

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 June 20, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Present: President Jim Powell, Commissioners Andrew Verstraete, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Steve Brackett, Director Brian Johnson and Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, JR Salisbury, Dan Erickson, Dan & Tammy Swanson & Jessica Nichols

Absent: None

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the May 2019 minutes as written. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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

The June 2019 Bills for Approval were reviewed and discussed. Jacque Verscha motioned to approve the bills for June 2019. Steve Brackett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The 2018 Annual Treasurer's Report was presented to the Board for approval. Jim Heberer motioned to approve the 2018 Annual Treasurer's Report. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Open Business: Dan Swanson presented the Board with the Resolution that he drew up honoring the Kewanee Park District's 100 years of parks and recreation that it offers to its citizens and surrounding communities. The resolution explains the history of the parks and how Emit E. Baker found and funded the parks. Thank you, Dan Swanson, for the recognition.

Jessica Nichols and Andrew Verstraete presented at the Board meeting a pencil drawn picture of Emerit E. Baker and the parks that an inmate from the Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center drew. The picture is very detailed and has a lot of history drawn in it. Jessica is his art instructor and was telling us how much talent this person has. This pictured will be framed and hung in the park office.

JR Salisbury mentioned that the baseball diamonds need sand. He also mentioned that the cart is getting worn out and we only have one rake and it is 15 years old and it broke down Saturday. We need in the future a cart & machine to rake. Andrew Verstraete suggested that JR should get prices on a cart and a rake for the next season. Jim Powell asked how many loads of sand is needed for the diamonds this year. JR said 5 loads for Northeast and Windmont will be enough. Andrew Verstraete motioned for JR to order from Ratliff the 5 loads of diamond sand needed for the parks. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Jim Heberer mentioned that the ground around the monkey bars at Northeast Park needs mulch. JR said the drain on the west side of the road by the Northeast Scoreboard needs the tile replaced. He can repair it by getting LAMCO to do the digging and use rock & a drain grate to fill and cover the area.

Dan Erickson spoke to Director Johnson about the fairway mower that he had to order a part for from MCI that he installed and got the mower up and running, it cost \$1,200.00 to fix. He also is working on getting the spare mower in usable condition. Dan mentioned that the gator is old and doesn't run well, he is requesting a utility cart from the Board and has gotten some quotes and will keep looking to find one that meets the budget if allowed. The Board agreed to keep this into consideration for the future.

Director Johnson handed out information that Jerry Bowers gave him suggesting adding more tees on the course. Dan Erickson suggested that if more tees are put on the course, he would like to make them look nice, he works hard keeping the course looking good. Director Johnson suggested to get some done this year and more done each year until completed. JR talked to Nick Dana about getting the utility poles up at the driving range to put up the lights. Jim Heberer asked Dan Erickson if the well is running at the golf course. Dan said the well is working but it still needs some work done to it. Steve Brackett asked about a change in the local golf rule over an out of bounds ball on the course. Director Johnson said to change the rule it must be determined to change by each golf course. Andrew Verstraete motioned to table the decision on the rule. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Jim Heberer complemented JR and Dan for their hard work keeping up the diamonds and the golf course.

Director's Report: Director Johnson asked if the park is giving out trophies or certificates for the Allstar game. The Board agreed to give out certificates instead of trophies this year.

Illinois Department of Transportation: Director Johnson sent a letter to IDOT requesting that the 40 mph speed limit on route 78 to be moved more to the north to keep traffic at a slower pace as they pass the new parking lot in route 78, he spoke with Scott Kullerstrand in Dixon. He is waiting for the response.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal: Jim Heberer requested in the last meeting to get the health insurance quote renewal for the Board to review since it renews September 1st. The United Healthcare Insurance adjustment from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020 is a 9% increase. The board discussed and reviewed the increase. Jim Heberer likes the insurance plan and would like to keep the same policy plan for 2019-2020. Jim Powell also agreed; this is a good plan that should be kept. Andrew Verstraete motioned to accept the 2019 – 2020 United Healthcare Insurance Plan. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Family Day in the Park: June 22, 2019 is scheduled for the family day in the park celebrating 100th anniversary. Activities will be: Free Swim 12-6, sponsored by the Jerry Nell Memorial Youth Fund, 2 Bouncy Ball Houses rented from Morris Company from 2-5 by the pool, balloons by Brock from 2-6 giving away 100 shirts & hats. The band Inside Out will play

from 6-9 until the movie in the park starts. IHMVCU donated an extra \$1,000.00 along with the movie in the park as our title sponsor. Due to the 60% chance of rain the Family Day in the Park has been postponed. The Jerry Nell Memorial Youth Fund is still sponsoring the free swim on Saturday June 22nd from 12-6 (weather permitting).

ACCO: Director Johnson talked to Pete Young from ACCO and got pricing on a new diving board for the Oasis Pool \$14,920.00 he also recommended maintenance to the filter system at a cost of \$3,291.20 for the fall of this year. The pool needs painted this fall or spring also. Director Johnson said it would cost \$25,000.00 for the purchase and repairs. Jim Powell said a lot needs to be considered with the pool. Andrew Verstraete mentioned that the piping at the pool isn't good either.

Congratulations to Andrew Verstraete on completing his certificate for the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

The new handicap signs that Steve Brackett wanted are put up in front of the handicap spaces.

Ratliff Bros are finishing the job at Windmont that they started last year, it will look good when they're finished.

Jim Powell wants to look over the new employee manual so we can get the manual completed for next year.

With nothing further to discuss Andrew Verstraete motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.