

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 May 16, 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, Mike Helenthal

Absent: None

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the April 2019 minutes as written. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The May 2, 2019 Election of Officer Meeting Minutes reviewed and discussed. Andrew Verstraete motioned to accept the April 2019 minutes as written. Jim Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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

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

President Jim Powell mentioned that the 19th Hole Restaurant sales were good last month.

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 mentioning that Northeast Park got the new slides this week. The fountain at Windmont Park is in and looks nice. The Garden Club donated a tree and had Steve's Nursery plant the tree at Northeast Thursday. Amber Patch Troxell raised and donated \$200.00 to the Jerry Nell Memorial Youth Fund and baseball gloves and balls also. Thank you, Amber, for the donations! The Kewanee Park District had Breedloves put the 100th Anniversary logo on the sleeves of the baseball players shirts that signed up this year. The shirts look nice, they did a good job!

State Representative Dan Swanson: The resolution that Dan wrote will be read in the House of Representatives in Springfield to celebrate the Kewanee Park District's 100th Anniversary. The Resolution congratulates the Kewanee Park District on its 100th Anniversary and educates with information on how Emerit E. Baker founded and funded the Park. The

Kewanee Park District has been providing recreational opportunities to the Kewanee and the surrounding area for 100 years.

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.

Baseball: Eric Ellenberger from Motor City is sponsoring a test drive, \$25.00 a drive up to \$500.00 gets donated to the Kewanee Park District. The advertised hours were on Saturdays, but anyone can test drive at any time mentioning the drive is to benefit the park district.

Abilities Plus Endowment: Sharon DeSmit applied for and received a grant from the Abilities Plus Endowment for the Special Needs Camp. The \$600.00 grant money will be used for the camp supplies and the field trip transportation. Thanks Sharon and Abilities Plus!

Francis Park: Gary Bradley from the City of Kewanee asked Director Johnson if the Kewanee Park District was interested in taking over Francis Park. Gary said that the yearly maintenance cost is about \$20,000.00. Gary also said the City would also offer free water for the pool. Director Johnson told Gary that he would discuss the Francis Park proposal at the next Board Meeting. Andrew Verstraete said that the electrical needs updated at Francis Park. Steve Brackett and Andrew Verstraete asked about the tourist home there, and the upkeep needed. Jim Heberer mentioned that a tour guide and a caretaker would need to be hired for the park also. The Park District's budget wouldn't be able to include the Francis Park expenses. Jim Powell made a motion not to enter into an agreement with Francis Park. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed.

Rod Loibl came to the office and asked Director Johnson if he could plant a tree at Windmont Park. Rod said his family has their annual reunion at the park every year and he would like to plant a memorial tree there. Jim Powell was concerned that others would want to plant memorial trees and there isn't enough space at Windmont for all the trees. The Park already has a memorial tree and the memorial leaf's can be purchased for \$50.00 with a name imprinted on the leaf. Jim Heberer suggested that Northeast Park could use some trees and would be a good location for someone to plant a tree. A list needs established for the location places at Northeast Park to plant trees or bushes for anyone wishing to donate a tree or bush.

Jacque Verscha asked about the dog park. Director Johnson said that there has not been an agreement on a decision yet. Steve Brackett asked how many people would be using the dog park and would people be able to use the other parks to walk their dogs or just at the dog park. Jim Heberer mentioned that there were too many unanswered questions yet.

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