

Kent Park and Recreation
Minutes Special Meeting
Nov. 14, 2016

Present: Jerry Decker, Dave Dunleavy, John Grant, director Lesly Ferris

Public & Invited Guests: None.

In the absence of a quorum, a meeting did not take place.

Mrs. Ferris shared correspondence regarding request for use of Kent Common Park next March (attached). Mr. Dunleavy volunteered to get more information and bring it to the December meeting. Mrs. Ferris reported also that the Board of Selectmen and the town treasurer have approved the commission's request to try and apply for a Connecticut Recreational Trails Program Grants. The director also shared preliminary results of the survey on swimming in Kent.


Mr. Grant reported he continues to work on the bank clearing project at Emery Park and has gotten letters of support for the trail grant application.

Mrs. Ferris reported there are nine registered players for the grades 5/6 Northwest Rec Basketball team. Three people have expressed an interest in coaching the team. Mr. Decker will coach the team until the December meeting when the commission would vote on the coach.

Mrs. Ferris will submit the list of the 2017 commission meeting dates (attached).

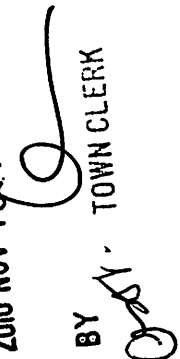
The non-meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

The next Park and Recreation Commission meeting is December 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.


Lesly Ferris
Director

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Lesly Ferris <parkandrec@townofkentct.org>

Question about park use

1 message

Baruth, Katey <KBaruth@post.edu>

Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 2:27 PM

To: "parkandrec@townofkentct.org" <parkandrec@townofkentct.org>

Hello!

I wanted to reach out to you to see what might be required for a gathering I am hoping to plan. I was not sure if I should submit a formal facilities application or not so I wanted to check in with you.

A group of my running friends would like to get together to run/walk at the Kent Common Park or other town facility with a walking/running path. I am not sure how many individuals would be attending but I am guessing approximately 40-50. We should have individuals from Kent in attendance as well who are part of the group.

In addition to getting together, runners would also be allowed to make an optional donation for an individual who is attending in the Boston Marathon on April 17th. If a donation is made, the donation would have been made online prior to the event. We would likely be in the park for approximately 2 hours since we enjoy each others company and might have a few snacks to celebrate our friend being able to attend the marathon in Boston.

We were hoping to get together on 3/5/17 at 11:00 am. Would this be okay with the town and do I need to do anything in particular? I wanted to be sure to check in with your department to be sure it was okay. It does not seem to fit what I am reading in terms of a formal permit but wanted to double check.

Thank you for your advice and I look forward to hearing more when you have time. I can also be reached at 828-773-4246.

Warm regards, Katey Baruth

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2017 Kent Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23

Monday, February 27

Monday, March 20

Monday, April 17

Monday, May 15

Monday, June 12

Monday, July 17

Monday, August 14

Monday, September 18

Monday, October 16

Monday, November 13

Monday, December 18

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Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Swimming facility survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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1. Should the Town construct a chlorinated pool in the existing Emery Park footprint?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	108	41.8%
NO	138	53.4%
Total	258	100%
99 Comment(s)		

2. Should the Town pursue purchase or lease of lake or river-front property for town use as a swimming area?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	103	40.2%
NO	145	56.6%
Total	256	100%
81 Comment(s)		

3. Cities and towns increasingly are adding to or replacing swimming areas with a splash pad. A splash pad or spray pool is a recreational area for water play that has little or no standing water and can be adapted to appeal to toddlers through adults. Should the Town install a splash pad in addition to the existing swimming area?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	99	38.8%
NO	147	57.6%
Total	255	100%
56 Comment(s)		

4. Should the Town install a splash pad in place of a swimming area?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	18	7.0%
NO	233	90.6%
Total	257	100%
40 Comment(s)		

5. Should the Town continue to maintain and refurbish the existing swimming area?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
YES	142	55.6%
NO	99	38.8%
Total	255	100%
89 Comment(s)		

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