

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 June 16, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Present: President Steve Brackett, Commissioners Paula Kapacinkas, Jim Heberer, Andrew Verstraete, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, Jerry Bowers, Janet Rosener, Bud Johnson, Sharon DeSmit, Sandy Thomas, Brian Johnson, & Jennifer Russell (Regional Media)

Absent: Nichelle Morey

President Brackett Called the meeting to order.

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular - Election of Officer Meeting May 5, 2022
 - ii. Regular Meeting May 19, 2022
 - b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Commissioner Heberer motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner Verstraete seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Johnson came to the board meeting to discuss his OSF medical bill for reimbursement that is on the agenda. Brian asked to have it on the next meeting agenda when there is a full board since Commissioner Morey was absent.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of: Annual Treasurers report
Commissioner Kapacinkas motion to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report.
Commissioner Verstraete seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0
- b. Presentation and Recognition of: "Child's Best Friend Award" winners 2022

President Brackett asked Sharon DeSmit to present Bud Johnson (Waunee Theater)

with the A Child's Best Friend Award. Sharon said it is a privilege and honor to be here with Bud he is wonderful. She told about the time her Day Camp field trip was cancelled because of weather and Bud opened the Theatre for them and gave the kids a movie, candy, & popcorn and how grateful she was for that. Bud said thanks to everyone.

President Brackett presented Jerry Bowers who is the Junior Golf Director who has been for a long time, giving youth golf lessons, youth golf league and also golf lessons for anyone with A Child's Best Friend Award saying he is a caring, considerate person who does a wonderful job. Jerry mentioned that he had worked at the pro shop and golf course and that everyone and Baker Park is home and family to him. Jerry thanked everyone.

c. Consideration of Resolution No 5: Authorization for medical bill reimbursement

Commissioner Verstraete motioned to table Consideration of Resolution No 5.

Commissioner Kapacinskas seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

d. Consideration of: Commissioner term of office from 6 years to 4 years.

Director Dwyer explained that he had talked to Jason from IAPD about changing term year 6 years to 4 years. If all agree he needs to present it to the board as a resolution and file it with the proper authorities.

Commissioner Kapacinskas motioned to form a resolution to present at the next board Meeting. Commissioner Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

Director's Report

- 1.) Pollinator Garden went in this past Sunday. Working with potential donor(s) to develop space as a stop with seating and also signage along the way.
- 2.) Conducting a post season satisfaction survey for soccer. Will use results to better our program and also recognize areas of excellence.
- 3.) Kiwanis is going to be flagship sponsor for our Youth Golf League. Weekly \$5 fee will be covered by Kiwanis and we will promote the event as sponsored by them in the community as "Kewanee Park District's Youth Golf League sponsored by Kewanee Kiwanis Club"
- 4.) Motor City and us are teaming up for end of baseball/softball/t-ball event where each kid will get a piece of pizza, drink, and snow-cone upon completion of their last game. Motor City has been gracious enough to make the donation and we will be delivering the event in conjunction with the snack shack!

5.) Working with City to update their storm water retention site at Chautauqua Park. Area needs to be updated and a gradual berm will be installed. Enclosed in your packet is the proposed updates.

6.) Update on vandalism etc. . .

- a. DUI crash has damaged fence at N01theast near Big Diamond concession. Person was arrested. I will be obtaining report and trying to get restitution.
- b. Kids arrested for shooting "orbeeze" guns at northeast park. 3 of them are repeat offenders and will all receive 1 year bans.
- c. Fish vandalism at Windmont.
 - i. 5 caught and charges have been pressed.
- d. Trespass letters have gone out to PD and Juvenile probation.
- e. Camera Systems are going in or are in at most parks. Good progress being made and system has already provided results.

7.) Other Activities

- a. Began Audit with Irwin.
- b. Organized City Am
- c. Working with Chamber on golf outing, fundraising for 4th of July, the event itself, and future events for fundraising
- d. Health Department inspected 19th Hole with high marks!
- e. Illinois liquor commission came in and inspected and we passed with no issues. They only request a change in our dba to include "Baker Park Golf Course"
- f. Labor day flyer going out soon
- g. Coordinated event with Library and "Mr. Steve" was a big hit. Around 75 kids attended!
- h. Worked with Musco on multiple lighting repairs and also identified one more while on site and repaired to eliminate •lag time and also same on their time.
- i. Night golf has been posted and will be June 25th. Feedback has been phenomenal and we are sold out in 1 day. 2 more to come.
- j. Working with local OSF team on potential projects to play equipment for daycamps and potentially to host a 2nd movie in the park.

- k. We had our first hole in one of the year on June 12th. Alyssa Morosco aced hole number 2 with a driver.
- l. Working with Rotary to host a free swim or two and also coordinating to touch up the painting on the rotary signs on the gates at Windmont park.
- m. 6 trees have been purchased through 3 memorials and each have been planted in various locations throughout the parks.
- n. Working with Leisure's on a concept of what their proposed modifications are to the 8 tee area. They understand they will be responsible for all removal, planting, and grass if they chose to move forward.
- o. In the parks
 - i. Concrete slabs, walkway, and benches have been installed.
 - ii. New fountain up and running after some electrical work done to make compatible.
 - iii. Summer help has begun and we are all go on daily maintenance as well as mowing!
 - iv. Rock wall project on 15 has begun and hope to be done soon.
 - v. Pool is open and numbers have been pretty good thus far vi. Baseball practice is in full swing with games slated to start June 22 vii. The Oldeen fishing rodeo was a big hit again this year. The overall winner caught a 31-inch Catfish!
 - viii. Movie in the park was a success and approximately 125 people watched Encato, the rain stayed just north of us, and it was a good night!
 - ix. Golf clinic is going on and first youth league is tomorrow, June 14th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Verstraete: Thank you New View Furniture, Motor City, and Kiwanis Club sponsors. He would like more trash cans at the Northeast Soccer Fields. It's the heart of our summer and everyone is busy, Dan and his crew are doing well keeping up with everything.

Commissioner Heberer: Thanked Oldeen's for sponsoring the Fishing Rodeo 130-140 kids went and a 31" catfish was caught. Asked about an electronic message board for playdays, special events, 19th hours, golf activities and if Director Dwyer got any prizes yet. He asked Director Dwyer to ask Attorney Justin Raver about the discussion only on the agenda why we cannot vote

if it leads to a motion on the night of the meeting. He also asked about the flagpole at Chautauqua Park by the horseshoe pits. There are 2 dozen chairs stacked at the 19th Hole are more tables for them. Director Dwyer said he would have to check.

Commissioner Kapacinkas: Thank you team Christy & Andrew, everyone at the restaurant, pro shop, it is great to see the maintenance people and everyone working together to make the parks look fantastic. Complemented the Pollinator at Northeast. Soccer fields look great, we are in full swing with baseball. Northeast is looking great the pool & pickleball courts. The movie in the park was a great success, fishing rodeo being so wonderful its wonderful to have so many sponsors. Upcoming fireworks, Waunee Theater running free movie with donations going to the fireworks.

Commissioner Brackett: Our community is pulling together to get things done from sponsors to people working. The youth of this community is our future the more we do to help them enjoy their youth more likely we will get a chance to keep them here. Everybody is doing a great job here. Heard some comments on the vandalism that was done why we are being so though. We are being programmatic this is repeat offenders they keep doing it all the time & we have no recourse but to do what we are doing at this time. We are doing this because we want it to stop, we do not want it to continue year after year. Hopefully people will learn their lesson, we have cameras if they get caught doing something wrong, they are going to face the consequences.

With nothing further to discuss President Brackett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Verstraete seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0