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Kent Park and Recreation Commission  
Minutes, Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2021, 7 p.m.

**Present:** John Grant, Lynn Harrington, Julia Neff, Abigail Smith-Hanby, Miranda Lovato, Interim Director.

Public and Invited Guests: Maggie Downie, Collin Daulong, Chris Mehlman, Jean Speck

Chairman Ms. Harrington called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:06 p.m.

Elevation of Alternates: Mr. Grant made a motion to elevate alternates. Ms. Smith-Hanby seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval/Amendment of Agenda: Ms. Lovato suggested that the agenda should be adjusted so that the guest speakers could speak first. Ms. Harrington suggested item 9. New Business, and all sub categories, be changed to 8. and be moved ahead of Old Business and all sub categories, which would become agenda item 9. In addition, the amended agenda item 9l. Mountain Bike Camp would be moved to become 9a. **Mr. Grant made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Ms. Harrington seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.**

Acceptance of Minutes of July 19 Regular Meeting and July 27 Special: **Mr. Grant made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19 Regular Meeting and July 27 Special Meeting. Ms. Neff seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.**

Personal Euphoria Fitness Program Ms. Downie spoke about her business which partners with park and rec departments to provide virtual fitness classes. Ms. Harrington questioned whether offering this to Kent residents would impede on other fitness studios business in town. Ms. Lovato stated that she would look into whether the other fitness studios in town are offering virtual classes.

Mohawk Mountain Ski Club Ms. Neff spoke about getting a ski club going for Kent children at Mohawk Mountain. The ski club would meet once a week in the evenings during the winter. The ski club features discounted lift tickets, lessons and equipment rental. It would be a six week program.

Winter Programming Members spoke about starting to plan for winter programming including basketball and the learn to skate program.

Commission Charter (By laws and constitution) Ms. Smith-Hanby suggested that the commission take a look at the constitution and by-laws of the commission as they have not been updated in several years. She thought that updating the documents while the commission is looking at the role of the director and searching for a director would be advantageous. **Ms. Smith-Hanby made a motion to put a sub-committee together to look at the constitution and by-laws to ensure that they are relevant to current times and if they need any updating. Ms. Neff seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Mountain Bike Camp Mr. Daulong, one of the owners of KC&E adventures, spoke about his company and typical mountain bike camp offerings. Members discussed the possibility of running weekend programs this fall. Ms. Smith-Hanby mentioned that the cost of the program seemed a little high based on the fact that it is not a full day camp. Members discussed offering one day sessions over the weekend this fall or next year. **Mr. Smith-Hanby made a motion to move ahead with the mountain bike camp**

**for a one day fall offering and have Collin of KC&E reach out to both the South Kent School and Kent School to see what their availability is for hosting. Ms. Neff seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Ms. Harrington made a motion to get Kent Park and Recreation on the KC&E schedule for mountain bike camp for 2022. Mr. Grant seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Parks: Projects Pool Opening, seasonal worker, woodchucks at Kent Commons, Emery Park Aerator. Ms. Harrington stated that she was unable to hire anyone from the lifeguard training course and the aerator is broken and that it will need to be replaced. Ms. Harrington stated that due to those issues the pool will not be able to be opened this year. Members discussed various options on how to deal with the aerator. Ms. Speck suggested having a local pool company or expert take a look at the aerator. Ms. Harrington said she would reach out to a pool contractor to take a look at the aerator.

Members discussed the woodchuck issue at Kent Commons Park. Ms. Speck and Ms. Lovato will discuss how to proceed when Ms. Lovato returns to the office. Members discussed starting with brush removal to see if that helps the problem. Members discussed long term solutions on how to properly maintain the parks.

After School Program Ms. Harrington stated that volunteers would be needed to assist with interviewing candidate for the After-school program counselor and director positions.

Due to Ms. Smith-Hanby needing to leave the meeting and the subsequent lack of quorum **Mr. Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Ms. Neff seconded the meeting and the motion carried unanimously.**

Miranda Lovato, Interim Director

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