Money in the Capital Budget now is designated for specific items (See Budget Documents). Commission discussed where money should be used. Any changes need to be submitted by Jan 7th and will need three branches of approval. Commission will meet early Jan to discuss any changes.

Approve 2022 meeting dates - Discussion of dates and holidays. Some changes were made to the proposed meeting schedule. Changes made - Meetings in Feb will be the 7th and 22nd. Meetings in Sept will be the 6th and the 19th. Meeting in Dec will be the 12th only. Ms. Impastato motion was made to approve the amended meeting schedule. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

After-School Program - Commission thanked Ms. Kennedy for stepping up to be the intern ASP Director. Ms. Kennedy said the program is going well overall. There are approximately 16 children per day. There has been some difficulty in working with the counselors. After School Director Search Subcommittee will be meeting this week to interview candidates. Ms. Kennedy will stay and train the new director.

Mohawk Mountain Ski Club - Ms. Neff updated the commission. 32 kids are registered. Registration is closed. Minor paperwork needs to be completed but otherwise program is ready to go.

Winter Programming

Learn to skate - No update.

Basketball - Ms. Neff updated commission from an email that Ms. Smith sent to her. The program can use KCS gym. Program will include PreK - 2nd grade, will run for 6 weeks, 90 minute sessions. There was some discussion on 90 minutes being too long for young children and adding grades 3-5. Ms. Neff made a motion to approve moving forward with the basketball program as she laid out from Ms. Smith's email. Ms. Everett seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Tai chi - Nothing to report

Commission appointments - Mr Perkins, Ms. Impastato, and Ms. Neff would like to stay on. Ms. Symonds would like to step down but upon Ms. Harrington's request, will stay on until the commission can find a replacement.

ASP Director Search committee update - Ms. Harrington updates the commission. ASP Director subcommittee has been meeting and will interview candidates this week.

Executive Session

- a. Ms. Everett made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Ms Everett made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 9:27pm.
- b. Ms. Symonds made a motion to hire Skyler Fitch as an ASP Counselor. Ms. Neff seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- c. Mr. Grant made a motion to make the Park and Rec director's salary range 54k - 60k. Ms. Symonds seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is Monday, Jan 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Harrington adjourned meeting at 9:31pm