

KENTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Kenton County Government Center
Conference Room 5070
1840 Simon Kenton Way
Covington, Kentucky 41011

Minutes

August 17, 2022
12:00 PM

- I.** Attendance: Mark Reitzes, Mike Litzler, Adam Davey, Brian Halloran, Kathleen Carnes, Rhonda Ritzi, staff
- II.** Call to Order – Mark called to order the August 17, 2022 meeting of the Kenton County Parks & Recreation Commission.
- III.** Meeting Minutes: 2/16/22 (ML, BH) Approved.
- IV.** New Kenton County Park Master Plan Update
 - a) Rhonda shared that the Master Plan is still in progress. Human Nature will be presenting the draft master plan at a Fiscal Court meeting in the next couple of months.
 - b) Scott is working with the Northern Kentucky University Center of Environmental Restoration to create a plan for Stream Restoration throughout the park.
 - c) Parks has hired an additional Full-Time Parks Service Technician to maintain our parks.
- V.** Park Projects Updates
 - a) Rhonda shared an update on the most recent completed parks projects.
 - a) Parks was included in the 7 Hills Church Heart the City Week. Over 75 volunteers served by completing 5 days of projects including making birdhouses, mulching, painting and cleaning up trash.
 - b) Parks Staff worked on removal of wood debris at Doe Run Lake.
 - c) A bridge was replaced and installed at Lincoln Ridge Disc Golf Course near Hole #5 by an Eagle Scout, Bobby Antrobus.
- VI.** Capital Projects Updates
 - a) Rhonda shared an update on capital projects:
 - a) Independence Station Road Sidewalk Project – There will be two phases. Phase 1 is from Meadow Glen Drive to the new park. Phase 2 is from Meadow Glen Drive to Gary Hall Drive. The Right-of-Way has been acquired for the first phase. Utility relocation is currently in progress. Construction of Phase 1 is projected for next year.
 - b) Lincoln Ridge #3 Playground – Shipping delays have postponed this project. Shipping is scheduled for August 18, 2022.
 - c) Richardson Road Park Tennis, Pickleball & Basketball Courts – Construction meeting with Tennis Technology was held on August 16, 2022. Project is scheduled to begin on September 1, 2022.
 - d) Doe Run Lake Replacement of Piezometers – This project is scheduled to begin September 26, 2022. Repairs are need for the monitoring system of Doe Run Lake Dam.

- b) Mark suggested bulk pricing of capital items and if this has been considered. His suggestion was if we have the same project at multiple parks to bid out these projects over a couple years with one vendor.

VII. Recreation Programs Updates

- a) Rhonda shared that Summer programs went well. Wild Wednesdays and Science Thursdays were offered from June to mid-August. A new program was Art in the Park on Tuesdays in collaboration with Art Equals.
- b) This Summer we had a Recreation Intern. She was tasked to help with programs and to create two new programs. She created a one day Pollinator Pallooza event. She also created a three event Walk and Talk Nature Hike Series which included hikes at New Kenton County Park, Middleton-Mills Park and Doe Run Lake.

VIII. Other Discussion

- a) Brian asked if we had partnered with the DCCH Center. We discussed promoting our programs to them or offering field trips to our parks. Kathleen has a contact with Helping All Little Ones (HALO) League. They provide direct support to DCCH by providing parties, gifts and household items for the children's home.
- b) . Mike shared about an Art Mural in Cincinnati, OH done on concrete walls by the Cincinnati Art Institute Students. This was a suggestion of a way to showcase art in our parks.
- c) Kathleen inquired about the meeting schedule asking if meetings had to be the third Wednesday of the month quarterly. Everyone was open to further the discussion at the next meeting when setting up the schedule for 2023.

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

Meeting Dates for 2022:

3rd Wednesday quarterly: November 16.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Ritzi