

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 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

Present: President Steve Brackett, Commissioner's Paula Kapacinskas, Jim Heberer, Nichelle Morey, Andrew Verstraete, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Christy Jackson-Ehnle, Jennifer Russell (Regional Media)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
  - i. Regular Meeting August 18, 2022
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL

**Commissioner Verstraete motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Selection of Underwriter/Placement Agent and Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's General Obligation Park Bonds
  - i. Board president calls for public hearing to be held on October 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm regarding intent to issue bonds and directs secretary to post notices of hearing consistent with any and all laws

**Commissioner Heberer moved to approve the resolution retaining First Midstate Inc., as underwriter and Chapman and Cutler LLP to prepare necessary legal proceedings for a proposed Bond Issue for the Park District. Commissioner Kapacinskas seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0**

- b. Consideration of Resolution No. 11: Purchase of used Copier  
**Commissioner Verstraete motioned to approve Consideration of Resolution No. 11 purchase of used copier. Commissioner Kapacinskas seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0**
- c. Consideration of Resolution No. 12: Authorizing Executive Director to purchase 2 portable pickleball nets

**Commissioner Verstraete motioned to approve Consideration of Resolution No. 12: Authorizing Executive Director to purchase 2 portable pickleball nets. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0**

- d. Discussion: Tax levy and consideration of truth in taxation hearing
- e. Discussion: Location for solar array at 19<sup>th</sup> hole
- f. Discussion: Form a committee to determine Golf Hal of Fame inductees

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 1.) OSLAD update. I have spoken with all of you individually and based on feedback from city, bi-state regional commission, and also IDNR grants staff: It is recommended that we do not proceed this year for the aforementioned reasons during our conversations but all have voiced support to begin our processes for next year this November as we work to be prepared for the next round of OSLAD and/or any other opportunity to present itself
- 2.) For the Solar array discussion
  - a. Costs have come in for demo, new concrete, and canopy at approx. 50k to 80k
  - b. Other options are: Women's tee box on no 10, green space between parking lots
  - c. Can cancel project at this site and consider maintenance shed instead
  - d. Relocation of current gazebo is an option as it is posted by 6 4x4's.
- 3.) Met with YMCA
  - a. Talked about shared personnel, collaboration, and future plans to not step on each others toes.
  - b. And... potential for a 1 to 1 day pass/golf or pool pass as part of our partnership
- 4.) Had a conversation about potential for a local company to donate and sponsor supplies and materials for dog park
- 5.) Planning a lunch and learn with Dean Karau, Author of Kewanee Parks book along with local historians Larry Lock and Dave Clarke. Date is Fri Sept 23 with lunch provided by
  - i. Orders include: shirts, hats, plates, magnets for vehicles, golf towels, awards, and other items

- e. Working with Terry Niernyck on a bench in honor of his father to be placed near the Bridge at Windmont. Bench would have picture of lit Christmas bridge etched into it.
  - f. Working with the City to identify if we are able to post speed signs between golf course and range. Safety of all is concern and working to mitigate.
  - g. Working with Office Machine Consultants on replacing copier. Ours has reached it useful life and is costing us more by the day with repairs etc.. needed.
  - h. Traveling Seniors group was thoroughly impressed by our two events this year, they have added a 3<sup>rd</sup> with us at this time. Should they obtain another course, we may be moved but the 3<sup>rd</sup> date is in April and will be about the first of the year for them.
  - i. Visitation Golf had their meets out here and it went over well. 51 kids played the first meet and the parents, coaches, and others wanted to convey their appreciation for our support of all things youth (including their golf!)
  - j. Held discussions with Mark Russell regarding farm lease and tenant
  - k. We have completed the Pollinator project and all signs are posted. Again, a huge thankyou to Casandra, New view Furniture, and also Boy Scout Troop 4180.
  - l. Replaced all lights at Chautauqua shelter as they were all burnt out. Shelter is now lit up for safety and deterrence. Thanks to Steve Rogula for going the extra mile.
- 10.) In the parks
- a. Leibold Irrigation spent a day with us working on decoder issues and staff are now fixing them as they continue to go bad. We have agreement in place with Toro to replace them for free as they are considered faulty.
  - b. Removed wood steps on 3 and 16 that are causing safety concerns
  - c. Removed graffiti from playground equipment at Liberty Park
  - d. Ordered some electrical to begin outfitting new building
  - e. New parks mower has arrived

**COMMISIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Verstraete: Once again thank you Christy, Casandra, Dan & crew Andy for the money you saved and kept good budget. Hope Bakersville is a hit.

Commissioner Morey: Excited about Bakersville, it's back.

Commissioner Heberer: Asked about Breedlove's being outsourced they're a great community sponsor and to the park district. Director Dwyer explained that he is only getting what he can't get from there resources in a time frame. Asked if signage for building rules has been ordered. Director said yes. Benches, it's a good idea to get more so that way we have them & not wait.

Commissioner Kapacinkas: Thank you Staff for the nice job Labor Day weekend. Talked to President Brackett would like to set up a potential of collaborative review for Director Dwyer on his upcoming anniversary for feedback for his job. Would like a closed session next month on the agenda.

President Brackett: Labor Day pulled off well, overall, everything has gone well. Pool made it through the season, worried going to cause issues down the line.

#### **ADJOURN**

**With nothing further to discuss President Brackett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Verstraete motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kapacinkas seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0**