

Kent Park and Recreation
Minutes Feb. 1, 2021 Special Meeting

Present: Lynn Harrington, Diane Impastato, Julia Neff, Kate Symonds, director Lesly Ferris

Public & Invited Guests: None.

Lynn Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. via Zoom.

Discuss and plan activities for and/or in place of Easter Egg Hunt: Ms. Ferris gave an overview of the “traditional” Egg Hunt:

- Held on Town Hall lawn; two hunts: ages 5 and under and ages 6-10.
- Takes place Saturday morning the week before Easter; inclement weather date day before Easter.
- Hunt includes combination of toys, trinkets, candy and plastic-filled eggs.
- Special prizes for finding a number on items have included donations from merchants and, in more recent years, a pre-made basket, purchased by Park and Recreation.
- Park and Recreation owns an Easter Bunny costume.
- Refreshments have been served (hot chocolate and donuts) in recent years.

Subcommittee members discussed ideas for an Easter activity, keeping in mind the COVID restrictions. Ideas included:

- Painting rocks and hiding them at businesses around Town and having a scavenger hunt centered around painted/decorated rocks.
- Have a combination event of handing out Easter Egg Hunt bags at Town Hall and a separate activity encompassing the rock idea.
- Hosting the traditional egg hunt at Town Hall with different start times; pre-register via Eventbrite.
- On-line egg decorating contest with different age groups where participants would use any type of medium (cardboard, paper, rocks, etc.) that is not an egg to make a decorated egg. There could be prizes awarded, based on online voting.

The subcommittee consensus is to plan to make goody bags available for pick-up at Town Hall similar to what was done last year and also to sponsor an egg decorating online contest. Age groups and prizes would need to be determined.

Next steps: The subcommittee agreed to meet Feb. 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Tasks include: Ms. Neff will look at Google Docs to figure out posting pictures and voting.

Mrs. Harrington and Ms. Ferris will work on a flyer.

Ms. Ferris will order the prizes she typically does.

Ms. Symonds will check out the jump rope idea and can help with the goody bags.

Ms. Impastato is happy to help with anything and would donate a prize.

Ms. Ferris said subcommittee members could email her if they have questions or need additional information before the next meeting and she could share these with the group.

Mrs. Harrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Lesly Ferris
Director

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