

## MINUTES

The Monthly Board meeting of the Kewanee Park District Board of Commissioners was held at the Baker Park Office, Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: President Andrew Verstraete, Commissioners Paula Kapcinkas, Jim Heberer, Jacque Verscha, Steve Brackett, Susan DeVilder (Star Courier), Kevin & Jayne Gerard, Mike & Bobbi Rapczak, Maryann Colver, Rose Pettersson, Director Andrew Dwyer & Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle.

ABSENT: None

President Andrew Verstraete called the regular Board meeting to order. The minutes of the June 17, 2021 were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the minutes as written. Paula Kapcinkas seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The June 2021 Financial Statement were reviewed and discussed. Jim Heberer motioned to accept the June 2021 Financial Statement. Paula Kapcinkas seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The July Bills for Approval were reviewed and discussed. Steve Brackett motioned to approve the bills for June 2021. Paula Kapcinkas seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

OPEN BUSINESS: Neighbors from the Northeast Park area came to the board meeting to discuss terrible things that were going on in the park that they see. A parade of cars coming in the park late at night & traffic all hours in cars and on foot. They have seen people arguing and the man had a gun at 1:00 AM. A group of younger kids passing a joint in the pool. They would like to see the parks put up gates and lock them up every night. Security is the #1 issue. Saw people break into the concession stand and graffiti on the playground equipment and vandalism. A camper from Oregon parked in the park. Strange U-Haul carrier box truck came through northeast park. President Verstraete asked Director Dwyer to contact Nick Welgat and ask about patrolling the parks and auxiliary people if needed 11:30-3:30pm and 4:00 – 7:00pm lock up at 10. We need to get the gates up and lock the park at 10PM.

### **Director's Report and Meeting Minutes**

#### **1.) Follow-up from last board meeting:**

- a. Tee marker signs: On order
- b. Soccer Camp
  - i. 2 day event partnering with KHS Soccer coaches
- c. Scorecard: New layout and design. Awaiting artwork for sponsors

- d. Fall Soccer — is a go pending your approval — will seek sponsors to help defray costs
  - e. YMCA flag football
  - f. Golf cart update
    - i. Still waiting.
  - g. Kewanee A's, Bob Shrum, and also Eric Miner want to host a baseball/softball clinic and a showcase game in August. Park District will support and help promote clinic.
  - h. Disc Golf Clinic - Trying to nail down date
  - 2.) Communications:
  - 3.) Kewanee School District contract  
**Jim Heberer motioned to renew the Kewanee School District contract as written. Steve Brackett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.**
  - 4.) Rt81/6<sup>th</sup> St. Highway project update
  - 5.) Chautauqua Park Insurance Claim
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- a. Quotes for Playground
  - b. Quotes for stump removal
  - c. Quotes for tree replacement
  - 6.) Windmont ball diamond light adjustment
    - a. Spoke with Ameren about possible a community service type event where they would adjust lights to correct dispersion. Discussions are favorable.
  - 7.) Nick Welgat with the Nolan Keane Classic is wanting to add an additional ball diamond at Northeast park. They want to move soccer fields
  - 8.) City AM?
  - 9.) Labor Day price. Was 50 + cart for a total of \$70. I suggest we increase to \$80 all inclusive.  
**Steve Brackett motioned to accept the Labor Day fees as Men nonmember \$80, member \$65, member with cart \$45, Women nonmember \$40, member \$35, member with cart \$25. Paula Kapacinskas seconded the motion. Four in Favor Jim Heberer Nay. Motion Passed.**
  - 10.) Labor day flyers?
  - 11.) Cooler rental was raised to \$10 due to amount of un-returned coolers and cost to replace was near \$10.
  - 12.) Compensation for Nolan Keane Classic
  - 13.) Lighting at Parks
    - a. Windmont Looking to alter lighting in back parking lot to create for visibility

- b. Considering removing a pole w/ multiple lights on south end of lagoon that is expensive and replacing with Ameren pole and flat rate . LED rental per month.
- c. Working with vendors on all poled lighting at NE to brighten up and become energy efficient. Playground lights are out and are top priority.
- d. Base quote from Westefer attached. With support, I will reach out to seek formal quotes as this is a higher dollar project.

14.) Internet w/ wifi at NE, Windmont, and Chautauqua shelter houses

- a. Customer facing option
- b. Security cameras
- c. Smart locks on doors?

15.) Locking gate at NE

- a. Staff recommended not to do to vandalism being greater when park is "closed"

16.) Other Activities

- a. Donating Space to local GS troop
  - b. Spoke to Kiwanis
  - c. Lighting donation for \$200 from Kiwanis
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- d. Loaned carts and picnic tables to prairie chicken festival
  - e. Hired part time office assistant. She started this week.
  - f. Worked with residents on West end of Baker Park to address a thistle concern
  - g. Worked the Nolan Keane Classic
  - h. Worked and played in Shaune Lewis outing

With nothing further to discuss Jim Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Brackett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed.