

KENT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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EMERY PARK SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 3, 2024 – 5:15 PM, Zoom

Members Present: John Grant, Miranda Lovato, Melissa Cherniske, Lynn Harrington, Lisa Wolak

Also Present: Rufus de Rham (Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman), Matthew Busse (Park and Recreation Director, ex-officio)

Call to Order

Busse calls the meeting to order at 5:17pm.

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By Darlene Brady at 11:53 am, May 07, 2024

Declaration of Abstention from Voting by park and Recreation Director Matthew Busse

Busse declared that he is abstaining from voting in this subcommittee meeting.

Public Comment (No comment from public)

Election of a Chairman

1. Discussion regarding Grant as chairman, as he is the only member from the commission on the subcommittee
 - a. **Motion to elect Grant as chair of the subcommittee.**
 - i. Moved by Harrington, seconded by Cherniske, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Next Steps and Goals for Emery Park

1. Discussion at length regarding the subcommittee member's strengths. The subcommittee members began discussing trails, the pool, ADA compliance, historical signage, driveway, pavilion, sidewalk, camp, and possible plans for recreation activities in the park. Grant requests that the goals be submitted to him.
2. Cherniske discussed the potential of trail volunteers. Busse to investigate if the town's insurance will cover volunteers assisting with trail maintenance.
3. Grant discussed the use of the shed as a location to facilitate work. Grant asked Busse to print a large map of Emery Park and have it in the shed. Grant states that he will have tables and chairs set up as desks for all subcommittee members to work at while in the park.
4. Discussion at length of the current state of the Emery Park pool. Busse will investigate if we can drain the pool since it is full.
5. Discussion of drainage issues at the park from water on Route 341. Busse shares a map generated by Gary Hock, surveyor, that shows property boundaries, and expresses that the drainage issue comes from runoff on Route 341.
6. de Rham expresses gratitude for the involvement of the members of the subcommittee and the next steps decided on for the future of Emery Park.

Decide on Next Meeting Time and Date

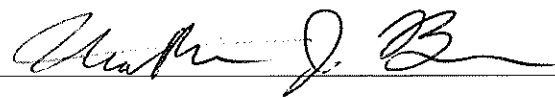
1. Grant expresses that the subcommittee should meet every Friday.

2. Grant suggests that the next meeting should be in person at Emery Park as an opportunity for the subcommittee to see the park. The next meeting date will be Friday, May 10, 2024 at 5:15pm.
3. Cherniske recommends that there should be no meeting on Friday, May 17, 2024, due to the town budget vote.

Adjourn

1. **Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:51pm.**
 - a. Motion made by Cherniske, seconded by Wolak, motion carries unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Matthew Busse, Park and Recreation Director

Signature: 

Date: 05 / 07 / 2024

These are draft minutes and the Park and Recreation Commission at the subsequent regular meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections.