

Kent Park and Recreation
Minutes Nov. 13, 2017 Meeting

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Present: Jerry Decker, Dave Dunleavy, Mike Green, Jim Mauri, Glen Nielsen, director, and Mrs. Ferris

Public & Invited Guests: Bethany Booth, Olivia Gogola, Katie Nordland, Ray Pennucci, and Mrs. Rider.

Chairman Jerry Decker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Alternates: Mr. Green made a motion to elevate alternate Jim Mauri. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda: Mrs. Ferris asked to add item 8h. Boo Bash follow-up. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes: Mr. Green made a motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 16, 2017 monthly meeting. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Mrs. Ferris read correspondence from Lisa Hoadley regarding keeping the fifth and sixth grade basketball program in Kent (attached).

Public and Invited Guests: Mrs. Ferris shared with the commission that registration numbers for the Northwest Rec basketball team for fifth and sixth grade boys at the time of the regional recreation directors' meeting November 1 was three players. Subsequent to that additional registrations were received, and the director emailed last year's players to remind them to register. The regional recreation directors decided to hold a practice/evaluation night November 9 in Salisbury with the goal of evaluating players and creating a Housy Hoops team and two Northwest Rec teams (attached). Kent had five or six players registered at the time of this decision. Mrs. Ferris noted she spoke with Mr. Decker before joining the regional evaluation night. Mr. Decker noted six Kent players were chosen to play on the Housy Hoops team following the evaluation. Parents asked to have a Kent only team because more players registered, and there now are at least 12 players interested in being on the team. The parents in attendance voiced their support for a Kent-based team (attached). Mrs. Ferris asked the parents of the six chosen for the Housy Hoops team to contact Sharon director Matt Mette to let him know their children are not interested in playing on that team. Mrs. Nordland suggested next year that the commission about two weeks prior to the registration deadline contact parents to let them know what options they have for this age level at a parents' meeting. Mr. Green made a motion that Kent Park and Recreation field a Northwest Recreation Basketball Kent team for boys' grades 5/6. Mr. Dunleavy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. Mrs. Ferris will contact Ray Pennucci to set up practice times.

Director's Report: In addition to the written report provided prior to the meeting (attached), Mrs. Ferris reported Park and Recreation is sponsoring men's league basketball Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 at Kent Center School.

Old Business: After-School Program: Mrs. Ferris reported the program youngsters are working on a gingerbread creation that will be on display at the Kent Memorial Library during the holidays.

Parks: Emery Park survey/stone for path: Mrs. Ferris said there is nothing new to report.

Emery Park tree/brush clearing: Mrs. Ferris noted Mr. Grant is unable to attend the meeting. He notes the private school students have finished work at Emery Park until the spring while Mr. Grant has a few odds and ends to clean up. He has contacted the University of Connecticut about invasive species and weed control. He expects to hear from them before spring. The Kent Conservation Commission offered Park and Recreation a red maple street for Emery Park at a cost of \$60 to cover the planting cost. Mr. Grant identified a site near the playground. Mrs. Ferris noted a person cleaned up the tennis courts and removed burrs at Kent Common Park for community service hours. Mr. Dunleavy noted the walking track should be raked out in some places.

Five-Year Capital Plan: There was no new report.

Sports Programs follow-up: Mrs. Ferris reported the regional soccer program for U12 players reportedly was successful. The players met Saturday mornings at the high school for skill drills followed by scrimmages. Kent did not have any players who participated in this program. Mrs. Ferris noted as enrollments in the Region One towns continue to decline, there would be more emphasis on regional sports programs. Mr. Dunleavy made a motion to approved Ray Pennucci as coach of Kent Park and Recreation's Northwest Recreational Boys' 5/6 basketball team. Mr. Mauri seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Summer Concert Series 2018 Funding: Mrs. Ferris asked the commission if it would like to identify possible sponsors for one or more concerts for 2018. Mr. Dunleavy volunteered to ask the Kent Lions Club. Mrs. Ferris recommended beginning in January a discussion about band selections for the 2018 concert series.

2017-18 Budget: Mrs. Ferris had nothing to report.

Halloween Event follow-up: Mrs. Ferris reported the distribution of the 750 glow-in-the-dark necklaces on Halloween was very successful. The necklaces, which were purchased from a new vendor, worked much better than last year's. Mrs. Ferris thanked Kent Resident Trooper Andrew Fisher for his assistance.

Boo Bash Follow-Up: Mr. Decker said the event went well with some 40-50 youngsters participating. He said the costume parade was great and the four judges had a challenge to choose winners in the five categories. Mrs. Ferris will send thank you notes to the businesses that donated prizes and to the judges.

New Business: 2018-19 proposed hourly employee salaries: Mrs. Ferris shared proposals for hourly salaries for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget (attached). Mr. Mauri made a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2018-19 hourly employee salaries as proposed. Mr. Dunleavy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Camp Kent Director 2018: Mrs. Ferris recommended hiring Kevin Kalach as the Camp Kent director for summer 2018, noting Mr. Kalach is very interested in returning and stated he does not want an increase in hourly wage. Mr. Dunleavy made a motion to hire Kevin Kalach as Camp Kent Director for 40 hours/week for eight weeks (to be determined) for summer 2018 at an hourly wage of \$15.50. Mr. Green seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Park and Recreation Commission appointments: Mrs. Ferris shared with the commission the commission seats that are up for appointment at the January Annual Town Meeting (attached), noting she has spoken with these four commissioners, and each is willing to continue to serve. Mr. Green made a motion to recommend to the Kent Board of Selectmen the appointment to the Kent Park and Recreation Commission at the January Annual Town Meeting of Jerry Decker and Lynn Harrington to three-year seats that expire January 21, 2021; and the appointment of John Grant and James Mauri to one-year alternate seats that expire January 17, 2019. Mr. Nielsen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2018 Meeting Dates: Mr. Green made a motion to approve the 2018 Kent Park and Recreation Commission meeting dates as proposed (attached). Mr. Mauri seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The next Kent Park and Recreation Commission meeting is Dec. 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. Mr. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



Lesly Ferris
Director

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Lesly Ferris <parkandrec@townofkentct.org>

5th/6th grade basketball

1 message

hoadleygang@aol.com <hoadleygang@aol.com>
To: ParkandRec@townofkentct.org

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 3:29 PM

Hi Lesly,

I can't attend the meeting tonight about basketball and Austin doesn't have enough time to commit to a park and rec team this year. However, I thought it was an important enough matter to email my feelings. I believe Kent should have its own team if at all possible. Parents drive way too much for everything in this town and a local team would enable more kids to play, with less hassles. I'm sure Austin would fill in at a game or two, if it doesn't conflict with hockey, if it helps to have him on a backup list.

Thanks,

Lisa

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 InboxFrom: hoadleygang@aol.com >To: [Bethany Booth](#) >

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k.nordland@yahoo.com >

Re: 5th and 6th grade basketball team/ I need everyone to go to the park and Rec meeting tonight at 7pm

Today at 3:33 PM

Hi Katie,

I emailed Lesly, even though Austin doesn't have time to commit to a park and rec basketball team this year. I just feel that it's really important that Kent has its own team if at all possible. I'm sure Austin would be willing to fill in at a game or two if it doesn't conflict with hockey. He just really can't do the whole season.

Good luck,

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Bethany Booth <boothb@kent-school.edu>To: hoadleygang <hoadleygang@aol.com>

Sent: Mon, Nov 13, 2017 3:07 pm

Subject: Fwd: 5th and 6th grade basketball team/ !
need everyone to go to the park and Rec meeting tonight at 7pm

Forwarded message



REGION 1 5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS REGIONAL BASKETBALL '17-'18

To parents and players interested in 5th and 6th grade boys recreational basketball,

The recreation departments in the Region 1 towns have a fairly new challenge this year, although it has been in the making for some time now. Currently, this is the breakdown of players who have registered to play recreational basketball in our towns:

Lakeville 17, Kent 6, Cornwall 2, Sharon 2, Canaan 4+ and Falls Village tbd.

In the past we have offered a regional travel program, Housy Hoops, for those players interested in playing a bit more competitive basketball, and the towns pretty much have been able to enter a town team in the recreational league. In recent years, as our numbers have fallen off, some neighboring towns have co-oped teams. This year presents us with a new challenge.

THE SIX RECREATIONAL DIRECTORS IN OUR TOWNS PROPOSE THIS

Thursday, November 9 – ALL boys in 5th and 6th grades in Region 1 who are interested in playing recreational basketball meet at Salisbury Central School from 6 to 7 p.m. If you cannot attend but are interested in playing, please call Matt Andrulis Mette at 860-364-1400.

From this practice we will roster two teams:

RT44 – this is the travel league in which Housy Hoops participates.

Northwest Rec League – this is the league in which our town teams have been participating.

Essentially these will be regional teams, players being rostered on one of the teams given their talent level. The two leagues are made up of teams from the same towns, there is virtually no difference in travel, number of games or length of seasons. The only difference is the level of play. Some of the larger towns put an A team in the RT44 league and a second team in the Northwest League.

We have parents who have expressed interest in coaching both teams. Both teams would likely practice one or two nights per week and play games on Saturday and a few Sundays. At the end of the day the only town that could field their own team is Lakeville and they actually have a big roster. The balance of the other five towns may or may not have enough players to put a second team together.

We urge you to support this effort as it is our 'best' solution to offering travel basketball to our kids. This type of solution is what is coming in all areas for us as we see our populations getting smaller. We actually feel as though this is a very positive solution and look forward to doing more in this way. We are a regional school system, some of these challenges can be resolved in positive ways such as this.

We look forward to seeing everyone on THURSDAY, November 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Salisbury Central School. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Matt at sharon.rec.ctr@snet or 860-364-1400.

Matt Andrulis Mette

Adam Bunce

Mike DeMazza

Lesly Ferris

Jennifer Markow

Lisa McAuliffe

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Park and Recreation Director's Report

November 2017

From the October 2017 meeting:

- I signed and returned to Bartlett Tree Experts the contract for work at Emery Park as approved by the commission at the October meeting.
- We have received a signed contract from Charlotte Herde as an After-School Program counselor. Charlotte is working Monday and also as a substitute counselor when we need her help.

From the director:

After-School Program: There remains one open account from the 2016-17 school year which is \$11. Meanwhile, attendance figures for the month of October again fell short of the same time period last year. One factor to keep in mind is there were two additional early dismissal days in October 2017 that did not take place the previous October. Another factor would be the Friday movie program that Kent Center School offered to which most of our regular Friday attendees went over four weeks. This would account for between 16 and 20 total youngsters who did not attend in October. Meanwhile, the staff continues to do a great job working with the youngsters and with each other. This week I have awarded a scholarship through the Kent Community Fund for a youngster who will attend the program on a drop-in basis. Kent School continues to provide student volunteers to assist at the program for about an hour as many as four days a week, depending on the week and their school schedule.

Seniors: I have been able to book monthly senior outings for November and December. November's trip is the annual Christmas Tree Shops outing, and this year we are traveling to Orange where there also are other shops (Hobby Lobby) that the group likes to visit. We also will have lunch. We will return to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven in December to see the Creches of the World exhibit and the museum's display of Christmas trees that have been decorated with handmade ornaments by local school children. The Matter of Balance class finishes November 14. I am advertising holiday lunches at the senior center and have invited the Kent Center School student council to join us for lunch on December 13.

Budget: I have nothing new to report on the current budget.

Parks: John Grant continues to work and recruit help from the private school students for the brush clearing/wood chip work at Emery Park. Shaun McAvoy has been working on removal of the invasive burrs that are an ongoing issue at Kent Common Park. I did post on the Park and Recreation Facebook Page that the burr removal would be happening. John and I are overseeing community service work that an individual is doing at Emery Park. The Kent Conservation Commission, working with the Kent Greenhouse, again is planting trees around town. They have offered a maple tree to Park and Recreation for Emery Park. The tree would be planted early next week. I have contacted John Grant and asked that he identify a location for the tree. We discussed an area near the lifeguard station where the tree that had been there was removed. The commission is seeking a \$60 contribution toward the cost of the planting. This is on the agenda.

Fee Programs: I have been advertising the figure skating lesson schedule which this year features three four-week sessions. I have four registrations so far for the first session. A new 10-week session of Tang Soo Do began October 30. Qigong class continues to be a popular offering with revenue totaling \$1,360 for the current session. The new Tai Chi class is scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Regional Recreation Directors: We met this week and discussed basketball programs and the concept of working together more on program sharing. The other recreation directors have distributed the flyer for figure skating lessons in Kent. We also brainstormed an idea for a regional pumpkin carving contest with prizes combined with some family-friendly activities (food trucks, music) which we envision could take place at the high school around Halloween next year.

Soccer: The season for travel teams and instructional programs ended October 28/October 26. Thank you to the great group of parent volunteers and Kent School students who assisted this season. I have removed the nets from the soccer goals and moved the goals off the field for the off-season. The small goals have gone back to the Community House for storage. The coaches collected the Park and Recreation game jerseys after the last games, and I will wash the jerseys and store those for next season's use. I have written and sent thank you letters to each of the coaches who ran soccer programs this fall. Also, I processed the invoices for payment for the referees who helped this fall.

2018 Meeting Dates: I am attaching a list of proposed meeting dates for 2018 and have placed this on the meeting agenda.

Commission Appointments: The commission needs to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for commission appointments that are made at the Annual Town Meeting in January. I am attaching a memo outlining those seats that are up in January. I have sent emails to those commissioners whose seats will expire in January and asked them to let me know prior to the meeting if they are interested in being reappointed. Jim is willing to serve another year as an alternate. This also is on the meeting agenda.

Halloween Safety Program: Kent Resident State Trooper Andrew Fisher and I handed out 750 glow necklaces on Halloween. The safety program continues to be well received by trick-or-treaters of all ages. I used a new vendor this year to purchase the necklaces, and the quality is much improved.

Basketball: We have five boys registered for the Northwest Recreation league's fifth and sixth grade team. Several of the other towns in the school district also have low numbers and the six recreation directors are in the process of organizing an evaluation for fifth and sixth grade boys with the goal of creating a team (more skilled) to enter in the Route 44 league and another to play in the Northwest Rec League. Salisbury may be the only town that is able to field its own rec league team. I have shared with Jerry Decker a draft letter that will go to players today in hopes to have this evaluation next Thursday evening. I will be sending out this month registration flyers for the third and fourth grade program and already have spoken with Cornwall, Salisbury and Sharon about a couple of games with their grades three-four program this season. There also will be kindergarten and first and second grade programs which will start in January. I believe a few of the seventh and eighth graders will be participating in the regional Housy Hoops basketball program.

Summer Concert Series Funding: We have kept this topic on the agenda. I haven't heard anything from Union Savings Bank as a potential funder. I suggest the commission discuss other sources of funding if it wants to pursue help with financing the 2018 series. I would favor asking organization(s) to fund even one of the four concerts. One suggestion would be the Kent Lions Club. I received this week a phone call from someone who is interested in sending the commission information for consideration for the 2018 concert series. He will be emailing a sample of the band's work after the holidays.

Looking ahead ...

- Town Hall offices will be closed November 7 for the municipal election.
- Town Hall offices are closed November 10 for Veterans Day.
- I will be at CRPA conference November 21-22.
- Town Hall offices are closed November 23-24 for Thanksgiving.

Kent Park and Recreation
2018-2019 Budget
Line #23102, Hourly Employees
PROPOSED

After-School Program

Director: \$17.00/hr x 2.75/hours/day x 160 days = \$7,480

Counselors: \$11/hr x 2.5/hrs/day x 1/day x 160 days = \$4,400 \$11,880

Camp Kent

Director: \$15.50/hr x 40/hrs/week x 8 weeks = \$4,960

Counselors: \$11.50/hr x 37.5/hrs/week x 8 weeks x 2 = \$6,900 \$11,860

Lifeguards

Head guard: \$13/hr x 40 hrs/week x 9 weeks = \$4,680

Swim instructor: \$11.75/hr x 36 hrs/week x 9 weeks = \$3,807

Lifeguards: \$11.50/hr x 2 guards x 36 hrs/week x 9 weeks = \$7,452

Lifeguards: \$11 x 1 guard x 36/hrs/week x 9 weeks = \$3,564 \$19,503

Ice Monitor \$ 600

Total proposed Line #23102 **\$43,843**

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To: Park and Recreation Commission

From: Lesly Ferris

Date: Oct. 25, 2017

Re: Commission seats

Please note the following commission seats will expire in January 2018:

Jerry Decker and Lynn Harrington's three-year seats; new term would expire January 21, 2021.

John Grant and James Mauri's one-year alternate seats; new term would expire January 17, 2019.

Thank you.