

Kent Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes, Special Meeting
June 8, 2021, 7 p.m.

Present: Blythe Everett, John Grant, Lynn Harrington, Diane Impastato, Julia Neff, Michael Perkins, Kate Symonds, Miranda Lovato, Interim Director.

Chairman Ms. Harrington called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:14 p.m.

Elevation of Alternates: Ms. Impastato made a motion to elevate alternates. Ms. Everett seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Ms. Symonds made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Neff seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A special meeting was held via Zoom to discuss the status of Camp Kent and the opening of Emery Park pool. Ms. Harrington has talked with David Schreiber from Club Getaway and he is willing to help to supply lifeguards and anything else needed to open Emery Park pool. The commission discussed Camp Kent and determined it was too late to plan something and created a statement to the public to address the decision.

Ms. Neff made a motion that the we issue a statement to the public letting them know that we are not prepared, at this time, to run Camp Kent in its traditional manner.

Mr. Grant seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Ms. Everett made a motion that as long as the pool is fillable, we run a lifeguard training program as delivered by professionals from Club Getaway. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The following statement was created by the commission to address the status of Camp Kent:
It is with regret that the Kent Park and Recreation Commission has determined that, due to many challenges associated with developing and running Camp Kent for the summer of 2021, the camp will not run this year.

Given the uncertainty associated with restrictions and regulations brought on by COVID-19 early in the year, as well as impactful staffing changes and departures, the Commission and staff were unable to get an early enough start to plan and implement the camp.

Please know that the Park and Recreation Commission is very dedicated to Kent families and that our decision was a difficult one. The Commission continues to devote every effort to developing and offering enriching summer programming for residents and visitors to the town of Kent.

The meeting ended at 7:57 p.m.

Miranda Lovato
Interim Director

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