

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, April 20 at 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Verstraete, Commissioner Morey, Director Andrew Dwyer, Jennifer Russell (Regional Media), Michael Heberer, Heather Haga

Absent: President Brackett, Commissioner Kapacinskas, Commissioner Heberer

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

1. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 1. Regular Meeting March 16, 2023
 2. Special Meeting April 11. 2023
 - b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL

Tabled due to lack of quorum

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
3. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. **Consideration of Resolution No. 25:**

Tabled due to lack of quorum

- b. Revisitation and discussion of wage range for full time employees

Director Dwyer reported there is no violation of wage caps because the board voted publicly to increase wages over said caps. Director Dwyer also indicated a best practice would be to create a wage span that is -5k/+5k of the current wage of said exempt employees and then minimum wage to current highest hourly employee as wage span for no exempt staff. Consensus was this was a good plan and to move forward

- c. Consideration and discussion of additional liability insurance for sports

Director Dwyer presented options for optional accident insurance and desire of board to carry or not carry this. Plan is to carry the insurance this year and discuss options moving forward for years to come.

4. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1.) Heather Haga has accepted Secretary/Business Manager position will be assuming many of the duties and learning as time goes on. Welcome to Heather!

2.) Other activities

- a. Installation of the Chautauqua Playground started on April 3
- b. Met with all 3 men's golf leagues and set up schedule and everything else for the year.
- c. Met with KHS athletic director on fall sports
- d. 19th hole is open and have been assisting in quite a few ways to get things they need for the year.
- e. Completed Junior Achievement lessons at Irving school
- f. Attended 2 legislative breakfast and held conversations with representative Weaver and also staff from Senator Anderson.
- g. Met with new YMCA Director about partnerships, ideas, and just to get to know one another.
- h. Attended LOWV candidate forum prior to election

3.) In the parks

- a. Golf course has been prepped for opening and will be opening as soon as weather permits
- b. Concrete has been poured in a few spaces of the new maintenance building as staff will begin utilizing certain areas for storage.
- c. We have started prepping parks for the spring season with many things such as batting cages, fences, speed bumps going out

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Verstraete: Thanked the community for working with him for the past 6 years. Says things have changed since he started with board members, ideas and things that have been done. Some things that Director Dwyer has done and kind of changed to get where it should be with working online and getting things up to standards to where they are today. He worked through covid and now the tornado and deal with a sort of different things, making it work. Haven't touched the GO account and still making it with wage increase, sled box, could keep going. He learned a lot from just about everyone. Congratulations to Commissioner Hebereer

Commissioner Morey: Wish Commissioner Verstraete well and learned a lot from him. Thanked Director Dwyer for the great job he has done with the tornado damage.

Commissioner Heberer: Absent

Commissioner Kapacinkas: Absent

Commissioner Brackett: Absent

6 ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss Commissioner Morey entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Verstraete motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tabled due to lack of quorum 5:17 pm.