

KENTON COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION
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June 17, 2020
12:00 PM

- I.** Attendance: Mark Reitzes, Mike Litzler; Kathleen Carnes; Brian Halloran; Rhonda Ritzi, staff; Scott Gunning, staff

- II.** Welcome
 - a) Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- III.** Meeting Minutes: 5/20/2020 (BH, KC) Approved.

- IV.** Parks Reopening Updates
 - a) Rhonda shared that Parks reopened amenities on May 29th except shelters and restrooms. Restrooms to be open June 24th. Shelters to be open July 1st. Programs have started virtually with a total of 5 programs for June and July. Scott shared that the reopening was rolled out silently and Parks will be completely open by July 1st. Playgrounds and use of facility is at your own risk with social distancing encouraged. Self-monitoring is encouraged. Parks cannot monitor or enforce social distancing and crowding. Youth Sports leasing fields will be responsible for adjusting their operations due to COVID-19. Rhonda shared baseball did start on June 15th for practices and games will begin June 29th. Mike asked about concessions. Rhonda shared that each lessee will have to follow the same recommendations as restaurants. Both soccer and baseball at Mills has reviewed recommendations and adjusted accordingly.

- V.** Budget
 - a) Mark asked Scott about the budget. Scott shared that the budget is in its second reading and that there is not an impact in the parks operations budget. However, all capital parks projects have been put on hold until the FY22 budget process. An attachment of the Parks budget is attached to the minutes.

- VI.** Dog Park
 - a) Scott shared that there was funds in the capital budget for the Dog Park project, however they are now on hold until FY22.
 - b) 3 locations were identified for further review. They are Pelly Road Property, Lincoln Ridge Park or Detention Center. Although the funds are on hold, the planning and determining the location will further be pursued. This task will include the listing the pros and cons and a cost analysis.
 - c) Mike asked about parameters in choosing a location. Scott shared that we would look for a large flat area. Mike wondered if there was a site near Covington available. Rhonda will reach out to the City of Covington for more information.

VII. Other Discussion

a) Fox Run Golf Course

a) Scott shared the status of the Fox Run Golf Course (FRGC). FRGC has been closed based on recommendations from Billy Casper Golf, current company running the operations at the golf course. The site is 223 acres. A site evaluation was completed by CBRE. The land must be use for recreational use due to some deed restrictions through the Land Conservation Water Fund. Scott shared that options are being looked into in regards to what would be best suited for the community. Suggestions such as passive recreation trails, bike trails, dog park, open green space, etc. Brian suggested an event center or dog park and taking a look at our dreams list to see if opportunities would work. Kathleen agreed. Scott agreed that a master plan for the property would need to be done. Scott and Rhonda met with Jason Reser, Reser Bicycles, and Billy Casper Golf Staff for a site visit and to discuss potential opportunities. This is very early in the process and is confidential. The next step will be to get a memorandum from the County Attorney in regards to the deed restrictions and to present to the Fiscal Court. Scott encouraged all to brainstorm some ideas for this property.

b)

VIII. Adjournment: Mark adjourned the meeting.

Meeting Dates for 2020:

- a) Wednesday, August 19th
- b) Wednesday, November 18th

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Ritzi