

The Monthly Board meeting of the Kewanee Park District Board of Commissioners was held at the Baker Park Office, Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

PRESENT: President Andrew Verstraete, Commissioners Paula Kapacinskas, Jim Heberer, Steve Brackett, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, Susan DeVilder (Star Courier), & Jennifer Russell (Regional Media)

ABSENT: None

President Andrew Verstraete called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Consent Agenda included the following items:

- a. Consideration of minutes: Regular Meeting February 17, 2022
- b. Consideration of Financial Statements
- c. Consideration of Bills for Approval
Commissioner Kapacinskas motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

Public Comment: No Public Comments

New Business:

- a. Public Hearing – Ordinance #365
Commissioner Steve Brackett motioned to open the public hearing for public comments. Commissioner Jim Heberer seconded the motion. With no public comments President Verstraete entertained for a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Heberer motioned to close the public meeting. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0
- b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 365 – Annual Appropriation Ordinance Final approval
Commissioner Kapacinskas motioned to approve the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Commissioner Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0
- c. Discussion Only – Resignation and appointment process for vacant commissioner seat
The board complimented Commissioner Verscha on her years of service with Kewanee Park District and all she has done for the community. Director Dwyer said he will do something to commemorate her for her service to the Park District and our community.
- d. Consideration of Resolution No 1. Authorizing Executive Director to enter into agreement with Clean Energy Design Group for 3 solar arrays.
Discussion – The three solar arrays will be placed at the administrative office, the 19th Hole Restaurant, and Northeast Park.
Commissioner Kapacinskas motioned to authorize Director Dwyer to enter into agreement with Clean Energy Resolution for 3 solar arrays. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Motioned Passed 4-0
- e. Consideration of Resolution No 2. Authorizing Executive Director to apply for American Rescue Funding grants available through Henry County.
The grants would be used for a tennis court overlay & redesign to make a multi surface with three pickleball courts, tennis court, ½ court basketball at Windmont Park and new playground equipment at Liberty Park. Also adding a pavilion at Chautauqua & Northeast Parks and registration software for the activities and rentals.

Commissioner Brackett motioned to authorize Director Dwyer to apply for American rescue Funding Grants. Commissioner Kapacinkas seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

- f. Consideration of Resolution No 3. Authorizing Executive Director to purchase refrigerated prep table for 19th hole.

The cost to repair the old prep table would be \$4,500 – \$5,000 to, which is more than purchasing a new prep table.

Commissioner Kapacinkas motioned to authorize Director Dwyer to purchase refrigerated prep table for the 19th hole restaurant. Steve Brackett seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

Director Dwyer's Report

- 1.) We have been awarded "Earth Day in the Parks Grant" for \$990 to install a pollinator garden in Northeast Park.

There will be about 160 native plants at the Northeast Park location between the sand volleyball by the case diamond on both sides of the walk and will state the common name of the plants. The Boy Scout will help with the plantation and upkeep on the plants.

- 2.) Pull behind arrived this week. Tractor and Sprayer should arrive near beginning of June. We will execute the agreement with lender closer to that time as delivery dates gain clarity.

- 3.) Local HVAC vendors are having a hard time getting pricing, I was hoping to have a proposal to you with 3 quotes regarding the hood/ventilation at the 19th Hole, but these delays have caused us to push it to next month.

- 4.) Other Activities

- a. Continuing to work with Breedlove's regarding Plaques for memorial trees and benches. Delays are reach 1 year
- b. Attended 2nd Bakersville meeting. They are optimistic and organized. We will continue our support and expound upon as needed.
- c. I am teaching Junior achievement thru march and into April at Central school.
- d. Met with ACCO about chemicals, services, and broached splash pad and their offerings in the event we consider installing one.
- e. Reached out to our tree vendor about orders and pricing for spring season.
- f. I have sent out scholarship request and requirements to both Kewanee and Wethersfield schools
- g. Met with Regional media rep about "Best of Tri-Counties" and our nominations.
- h. Met via phone with our Energy consultant from Seven Energy about our Solar program application.

- i. Creating Job expectations/duties for "Head Starter", Starters, and Cart Personnel for this upcoming season.
- j. In parks
 - i. Prepping for Tee marker sign install
 - ii. Cutting and removing dead trees
 - iii. Beginning call back [hiring process
 - iv. HS baseball softball prep, season underway as of Tuesday
 - v. Working towards golf course opening

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Brackett complimented on the grant and mentioned that the Monday night league has added another team.

Commissioner Heberer said his questions were about soccer, golf and the 19th hole was discussed.

Commissioner Kapacinkas thanked Director Dwyer for the grants and his 1st year anniversary coming up on Monday.

President Verstraete complimented Director Dwyer and said he appreciated the hard work and dedication and keep working on the grants.

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