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**Kent Park and Recreation  
Park & Recreation Commission Special Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2022, 7:00pm Hybrid**

**Present:** John Grant, Chairman Lynn Harrington, Diane Impastato, Michael Perkins, Rufus de Rham

**Guest:** New Director Jared Kuczenski

**Call to Order** - Ms. Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

**Introduction of new Director** - Commission members introduced themselves to Mr. Kuczenski and discussed their reasons for joining the Commission.

**Plans to introduce Director to public** - There was discussion about a possible gathering at Kent Commons to give residents the opportunity to meet the new director. There was discussion about Mr. Kuczenski being introduced to the children at KCS in the near future.

**Discussion/final approval of proposed FY23 budget-**

Budget was discussed and reviewed. \$100,000 drainage expense to be broken up \$67K for Kent Commons Park and \$33k for Emery Park.

Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the budget for \$183,901 less employee compensation. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Grant made a motion to approve the Capital Plan for fiscal year 27 to include "Paving and Drainage" in the two parks for \$100,000 and the Master Plan for \$25,000. We are excluding the "Playing Fields and Ballpark" to be moved to its own line and "Trail Structure and Maintenance" to be moved out to final year 28. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Discussion of payment to HYSB for ASP coverage** - HYSB has been covering the after school program. Commission would like to give HYSB a donation as they are a non-profit. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Possible Executive Session for ASP Director -**

Mr. Perkins made a motion to go into ES at 8:21pm to discuss ASP director hiring. Mr. Grant approved the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Grant made a motion to come out of ES at 8:31pm. Mr. de Rham seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

The ASP Director Hiring Committee will be scheduling a meeting. Ms. Harrington will ask HYSB to cover ASP for another week.

**Adjourn** - Ms. Harrington adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.