

**KENTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Kenton County Government Center**  
**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

May 24, 2023  
12:00 PM

- I. Attendance: Mike Litzler, Brian Halloran, Kathleen Carnes, George Sparks, Rhonda Ritzi, staff
- II. Call to Order – Rhonda called to order the May 24, 2023 meeting of the Kenton County Parks & Recreation Commission.
- III. Meeting Minutes: 1/18/23 (BH, ML) Approved.
- IV. Parks Projects & Capital Projects Updates
  - a) Rhonda shared an update on the most recent completed parks projects and capital projects. These items included:
    - Richardson Road Pickleball Courts up and running. Finishing up some landscaping around the courts.
    - Lincoln Ridge Playground at Shelter #3 Completed
    - Doe Run Lake – Clean Rover Demonstration Scheduled
    - Pioneer Park – Dixie Youth Football & Cheerleading going into 4<sup>th</sup> year. New basketball rims to be installed.
    - Capital Budget Items for 2024-2027
- V. Recreation Programs Updates
  - a) Rhonda shared an update on the recreation programs. These items included:
    - Art in the Park – Tuesdays at Pioneer
    - Wild Wednesdays – Wednesdays at Mills
    - (Almost) Every Other Science Thursdays – Thursdays at Pioneer
    - Didgeridoo Down Under at Mills on June 20.
    - Northern KY Senior Games – May 2023
    - Summer Sundown Celebration at Mills August 5<sup>th</sup> with Kenton County Public Library
  - b) Rhonda discussed that although the series titles are the same, different activities are held each week of the series. Brian suggested that we ask for suggestions for programs and companies that might be able to offer different programs and sponsorships. He suggested Cincinnati Shakespeare in the Park for a program. He also made the suggestion of being on Instagram.
- VI. Lease Agreement Updates
  - a) Rhonda shared an update on the lease agreements that were approved in January.
    - Middleton-Mills Baseball Facility Management – a letter was issued explaining some deficiencies in maintenance and cleanliness.

**VII.** Review Landscaping Services Contract

- a) Rhonda shared some concerns about the conditions of properties under the landscape services contract with Szabo. It was discussed and support was given to consult with the County Attorney on next steps.

**VIII.** Other Discussion

- a) No discussion.

**IX.** Adjournment: Rhonda asked to adjourn the meeting. (BH, GS) Approved.

Meeting Dates for 2023:

Wednesday, August 9

Wednesday, November 8.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Ritzi

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