

**KENT PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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SPECIAL MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 – 6:30 PM, Zoom**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Rufus de Rham (Chairman), Lynn Worthington (Selectman, ex-officio), John Grant, Karen Iannucci, Kate Symonds, Miranda Lovato

Also Present: Matthew Busse (Park and Recreation Director, ex-officio)

Call to Order

de Rham calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Elevation of Alternates if Necessary

1. Lovato was elevated to a voting member position.

Public Comment (No comment from public)**Discussion and Possible Action on Summer Concert Series**

1. Discussion at length for the Summer Concert Series
 - a. Recommendation of spreading out the concert series with one concert in June, two concerts over the summer, and three concerts in the fall.
 - b. Discussion of having a concert for children in June to celebrate the end of the school year.
 - c. Discussion of utilizing different locations for the concert, including the Kent Land Trust field, Kent Commons Park, and Town Hall.
 - d. **Motion to empower the Park and Recreation Director to form a concert series with a sponsorship of up to six concerts from the commission within the tentative months discussed.**
 - i. Moved by Worthington, seconded by Grant, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on New Commission Members

1. The prospective commission member candidates were discussed at length. The commission members discussed their credentials. Busse noted that for fair party representation, neither candidate could be selected as an alternate, as they are both affiliated with the Democratic Party, and an alternate needs to be either affiliated with the Republican Party or unaffiliated.
 - a. **Motion to appoint Claire Love as the commission member to fill the vacant Park and Recreation Commission seat.**
 - i. Moved by Worthington, seconded by Grant, motion carries unanimously.
2. Busse will reach out to candidates to inform them of the decision for the commission seat.

Discussion and Possible Action on Baseball 2024

1. Discussion at length about the Baseball Program.

- a. Recommendation of a \$10.00 discount credited to parents who volunteer to coach their child's team. Notes made that resident is defined as residents of Kent and any tuition paying students at the Kent Center School.
- b. Discussion of Recreation Aides assisting when no coaches are available and two coaches per team.
- c. Busse will reach out to private schools to see if there is any interest in coaching from their coaching staff or players to assist with coaching.
- d. **Motion to approve Youth T-Ball and Baseball 2024 with recommendations.**
 - i. Moved by Worthington, seconded by de Rham, motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. Amendment made to go up to 6th grade for participation.
 - iii. Amendment accepted by Worthington, accepted by de Rham, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Camp Kent 2024

- 1. Discussion at length about the Baseball Program.
 - a. Discussion of a 6-week program for Camp Kent.
 - b. Recommendation of a fee structure of \$225/week for residents who register for one to three weeks of camp, and \$200/week for residents who register for 4-6 weeks of camp. Notes made that resident is defined as residents of Kent and any tuition paying students at the Kent Center School.
 - c. Recommendation of a fee structure of \$250/week for residents who register for one to three weeks of camp, and \$225/week for residents who register for 4-6 weeks of camp.
 - d. Recommendation of a \$25/week per child discount applied to families with two or more children attending camp in the same session.
 - e. Recommendation of registration changing to Friday, April 12th. Teasers for Camp Kent will be sent during the week leading up to registration.
 - f. **Motion to approve Camp Kent 2024 with recommendations.**
 - i. Moved by Worthington, seconded by Symonds, motion carries unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Mindful Yoga with Dawn

- 1. Discussion of approval for programs to take place after first approval, and the commission to revisit any programs and vote on changes if there are any fee structure, instructor, or major changes to the program. This will be investigated when restructuring the bylaws.
- 2. Busse mentions that the program will extend one week to June 11th with no class on May 23rd.
 - a. **Motion to approve a second Spring Session of Mindful Yoga with Dawn with recommendations.**
 - i. Moved by de Rham, seconded by Symonds, motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment

- 1. Grant requested for a Kent Ball Field meeting the week of April 15th.
- 2. Worthington discussed a meeting for the bylaws subcommittee in the coming weeks and connection with the Town Clerk.

Adjourn

1. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:46pm.

- a. Motion moved by Symonds, seconded by de Rham, motion carries.

Minutes prepared by: Matthew Busse, Park and Recreation Director

Signature:



Date:

04/05/2024

These are draft minutes and the Park and Recreation Commission at the subsequent regular meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections.

