

## 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 March 21, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

**Present:** President Jim Powell, Commissioners Andrew Verstraete, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Mike Nichols, Director Brian Johnson and Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle.

**Absent:** None

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Mike Nichols motioned to accept the March 2019 minutes as written. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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

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

Ordinance No. 344 – With no changes made, Jim Powell motioned to accept the Ordinance No. 344 Annual Appropriation Ordinance, as written. Mike Nichols seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

**Open Business:** With no open business to discuss, President Powell turned the meeting over to Director Johnson for his report.

**Director's Report:** Director Johnson began his report by discussing the water issues at the parks. JR has been working on the Diamonds so that the scheduled baseball games can be played. Bad winter and a slow spring, frost on the ground and cool temperatures has made it difficult to get the parks ready for baseball. Walk-in Registration is Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 11-1 and practice starts the first of May and games start the middle of May.

Jim Powell mentioned that there was a second rubber mat put on the Windmont spillway bridge. Jim Heberer asked about a permanent fix for the bridge. Director Johnson said to wait and see if this works first.

**Annual KPD/Oldeen Roofing Fishing Rodeo:** It will be held on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> with the generous donations from Ron Oldeen the tradition continues. Sharon DeSmit helps by getting donations from Wal-Mart and Farm King and orders the worms.

**Oasis Family Aquatic Center:** The pool will open the first of June and Toni Litton has offered to manage the pool again this year, she did a great job last year. Nick Welgat has asked to

manage the concession stand this year, he looks forward to the opportunity and will do a great job. He has the help and is ready to get the concession stand open.

**Golf Youth Program:** Jerry Bowers has agreed to run the golf program again this year. The free lessons will start June 3<sup>rd</sup> for two weeks in June and two weeks in July. The youth golf league will start June 12<sup>th</sup> every Wednesday through July 24<sup>th</sup>. Jerry does a great job and is liked by the kids and parents also.

**Day Camp/Special Needs:** Sharon Desmit is working with Linda Dutchaver and Amy Jackson at the Abilities Plus and the Elks in getting this year's grants.

**Child's Best Friend Award:** Jim Heberer suggested Elks and Abilities Plus. Let's get this done in April. Jim Powell motioned for the Child's Best Friend Award to go to the Elks and Abilities Plus. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Mike Perva had done a great job working on the Kewanee Park District's computer. Last month our computer was hacked, and he responded quickly and called Go Daddy and got everything taken care of. Director Johnson said that we give him a golf package for his service and that he doesn't golf a lot, can we give him \$500.00 for the work. Jim Heberer suggested to give the golf package and the \$500.00. Mike Nichols motioned to give Mike Perva the golf package and \$500.00. Jackie Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Barton Electric was here March 5<sup>th</sup> to drill posts for the lighting. They went through a ground title and we got Rick LaFollette to dig the area and Terry Neiryneck had the material to repair the break.

**Dog Park:** Director Johnson mentioned that Kevin Newton from the City and Kim DeClerk from the Boss Manufacturing wants to partner with KPD on the future dog park. Brian is waiting for them to get back with him on the dog park. Jim Heberer suggested to wait until we get the offer from the City of Kewanee and Boss Manufacturing to continue with the dog park. Concerns were conflict with dogs and owners and leaving the dogs unattended.

**IHMVCU:** Chelsea Mentado would like to expand on the movie in the park this year, that they had sponsored for the last 3 years in celebrating the Park's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She will ask her authorities about this and research about other possibilities

Jim Powell mentioned that the Park District Employee Code Book needs to be updated. Jim Heberer mentioned that we need in the book a code for snow days, Jim Powell suggested that the Board should choose to close either when the school or the city closes. Andrew Verstraete suggested to let Director Johnson make the decision to close the Park on snow days. Jim Heberer also mentioned days off for funerals and jury duty needs to be included in the code book. Director Johnson issued the Board a code book form IPMG that has the most current updated legal information to use as a guide to update the park's code book.

Jim Heberer mentioned looking at a solar system and to check and with the city about the legal limits, also ask attorney Justin Raver to investigate the opportunities of a solar system.

Jim Heberer suggested edging the parks with concrete instead of using bricks, this is a fall job and to ask Dan & JR about this.

Jim Heberer also mentioned that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners that Breedlove's donated are very impressive. Jim Powell mentioned that mentioned that Child's Best Friend & Breedlove's has done a lot for the park district.

With nothing further to discuss, Mike Nichols motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.