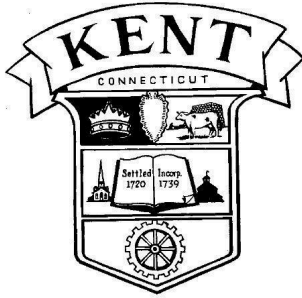


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KENT PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting via zoom

Monday, January 22, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Present: Commission members - Rufus P de Rham, John Grant, Lynn Worthington, Karen Iannucci
Others present: Jared Kuczenski, Miranda Lovato, Bethany Keck, Lynn Harrington

Call to Order

Rufus called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

- 1) Elevation of Alternates, if necessary
- 2) Approval of Agenda Rufus added 8.b., 9.c.,d, and e. Lynn motioned to approve with additions, Karen seconded. All in favor
- 3) Approval of minutes from previous meetings
 - a) Special Meeting minutes Jan 5. Rufus made a motion to approve, second by Karen. All in Favor
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) Abigail Smith Hanby Jan 17 letter of resignation. Lynn made a motion to accept with regret Abigail's resignation from the commission. Second by Karen. All in favor.
- 5) Public Comment - none
- 6) Financial Report Rufus acknowledged he did not put in Barbara's monthly report.
 - a) Annual Report Submission - Rufus thought he had put in Lynn's submission of the Annual Report for the BOF's annual report to the supporting documents folder, but it wasn't there
- 7) Day-to-Day Operations Management
 - a) Liaison to Senior Center. Rufus talked to Karen Iannucci and asked if she would be willing to be a liaison between P&R and the Senior Center. Karen is willing to serve and there was no objection.
 - b) Meeting with Samantha and Rosemary at Social Services. Rufus and Lynn met with them regarding volunteers and insurance coverage, and communications. Rosemary said it would be great if our new director could be Serve Safe Certified. We asked about who could attend events at the Senior Center and what the restrictions were.
- 8) Programs and Events

- a) Jan 25 Senior Lunch with Jared - Rufus said we need to spread the word that Jared will be there and that it will be at the Community House. Jared is getting food. Rufus will arrange for the dessert. Lunch will be at 12:00.
 - b) Basketball - Coaches for all levels, started last week. Jared said Bill will probably work with 4-6 grade on Wednesdays.
 - c) Open Skate - One hour on Sundays after learn-to-skate is what Jared did last year. However, ice time is expensive and it was a net loss last year. Cost last year was \$8/person or \$30 for a family of 4 or more. Cost is \$350/hour. Library is doing an open skate on Feb 24th or 25th. Lynn made a motion to do three open skate sessions on Feb 4, 11, and 18 following learn-to-skate. Karen seconded. All in Favor
 - d) Swim - Mo is okay with learn-to-swim for kids, open swim for adults (Wednesdays) and aqua aerobics for seniors (Wednesdays). Start date is Feb 14.
 - e) Bunco - We have gotten the go ahead from Social Services. Leigh Peet is the organizer. Karen will keep us informed.
- 9) Parks and Facilities
- a) Ballfields Shed delivery - Jared suggested we replace the lock with a heavy padlock with a combination and align it with the combination of the other shed. Rufus will look into that.
- 10) Sub Committee Reports
- a) Hiring Committee - Lynn, Rufus, Miranda, Bethany, Naomi although Naomi was only able to make one meeting. 45 applications, whittled down to 8 interviews (one withdrew), chose 3 for a tour of our facilities.
 - b) Budget Presentation Committee - Kate, Abigail, Blythe and Rufus - going over the best approach to present our budget to BOS, BOF and at a town hearing. Lynn suggested reaching out to other groups in town (Lions, Chamber, etc.)
- 11) Lynn made a motion at 8:11 pm, seconded by John to go into executive session. - to review and take possible action on hiring recreational aide candidates conditional on successful background checks. All in favor. Came out of executive session at 8:16 pm. Lynn made a motion to hire Isaac Watkins and Taylor Green as recreation aides at \$15.69/hour starting this week, seconded by John. All in favor.
- 12) John moved to go into executive session, bringing in Miranda Lovato and Bethany Keck who are on the hiring committee to review and take possible action to recommend to hire a Park and Recreation Director candidate for the Board of Selectmen consideration at 8:18. All in favor. Came out of executive session at 8:32. Lynn made a motion to recommend candidate B to the board of Selectmen to be hired as Park and Rec Director at a salary of \$63,000 dollars with the understanding that there would be no percentage increase in the fiscal year 2025 operating budget, seconded by Karen. All in Favor.
- 13) Public Comment - none

Adjournment

Rufus moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Rufus de Rham, acting secretary

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