

Kent Park & Recreation

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Park & Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, 03.21.2022 – 7:00p

Meeting Minutes

Present Commissioners: Lynn Harrington, John Grant, Rufus deRham, Michael Perkins, Abigail Smith Hanby, Kate Symonds, Blythe Everett. **Also Present:** Alternate Commissioner Julia Neff, Director of Park & Recreation Jared Kuczenski, Owner of First Person Sports Keith DiBuono.

Call to order: Lynn Harrington calls the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Lynn Harrington requests to amend the agenda by moving Tactical Laser Tag speaker Keith DiBuono up to speak and present immediately after Public Comment.

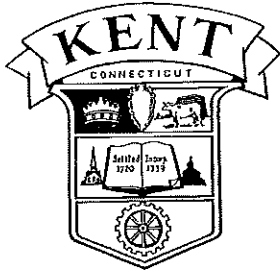
Motion to accept amended agenda: made by Rufus deRham, seconded by Michael Perkins, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from the regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting held on 02.22.2022: made by Blythe Everett, seconded by Rufus deRham, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from the regular Park & Recreation Commission Meeting held on 03.07.2022: made by Michael Perkins, seconded by Rufus deRham, carried unanimously.

New & Old Business:

- Youth Tactical Laser Tag
 - Keith DiBuono of First Person sports makes a presentation for running a joint Tactical Laser Tag program in coordination with Dover, NY Parks & Recreation. The program will be split with half of the matches taking place in Dover and half in Kent. Program will be open to children in 6th through 8th grade.
 - **Motion to run Tactical Laser Tag (as a fee program) in conjunction with the Town of Dover, NY:** made by John Grant, seconded by Rufus deRham, carried unanimously.
- USTA Tennis in the Park Program
 - Julia Neff reports that the USTA has been unable to find any coaches for the program and that we will have to run the program as an "autumn only" program due the unavailability of coaches in the spring.
- Youth Baseball & Softball Update
 - Jared Kuczenski reports the results of the Youth Baseball & Softball Survey sent out to Kent families and made recommendations on how to run the program based on those results.
 - Jared Kuczenski also reports that we will need to purchase new equipment to run this program due to having outdated equipment. He expects that this will cost several hundred dollars.
 - **Motion to run Youth Baseball & Softball with all in-house programs charged at a rate of \$20 per child and all "Region 1" programs charged at a rate of \$25 per child:** made by Abigail Smith Hanby, seconded by Kate Symonds, carried unanimously after discussion.



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Lynn Harrington informs the By Laws & Constitution Subcommittee that she has requested the help of a town attorney to give them guidance at their next meeting, date to be determined. The purpose of this being to ensure that work being done on the By Laws and Constitution Subcommittee is in compliance with laws, statutes and the like.

Lynn Harrington reminds the Commission that the next regular meeting is on April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

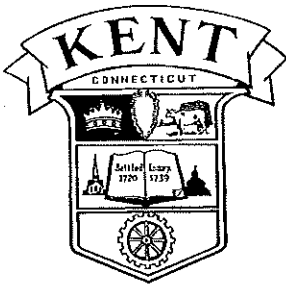
Motion to adjourn meeting: Motion made by Lynn Harrington at 9:07 p.m.

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

Signature:  _____

Date: _____ March 27, 2022 _____

Minutes are not considered final until approved. Refer to the minutes from the ensuing meeting for any changes and/or corrections.



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2022 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

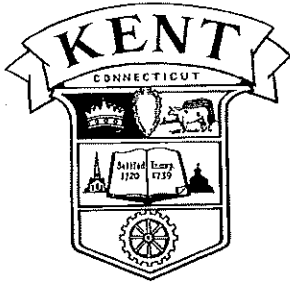
PRE-SCHOOL: Start Smart Tee-Ball Clinic – This 6-week skill development clinic is based purely on fun and is a great way to introduce your child to the sport of baseball! Sessions last around 40 minutes and will take place on Wednesdays from 5:20p to 6:00p at the Kent Center School. Start date is to be determined. *Please note that this program requires parents to participate with their children! Don't worry, you'll have fun too!* **COST: \$XX.XX**

K - 1st GRADE: Tee-Ball – This 8-week instructional program is a great way for kids to learn the sport of baseball while also getting the opportunity to participate in small-sided tee-ball games! Practices and games last around 1 hour and will take place at the Kent Center School. Start date as well as program days and times are currently to be determined. *Please note that volunteers are needed to coach in this program!* **COST: \$XX.XX**

2nd - 3rd GRADE: Farm League (coach pitch) – This 8-week instructional program is a great way for kids to learn the sport of baseball while also getting the opportunity to participate in small-sided coach-pitched games! Practices and games last around 1 ½ hours and will take place at the Kent Center School. Start date as well as program days and times are currently to be determined. *Please note that volunteers are needed to coach in this program!* **COST: \$XX.XX**

BASEBALL 4th – 6th GRADE: Minor League (player pitch) – This program is the first level of player-pitched, umpire-called baseball for children. Practices and/or games generally takes place twice a week beginning in late-April and ending in late-May. Children will playing with other Region 1 participants and thus the location of this program is to be determined. Players are broken into teams as numbers allow and practices are complimented with weekly games. *Please note that volunteers are needed to coach in this program!* **COST: \$XX.XX**

SOFTBALL 4th – 6th GRADE: Skill Development Clinic – This 6-week skill development clinic is designed to give girls interested in softball a great way to learn the game and is also very much suitable for girls transitioning from baseball into softball. This program is also a great way for girls to connect and find empowerment in something that is uniquely theirs! Sessions will last around 1 ½ hours and will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30p to 7:30p at the Kent Center School. Start date is to be determined. **COST: \$XX.XX**



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2022 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL REGISTRATION FORM

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

PAYMENT AMNT _____ CHECK/MO # _____

CHILD'S INFORMATION																			
(for additional children please use additional forms)																			
CHILD LAST NAME				CHILD FIRST NAME				CHILD AGE				CHILD GRADE FOR '21-'22							
CIRCLE CHILD'S SHIRT SIZE (cotton and/or polyester t-shirt)										CIRCLE CHILD'S PANT SIZE (polyester baseball/softball pant)									
YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL	YXS	YS	YM	YL	YXL	AS	AM	AL	AXL	A2XL
SELECT THE PROGRAM YOUR CHILD WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON																			
<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-SCHOOL: In-House Start Smart Tee-Ball Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd - 3 rd GRADE: In-House Farm League <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th - 6 th GRADE SOFTBALL: In-House Skills Clinic								<input type="checkbox"/> K - 1 st GRADE: In-House Tee-Ball <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th - 6 th GRADE BASEBALL: Region 1 Minor League											
IS YOUR CHILD PLAYING OUTSIDE OF HIS/HER NORMAL AGE GROUP? IF SO PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW																			
DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY DISABILITIES, ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?																			
PARENT/GAURDIAN'S INFORMATION																			
(this section does not need to be filled out if this form is for an additional signup)																			
PARENT LAST NAME				PARENT FIRST NAME				PARENT PHONE											
PARENT E-MAIL 1								PARENT E-MAIL 2											
WAIVER OF LIABILITY																			
(waiting for language from CIRMA)																			
WAIVER OF LIABILITY SIGNATURE & DATE:																			
PHOTO RELEASE																			
<p>By signing in the box below I grant the Town of Kent, CT the authority to publish any photos taken of the participants named on this registration form and all attached registrations turned in with this form. I acknowledge that these photos may be posted to Town of Kent social media pages, websites and/or may be used in digital/printed publications. I also acknowledge that I have no rights of ownership of, nor am I entitled to financial compensation for photos taken during the course of the above listed program/event. Those who do not agree to the above statement, please clearly put an "X" through the signature box below.</p>																			
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Recipient Name
Kent CT Parks and Recreation

Dear Jared,

What FPS is proposing is to facilitate a Kent Recreation hosted branch of our TLT League (Tactical Laser Tag League)

We will run a 6 week program consisting of 2 sessions each one hour on Mondays from 4-6pm. This first season would be in partnership with Dover Parks and Recreation. As such, we would hold half of the sessions on Dover Park Properties, and the other half at Kent CT Park Properties. As we discussed this would be for players grades 6th through 8th for the first season.

FPS will field and run each event providing referee staff and equipment for each league session. FPS will provide Kent Rec with Artwork and copy to advertise the program.

FPS is agreeing to run this season for an "unknown payday" amount...this means that we are not requiring a guarantee of minimum payment amounts for this first season. We will work along side you to try to develop this program and see that it is successful. For our first season we propose starting the season fees at \$130 per player for the season. The League will provide a team neck gaiter as the team designations for each player. The league requires the payment for the league season to be paid up front so the payment is due on the opening day of the season. The league runs this as a shared revenue with the town, out of the \$130 the league will pay Kent \$30 per player. If payment is not possible by the first day we do allow a two week extension but the shared revenue drops to \$20 per player.

We look forward to working with you and the town of Kent as this program becomes something special and most importantly FUN for the kids of the Kent School District.

Sincerely

Keith DiBuono



