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Kent Park and Recreation Commission
Minutes, Special Meeting
July 27, 2021, 7 p.m.

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

Public and Invited Guests: Chris Kiely, Ed Matson, Jean Speck

Chairman Ms. Harrington called the meeting to order via Zoom at 7:02 p.m.

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

Tai-Chi Chris Kiely joined the meeting to speak about potentially holding tai-chi classes at the community house. Members discussed how to handle holding a class indoors and while following proper covid-19 protocol. **Mr. Grant made a motion to allow Chris Kiely to hold tai-chi classes at the community house, in partnership with Park and Rec, with the caveat that participants would be informed of the current covid-19 mask wearing protocol and that the class would be capped at 12 to allow for proper spacing. Ms. Impastato seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Regional Soccer Program Ms. Lovato spoke about the outcome of a meeting she had with other regional park and rec departments regarding the regional soccer league. **Mr. Grant made a motion to open up registration for the U-8, U-10 and U-12 regional soccer program. Ms. Neff seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Discussion on how to appoint the member of the public to the hiring sub-committee Ms. Harrington stated that at the last meeting members approved the sub-committee, but had not specified on how to choose a member of the public for the sub-committee. Members discussed that part of the sub-committee's tasks should be reviewing the by-laws along with the job description and clarifying to whom the director should be reporting, goals and performance review for the director. **Ms. Everett made a motion that the park and rec sub-committee be charged with the task of reviewing and amending the existing director's job description and bringing it forward to the commission and subsequently to the selectmen for approval. Mr. Grant seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

Members discussed how to appoint the final member of the sub-committee and decided it would need to be done through a special meeting on Thursday July 29th at 1 pm, where each candidate would be invited to share their background and why they wished to participate in the sub-committee. Ms. Everett requested that the resumes of both candidates be shared prior to the meeting so members could review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Miranda Lovato, Interim Director

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