



MEETING MINUTES

KENTWOOD PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MEETING INFORMATION:

Date: Monday, November 5, 2018
Time: 5:15 pm
Location: Kentwood Activities Center (355-48th St SE)

PRESENT:

Members: Bob Coughlin, Ed Kape, Mimi Madden, David Moore III, Dustin Moseley

Staff: Val Romeo, Parks and Recreation Director
Lorraine Beloncis, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director
Denise Dawson, Parks Programs Administrator

ABSENT:

Members: Olivia Jenison Bailey, Wallace Massie, Trent Meyer, Kevin Small

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Update: Parks

- a. Trail Patrol 2018 wrap up. January 1 – October 31 there were 14 volunteers who put in 704 hours on the trails. They wore safety vests identified with “Trail Patrol”.
- b. Veteran’s Park (Community Development Block Grant - CDGB) funds. Estimates are in and will be discussed with the engineering department.

2. Update: ARCH

- a. The afterschool program ARCH is still hiring.
- b. “National Lights On” event was held Thursday, October 25, 2018. Every elementary afterschool student visited “Orchard Hill” Farm to celebrate. They had a great time.

3. Wrap Up: Community and Special Events

10/20/18: Trunk or Treat. 35 trunks, over 1,800 attended.
10/27/18: South Kent Community Expo. 59 vendors. 300-400 attended.
11/1/18: City of Kentwood Volunteer Reception. 60 attended.
11/5/18: Veteran’s Day Breakfast. Many generous sponsors. 85 attended.

4. Upcoming: Community and Special Events

11/10/18: Fall Fling Disc Golf Tournament @ Old Farm Park
11/14/18: Senior Thanksgiving Feast Lunch
11/17/18: Ugly Sweater 5K Run

- 12/7/18: Tree Lighting Ceremony. Holiday displays will be set-up at City Hall, including having the street lamp poles wrapped. Event includes a Holiday Light Parade, Elves Express Gift Shop, carriage rides, live music, caroling, refreshments, pictures with Santa and the tree lighting.
- 12/12/18: Senior Christmas Celebration Lunch

5. Update: Recreation Programs

- a. Fall & Winter programs are running.
November programs – Youth & Adult: Swim Lessons, Kids in the Kitchen, Tap & Lyrical, Hip Hop, Art Expressions Class, Karate, Be A Babysitter, Cooking Classes, Volleyball, Yoga.
Senior Programs: Senior card clubs, line dance, Community Connections, Travel, senior advisory council, bowling, bingo, enhance fitness.
Adaptive Programs: Leisure Club, bowling, rock climbing, archery clinic, dinner & a movie, skate night, Valentine’s dance, adaptive swim lessons, downhill ski clinic
- b. Planning for Spring & Summer. Confirmed the Gala date and venue. It will be held at Stonewater Country Club again this year on Friday, May 17, 2019.
- c. Working on 2019-2020 budgets and the 2019 Community Events Sponsorship Packet. The current recreation programmers are overloaded, looking at staffing solutions.

6. Commissioner Reports

- a. Funding Discussion amongst commissioners. The Plan Our Parks outreach campaign this summer helped answer many questions and will give direction.

Motion to Adjourn: Mimi Madden | Seconded: Bob Coughlin | Meeting Adjourned 5:52pm

Holiday Gathering: Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:15pm *Note Date Change
Railtown Brewing Company
3595 68th St SE, Caledonia MI 49316

11/30/18 LBVR