Program/Event/Activity Name:
Youth T-Ball & Baseball 2024

Date(s), and Times:
4/29/24 to 6/10/24
Different times for each activity
Programs meet 1-2x a week

Registration Dates (to and from):
4/8/24 to 4/28/24

Ages:
Entering Pre-K to 6th grade

Number of Participants:
Minimum: 6 **Maximum:** None

Brief Description:
Youth T-Ball and Baseball will run from April 29th to June 10th, 2024. No practice on Memorial Day.
The following age groups will meet on at these dates and times:

Age Group	Days of Week	Times
Pre-K + K Start Smart Clinic	Wednesdays	5:30pm – 6:15pm
1 st & 2 nd Grade T-Ball	Mondays & Wednesdays	5:30pm – 6:30pm
3 rd & 4 th Grade Coach Pitch	Tuesdays & Thursdays	5:30pm – 6:30pm
5 th – 8 th 6 th Player Pitch Clinic	Tuesdays	5:45pm – 7:00pm

We will need volunteer coaches for each age group.

Pricing:

RESIDENTS OF KENT	NON-RESIDENTS OF KENT
\$40.00/child	\$45.00/child
Coaching discount: \$5.00 off registration	Coaching discount: \$5.00 off registration
\$10.00 off registration	\$10.00 off registration

If a parent volunteers to coach for the season, they will receive ~~\$5.00~~ **\$10.00** off their child's registration fee.

Registration ends 3 days prior to the start of the program.

**PROGRAM/EVENT/ACTIVITY
PROPOSED BY:**

Matt Busse
Park & Recreation Director
3/26/24

Approved with recommendations 4/4/24

**Location (approval for location needed if
not Park & Rec facility):**

- ☐ Emery Park ☐ Kent Commons Park
☒ KCS Fields ☐ Senior Center
☐ Community House ☐ Kent School Pool
☐ Club Getaway
☐ Other: _____

Program/Event/Activity Name:

Camp Kent 2024

Date(s), and Times:

6/24/24 to 8/9/24

8:00am – 4:00pm

Weekly Program, 6 5-day sessions

Registration Dates (to and from):

4/8/24 to 6/21/24

Registration ends the Thursday night prior to the start of each session.

Ages:Entering 1st Grade until Entering 7th Grade**Number of Participants (Per Week):**

Minimum: 6

Maximum: 36

Brief Description:

Camp Kent will take place at Club Getaway from 6/24/24 to 8/9/24. The schedule is as follows:

6/24 – 6/28 7/8 – 7/12 7/15 – 7/19

*No camp week of 7/1

7/22 – 7/26 7/29 – 8/2 8/5 – 8/9

The camp start and end schedule will run:

8am drop-off with a 4pm pickup

Wednesdays will be a field trip

Friday is a catered lunch by Club Getaway

Pricing:

RESIDENTS OF KENT	NON-RESIDENTS OF KENT
\$225.00/week if registered for 1-3 weeks	\$250.00/week if registered for 1-3 weeks
\$200/week if registered for 4-6 weeks	\$225/week if registered for 4-6 weeks
Sibling discount: \$25.00/week off per child	Sibling discount: \$25.00/week off per child

Registration ends at 12:00pm on Fridays on the Thursday night prior to the start of the program each session.

PROGRAM/EVENT/ACTIVITY**PROPOSED BY:**

Matt Busse

Park & Recreation Director

3/26/24

Approved with recommendations 4/4/24

Location (approval for location needed if not Park & Rec facility):☐ Emery Park ☐ Kent Commons Park☐ KCS Field ☐ Senior Center☐ Community House ☐ Kent School Pool☒ Club Getaway☐ Other: _____

Program Name:

Mindful Yoga with Dawn

Date(s), and Times:

5/2/24 to 6/6/24-6/13/24

4pm – 5pm

Programs meet 1x a week on Thursdays

No class on 5/23/24

Registration Dates (to and from):

4/5/24 to 5/1/24

Ages:

18+

Number of Participants:

Minimum: 3

Maximum: 16

Brief Description:

An additional spring session of Mindful Yoga with Dawn at the Community House. Participants must bring their own mats, straps, and blocks.

Pricing:

RESIDENTS OF KENT

\$90.00/participant

NON-RESIDENTS OF KENT

\$90.00/participant

Registration ends 1 day prior to the start of the program.

PROGRAM PROPOSED BY:

Matt Busse

Park & Recreation Director

4/3/24

Approved with recommendations 4/4/24

Location (approval for location needed if not Park & Rec facility):☐ Emery Park☐ Kent Commons Park☐ KCS Fields☐ Senior Center☒ Community House☐ Kent School Pool☐ Club Getaway☐ Other: _____