

Due to the “Stay-at-Home & Social Distancing” Law that is in effect the monthly meeting of the Kewanee Park District Board of Commissioners was held at the 19th Hole Restaurant, 1095 Cambridge Road Kewanee IL 61443 Thursday April 2, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

Present: President Jim Powell, Commissioners Andrew Verstraete, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Steve Brackett, Director Brian Johnson and Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, Superintendent of Parks JR Salisbury and Superintendent of Golf Course Dan Erickson

Absent: None

President Jim Powell called the meeting to order. The Board tabled the minutes of the March 19, 2020 until the April meeting.

The Board tabled the March 2020 Financial Statements until the April meeting.

The March 2020 Bills for Approval were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to approve the bills for March 2020. Andrew Verstraete 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 Johnson began the meeting by asking the commissioners what he should do since the stay at home quarantine has been extended until April 30th with his employees, right now they come in get their work done and go home. He has four full time employees and two hourly employees. Andrew Verstraete mentioned that the expenses need to be considered. He asked Dan Erickson if he could get by mowing the golf course once a week, Dan said regardless he'll mow as needed to keep it looking nice. He asked JR Salisbury about what he has going on, he said that he has been cleaning up vandalism & lots of trash since the restaurants are closed there is a lot of trash being dumped at the parks. Andrew asked if there are signs put up letting everyone know that everything is closed except for waking. Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle said there were 30 signs of notification and it's also posted on the internet. Andrew Verstraete and JR Salisbury discussed the safety of wearing gloves and throwing them away & getting new ones as needed when he is picking up trash. Director Johnson said the grass is growing and business needs to get done he is also going to need to hire some part time employees soon. Director Johnson asked do you want me to work my employees eight hours or keep the same, I have been asking them to come in, do the necessary work and go home since there is a stay-at-home law in effect. Jim Powell asked Director Johnson if they could work a half a day and take a half day vacation. Director Johnson said he would rather be laid off than take vacation time, because he can't go anywhere because of the state quarantine. Jim Heberer mentioned that he never thought about the vacation time that will have to be used by the end of the year after this is over. Director Johnson said no one expected this to happen, but it's real. Jim Heberer asked Director Johnson if he thought baseball would start up in May. Director Johnson said, this isn't over yet, I wouldn't want my child to share a helmet and bat on May 2nd. After discussion the commissioners decided to keep all four full time employees Director Brian Johnson, Christy Jackson-Ehnle, JR Salisbury, Dan Erickson and hourly employees Bill Ince and Shane Lafollette

and to come in and get the necessary work done during this stay-at-home quarantine and hire minimal employees as needed for JR and Dan.

President Powell presented EE Baker Park District Trust Portfolio Value sheet as of 4/01/20 is \$972,643.25 that he got from Clark Blair Financials today. The stock market has taken a hit lately with the covid-19 virus. Jim Powell said although the market has a loss let the funds roll it will come back.

Jim Powell asked Dan Erickson how many hours he spends mowing right now. Dan said he's been mowing at least twice a week, chemical application & irrigation. Director Johnson talked to Chief Ainley about keeping an eye on trespassers that aren't following the COVID-19 laws. JR Salisbury asked about ACCO working on the Oasis Pool that was scheduled this spring. Director Johnson said that is moving forward. JR Salisbury asked about putting concrete in front of basketball court 10 ft of fence 30x70 JR Salisbury quoted \$500 for fence and \$3,500 for Concrete and he could do the work. Jim Heberer motioned to have JR Salisbury concrete the parking path by the basketball court at Northeast. Jacque Verscha seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Director Johnson got a bid from Interstate Fence on the fence at Windmont Park \$56,400 for Aluminum and \$63,250 Steel. Director Johnson mentioned that Sharon DeSmit applied for a grant from Abilities Plus for the Special Needs Camp this summer. JR Salisbury gave an update on the Windmont Shelter House, that the inside trim needed finished and Benbo Plumbing was there, also SERVPRO isn't happy with the smoke smell that is still in the building.

Barb Salisbury who plants the flowers asked for dirt & perennials instead of the grass mix with seeds. Jim Heberer asked about having a yellow painted cross walk at 11th and Elm St. to slow down the traffic & also getting rid of the water that stands by the scoreboard of the Pool Diamonds. Director Johnson said he is going to get a quote for tile to get that fixed. Andrew Verstraete asked about speed bumps. Jim Heberer asked if the Case Memorial by Northeast road could be straightened up and maybe JR could put blocks there. Jim Heberer mentioned that he would like to Black Top Chautauqua Park in the lane.

With nothing further to discuss, Present Powell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Heberer moved to adjourn the meeting. Jacque seconded the motion. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned.