**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 August 15, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Present: President Jim Powell, Commissioners Andrew Verstraete, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Steve Brackett, Director Brian Johnson, Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle and Mike Helenthal (Of the Star Courier)

Absent: None

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

The July 2019 Financial Statements was presented. The Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements. Steve Brackett motioned to accept the July 2019 Financial Statements. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The August 2019 Financial Statements was presented. The Board reviewed and discussed the Financial Statements. Andrew Verstraete motioned to accept the August 2019 Financial Statements. Jim Powell seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The August 2019 Bills for Approval were reviewed and discussed. Steve Brackett motioned to approve the bills for August 2019. Jim Heberer 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 Brian Johnson for his report.

**Director’s Report:** Director Brian Johnson began his report by mentioning that we are still battling the leak Northeast Park Oasis Pool. Steve Michalik with Williams and Associates who designed the pool and knows the pools structure is coming to look at the pool in a few weeks. The pool was built in 1998 and is 21 years old. Shaun Gruszeczka Kewanee Park District’s employee at the Oasis pool thinks there might be two leaks in the pool. Andrew Verstraete said with the amount of water that is being lost daily there’s a major leak(s). Director Johnson said that the gutters need checked as well. Acco gave a quote of $40,000.00 for filling the cracks and painting, this quote doesn’t include repairing the leak(s). We also just got a new diving board which cost $15,000.00. Jim Powell is concerned about the cost of all the repairs needed to fix the pool.

**Fire at Windmont Shelter House:** We have moved the people who had reservations for the Windmont Shelter House to a different location since they can’t use the shelter due to the fire. The park district refunded those that made other arrangements or chose a pagoda. Unfortunately, the annual Relay for Life can’t use the shelter this year. Sharon Deahl is working on managing the relay without using the shelter house. Director Johnson hopes that SERVPRO will have the shelter restored before November 1st when the Windmont Park Lighting Group will start decorating. Director Johnson checked into a security camera for the shelter house, the park can get a wireless system with 4 cameras and a monitor for $500.00. The board agreed that this is a necessity that needs to be purchased.

**Illinois Department of Transportation:** Director Johnson received an email from the Illinois Department of Transportation stating that there was insufficient justification to extend the speed to 30 from 40 mph to the north on route 78 by Northeast Park that Jim Heberer recently requested. The request was to keep the drivers going past the new entrance of the parking lot on a slower pace. The park gets very busy with lots of in and out traffic.

**Minimum Wage Increase:** Director Johnson discussed how the wage increase over the next five years is going to affect the park district, “we won’t be able to offer what we do today.” Jim Heberer stated that we are going to have to raise the prices to cover the increases. Director Johnson mentioned that the activity rate prices haven’t been raised in ten years. Jim Powell said it’s going to be tough. Jim Heberer also mentioned that the park gets a lot of compliments for the hard work the employees do to keep it nice. It takes a lot of work to keep up with the park maintenance.

**19th Hole Restaurant Closing Date:** Director Johnson asked the board when they would like to close the restaurant this year. Being open in October last year, the restaurant had a profit loss in October. Golf will still be open and handled out of the park district’s office and starters will be scheduled on the weekends. Andrew Verstraete suggested closing the 19th Hole Restaurant Monday October 7th.

**Rain Checks:** Jim Heberer suggested giving out rain checks when the weather prevents golfers from finishing the game that they have paid for. It was suggested to give a rain check for the unused open play golf only that couldn’t be finished due to the weather.

Jim Powell mentioned that the Galva Ladies Golf Playday went well and the Senior Golf Tournament turned out good also. Everyone had a good time and liked the food; the restaurant did a good job!

Jim Heberer expressed his appreciation to I.H. Mississippi Valley Credit Union for all they did for the Kewanee Park District Family Day July 20, 2019.

Director Brian Johnson mentioned that the Club Championship and City - AM tournaments need a minimum of 10 entries. Steve Brackett suggested to combine E.E Baker with City – AM.

The 2019 Baker Park Golf Course Labor Day Tournament, there were 225 men who participated and 54 women this year. It was a great week for the tournament the weather was good.  Last year there were 224 men and 56 women.

Jim Heberer asked about the new Illinois cannabis laws and how it will affect the parks. Director Johnson said he will contact the IAPD (Illinois Association of Park Districts) and get the laws for the parks.

Jim Heberer asked if the budget allows, he would like to see a Pickle Court at Windmont and a Scoreboard at the Northeast Case diamond in the future.

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