**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 September 19, 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, David Pistorius (First Midstate) and Mike Helenthal (Of the Star Courier) Kayla Garms (Supervisor & Cook the 19th Hole Restaurant)

Absent: None

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Andrew Verstraete motioned to accept the July 2019 minutes as written. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

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

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

President Jim Powell welcomed David Pistorius with First Midstate. The Board “Selected First Midstate, Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as bond/disclosure counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's General Obligation Park Bonds.” David Pistorius explained that the board can issue up to .575 % of the district’s Equalized Assessed Valuation in general obligations bonds without referendum to preserve protect and maintain the Kewanee park districts grounds. 2018 EVA was $90,071,811 and .575% of that figure is $517,913 available for 2019 in General Obligation Bonds. Of that $517,000.00 available $105,000.00 will need to be paid for an Alternate Revenue Bond that is already for the irrigation system. David explained that the district will have a public meeting in October then adopt the bond ordinance in November’s meeting. The G. O. Bond will be complete then and the money should arrive the first week of December. The Board thanked Mr. Pistorius and First Midstate for their continued help in procuring the Kewanee Park District General Obligation Bonds on a yearly basis and look forward to working with both again in the future.

**Open Business:** Kayla Garms (Supervisor & Cook at the 19th Hole Restaurant) reported an incident at the restaurant that Commissioner Jim Powell was upset about a food order that was wrong Wednesday September 18th which was a Turkey Club that was ordered and isn’t on the menu. She said he was belligerent and drunk, screaming profanities. Jim Powell said to Kayla “you say I was, and I say I wasn’t.” Kayla said the male server handled the situation in a well-mannered way and there was a 14-year-old eating that ask if there was going to be a fight. Jim Heberer asked if this was discussed with Director Brian Johnson. Kayla said she had discussed this matter with Director Johnson. Jim Powell apologized, he didn’t know that there weren’t Turkey Clubs on the menu, now he understands why the Burger mistaken for the Turkey Club.

**Director’s Report:** Director Brian Johnson began his report by mentioning that he had attended Central Elementary/Junior High Health/Activities Fair Thursday September 12th and handed out information on what the Kewanee Park District offers in the spring and will hand out the sign-up sheets in the spring.

**Marcus Thornburg:** Marcus asked Director Johnson if a shade shelter could be put on the big soccer field for the home soccer matches. He said something like a baseball dugout would work. He also asks if there was any way to put irrigation on the soccer field. Andrew Verstraete said there were a lot of bare spots and suggested irrigating, top dressing and that over seeding would help. Brian said that the budget wouldn’t be able to afford the high-water bills in the summer with the irrigation. Marcus said he would help fund the roofs if needed. Andrew Verstraete was asked if more trash cans could be put on the soccer field.

**High Water Bill:** Director Johnson talked to Gary Bradley about the high-water bill that we received for the Northeast Oasis Pool when the leak in the pool was discovered to see if we can get any relief on the excessive charges. Gary said the City Ordinance says if a resident has a water bill triple the amount of a normal water bill, they can receive relief just once. He was unclear what the ordinance was for another municipality but would check and get back to Brian. Pete Young from Acco gave an estimate of $15,000.00 to re-caulk all joints, motor joints & proxy a smooth layer on the top of the bottom of the shallow and deep end of the pool. This will take 3 guys and three to four days to complete the job. Spring maybe summer is when Acco could fix the pool. Jim Heberer suggested having Acco to fix the pool. Andrew Verstraete suggested in the future maybe a splash pad, we won’t need lifeguards for a splash pad. Jim Powell researched and said it costs around 400,000 for a splash pad. Director Johnson said with minimum wage increases where is the money going to come from. Jim Heberer motioned to hire Acco to do the work on the Northeast Oasis Pool. Andrew Verstraete seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

**Insurance Program Managers Group (IPMG):** The group has put tighter with their law consultants a brief overview of the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (CRTA) that was signed by Governor JB Pritzker and goes in effect on January 1st of 2020. The summary focuses on the impact the CRTA will have on public entities and their workplace policies.

**Windmont Park Shelter:** Zac from ServPro has informed Director Johnson that the bids for the plumbing, electrical and carpentry have been received and given to Eddie the insurance adjuster. Eddie said he would approve the repairs as soon as possible and would also reimburse for the lost dates that the shelter was booked for. A list was forwarded along with the fire/police report that was also submitted to the insurance. Brian was later informed that Kenny Gutschlag (Gutschlag Electric) got the bid and can start the work immediately.

**Minimum Wage:**  Director Johnson compiled figures for this year up to August 21st and will need to do it again in late October to update when the 19th Hole Restaurant closes for the season and the maintenance seasonal employees are laid off. The report has every employee and the number of hours they worked in 2019, then multiplied by the same hours at the new minimum wage for the next 6 years. These increases are just in salary alone to keep the same amount employees and hours. This is only through August 21st and doesn’t include raises for the full-time employees. The total increase in wages, because of the minimum wage increase alone in the next 6 years is approximately $106,704.25. At approximately $20,000.00 a year increase Director Johnson asked, how we are going to survive. When this report is updated by January or February there will be some hard decisions to make.

**100 Year Anniversary:** The Park District is receiving a 100 Years Anniversary Proclamation from the Illinois Association of Park District’s art their Gala Friday November 1, 2019 in Wheeling Illinois. Jim Heberer is also receiving his 25 Year Anniversary as a Commissioner at the Kewanee Park District.

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