

Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Kewanee Park District Board of Commissioners was held at the Kewanee Park District Office Board Room, 1095 Cambridge Road Kewanee IL 61443 Thursday February 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Present: President Jim Powell, Commissioners Andrew Verstraete, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Director Brian Johnson and Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, Dan Erickson, & JR Salisbury.

Absent: Mike Nichols

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the minutes as written. Jim Powell seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The January 2019 Financial Statements was presented. The Board reviewed and discusses the Financial Statements. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the January 2019 Financial Statements. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The January 2019 Bills for Approval were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to approve the bills for January 2019. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Ordinance No. 344 - Annual Appropriation Ordinance was presented to the Board. With no changes made, Andrew Verstraete motioned for Publication and Final Approval at the Board Meeting on March 21, 2019. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. Ordinance No. 344 will be on display at the Kewanee Park District Office for public viewing. Notice will be placed in the Kewanee Star Courier no more than 21 days and no less than 7 days prior to the March Meeting.

Open Business: Dan Erickson got the estimate cost of \$3,462.14 on the Toro 4700 parts that he needed. The Board reviewed and discussed the purchase. Jim Heberer motioned to approve of the purchase for the Toro 4700 parts. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Dan also asked about buying a reel grinder so that he can do the reel sharpening work at the park instead of sending them out to be worked on. Dan said he could grind the reels at mid-season for a better cut also. The cost is \$5,750.00 for the reel grinder. When the reels are sent out it takes 1 - 1 ½ weeks for repair time, usually 14 -17 reels a year at \$100.00 each. The savings of being able to work in house would pay for the reel grinder itself in three years. The Board reviewed and discussed the benefits of purchasing the reel grinder. Jim Heberer motioned to approve of the expense for a reel grinder. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

JR Salisbury discussed that the park needs a new mower the estimate cost is \$14,000.00 for a zero-turn mower and \$9,050.00 for a ride on mower. The Board discussed the purchase. Jim Heberer motioned for the purchase of the zero-turn mower. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Passed.

Jim Heberer asked Director Johnson about the snow days that were taken at the Park District on the same days the Kewanee Schools were closed, and about the winter hours. JR Salisbury said that he, Dan Erickson and Director Johnson were working on those snow days plowing & shoveling the parks. Jim Heberer suggested coming to work late on the snowy days and keep the winter hours.

Jim Heberer asked about the Windmont bridge and what could be done to prevent the little dogs from getting their paws stuck on the bridge. JR Salisbury said he could get 1/4" conveyer belt rubber to put down on the bridge. Jim Heberer asked if Troy Woller had anything that could be put on the bridge to fill in the cracks. This needs to be checked into.

JR Salisbury mentioned a tree stump at Windmont Park that would be perfect to have an attractive carving done on it. JR also mentioned that there are splitting trees that need to come down at the park. Andrew Verstraete motioned to get Rick Lafollette to cut the trees down. Jim Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Baseball – Tad Stout – Director Johnson had a meeting with Tad Stout. Tad suggested a blind draw for the teams and that it would make the teams have the same number in each age bracket. Jim Heberer was concerned about the teams having a pitcher. This was discussed and the Board agreed to have a blind draw for T-Ball and Pee Wee League only. Tad also suggested T-Shirts instead of Trophies for the All-Star game this year. This was discussed and the Board agreed to keep the same tradition as in the past and have Trophies instead of T-Shirts.

Advertising Director Johnson advertised the “Early Bird Golf Special” in the Star Courier, Henry County Advertiser which covers (Kewanee, Galva, Cambridge, Orion, Geneseo), Galesburg Register, Peoria Journal Star, Quad City Times/Dispatch & the Prairie News.

Miscellaneous Business: The Board discussed and agreed to allow 2 adults and 1 child or 1 adult and 2 children to ride together in the golf cart versus the 1 cart per twosomes rule. No charge for kids & high school students with a parent or guardian to ride on the golf cart.

Baker Park Benches: Director Johnson heard back from several people wanting to replace their benches for new ones and several that haven't responded, and some he can't locate. It yet needs to be determined how many benches need replaced. Brian said he will get prices on the benches.

Golf Meetings: Director Johnson mentioned that he has a Men's golf league meeting on Tuesday March 5th and the Friday Night Mixed Couples golf league meeting on Thursday April 4th at the 19th Hole Restaurant.

Accident Report: The fence that was hit in January at Northeast Park has not been paid for by the person responsible for the damages. The Board agreed to have Attorney Justin Raver send a formal letter to the responsible person requesting the damages to be paid.

Bakersville Meeting: Director Johnson said the meeting went very well. Mike Konick put on Facebook, asking opinions about the likes and dislikes at Bakersville in the past. The response was the concern of the long line wait and was suggested to make the trip around the park 30 minutes instead of 45 minutes. Director Johnson suggested to have a band, a balloon twister, food & drinks for entertainment at Bakersville also.

Jim Heberer mentioned going over the policy code next month and voting on it in April.

Jim Heberer suggested music at Windmont Park for the 100th Anniversary. He also suggested a family day at Northeast Park with petting zoo, vendors, & candy for the kids.

Director Johnson mentioned that April 10, 1855 is E.E. Bakers birthday, to celebrate having coffee & cake at the 19th Hole Restaurant.

Director Johnson mentioned about selecting candidates for the for Child of Best Friend Award.

With nothing further to discuss, Jim Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.