

**KENTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Via Webex**

**M.I.N.U.T.E.S**

August 19, 2020  
12:00 PM

- I.** Attendance: Mark Reitzes, Mike Litzler; Kathleen Carnes; Brian Halloran; George Sparks, Rhonda Ritzi, staff; Tim Kruer, guest
- II.** Call to Order – Mark called to order the August 19, 2020 meeting of the Kenton County Parks & Recreation Commission.
- III.** Meeting Minutes: 6/17/2020 (BH, ML) Approved.
- IV.** Parks Reopening Updates
  - a) Rhonda shared that since June all amenities are open at all of the Parks. Virtual Programs were completed with a total of 5 programs with 4 to 10 families present. Youth Sports are still following state recommendations. Soccer and Football have not started due to setbacks with COVID-19. Baseball is in full swing.
- V.** Doe Run Lake Projects
  - a) Friends of Doe Run Lake with Tom Kruer
    - a) Tom introduced himself and explained how the idea of the Friends of Doe Run Lake was formed. KY Dept. of Water (KDOW) reached out looking for volunteer monitors for streams and lakes through the Banklick Watershed Council. After discussions with Tom the Friends of Doe Run Lake was suggested. The goal of this group is to provide support, advocacy and volunteer hours in regards to Doe Run Lake. There is about 18 members so far. The group looks to be an asset for the Parks & Recreation Department. Tom is also on the Board of the Banklick Watershed Council.
  - b) KY Dept. of Water Lake Monitoring Project
    - a) Tom arranged volunteers and a training for lake monitoring and nutrient testing with KDOW. A training will be held on August 22 for 8 volunteers. These volunteers will form teams and will participate in these programs for the next year. We will request that the data be shared with the Parks Dept.
  - c) Mike asked if the data could be shared with Parks. Mike also suggested that the group thinks of ways to expand monitoring through Banklick Creek through Pioneer Park. Also suggesting the group look into a trout stream or testing beyond Doe Run Lake.
  - d) Trail/Bridge Repair
    - a) Rhonda stated that she reached out to contractor to get a bid for the trail and bridge repair. Banklick Watershed Council has some grant money awarded for this project.
- VI.** Fox Run Property
  - a) Mark stated that they received the press release as to the opening of Fox Run Park. Kathleen asked if there was any negative reactions to the press release. Rhonda shared that majority of the comments have all been good. Many folks were glad to see it stay

recreational use while giving suggestions as to what they would like to see at the park. Suggestions included dog park, disc golf, mountain bike trails, splash pad and horse trails.

- b) Rhonda shared that it is open for passive recreation. We are encouraging folks to visit. Temporary Signage has been placed as far as rules and regulations. We are in the process of looking for funds to add amenities to the park. We are planning to do a master plan for the property. We have reached out to Chad Irely to work on a concept plan and scope of work. The following groups have reached out to us – Disc Golf, Dixie High School Cross Country and Mountain Biking/Jason Reser. We reached out to the KY Dept of Fish & Wildlife to evaluate the lake and to consider it to be a FINS lake. During their evaluation, there was bluegill, bass and common carp in the lake.
- c) Mike asked about winter sled riding and suggested this as a winter sport on this property. Brian asked about the liability if someone were to get hurt on the property. What kind of signage will be posted in regards? Rhonda stated that the rules and regulations with the ordinances that apply are posted. Suggestions was to check into signage that stated use of the park at your own risk.

**VII.** Meeting Dates for 2021

- a) Proposed Dates: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday quarterly: February 17, May 19, August 18, November 17. Dates were agreed upon by all.

**VIII.** Other Discussion

- a) No discussion was had.

**IX.** Adjournment: Mark asked to adjourn the meeting. (BH, ML) Approved.

Meeting Dates for 2020:

- a) Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Ritzi