

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 August 17, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Present: President Brackett, Commissioner Kapacinskas, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga and Jennifer Russell (Regional Media)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting July 20, 2023
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of July 2023

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of:** Intergovernmental agreement with City of Kewanee for Liberty Park

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

- b. **Consideration of Resolution No. 31:** Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Playground Equipment

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

- c. **Consideration of Resolution No. 32:** Authorizing and Supporting OSLAD Grant application for 2023 grant cycle.

Commissioner Morey motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Kapacinskas seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0

d. Discussion and consideration of Golf Hall of Fame Nominees

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. Insurance update. Work has begun on shingles, and roofing with approval from insurance to complete. Submitted last few invoices for debris removal as well as replacement of fence with arborvitaes on 2 tee.
2. Working on the grant to OSLAD 2023. Have had some issues about the distressed community calculation and spent a good portion of last week attempting to rectify so we are eligible for 100% funding. I have been able to achieve this modification and it was stated an error was made in their calculation. We are working with Bi-state regional commission and the city via and IGA for sufficing the lease with IDNR to ensure their concerns are alleviated. I am applying for this project with a re-circulation system and asking the city to provide water at no charge as they have indicated they cannot meet the possible 100 gallon per minute usage it could take to run. We have tabled the water conversation at this time and will be obtaining information about costs of water, bathhouse, upkeep, chemical, fencing, staff to open and shut gates, and other requirements that would be placed on us with a recirculation system. Once I have all of that, I will revisit the discussion with all of you and also the city on if we take a system to waste or recirculate. We would go with the system that is most cost effective for us while providing the best recreational opportunity for our residents.
3. CD investments – 2 individual CD's were taken out for 6 months apiece at 75k per and at a rate of 5.05%.
4. Updated our federal grants and management system registration for 2024
5. Solar Array installation

timeline has been delivered to us and we are expecting install this late fall into December. The issue at hand was that our rates signed for were much, much lower than market as it rose so drastically in recent history they were having trouble securing a financier. This has been resolved and we are working to get this in ASAP to retain all of the credits etc that are in effect thru 2023. 6. Bid documents are going out solar canopy and should be back and presented for approval at next months meeting. 7. FirstMidstate is going out of business, or so I am told. I have been attempting to reach them but have had no luck. I have verified with 2 industry professionals that have indicated as such and am working to shop our bonds with at least 2 companies again this year. I am meeting with a new potential provider tomorrow and have had conversations with Stifel about rekindling our relationship that began last year. 8. Lastly, as discussed: I am developing plans to have the 19th hole remain open throughout the winter. The plan as of now is to operate 4 to 5 days a week. Taco Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We are looking at options for the 5th day. Monday for wings may be an option. The desire is to retain the manager and the 2 cooks who would be the most likely to go into IMRF territory during the regular golf season. I have left a closed session on the agenda should we need to enter and discuss further. 9. Other activities: a. Golf Playdays. Our busy season has begun and we have playdays each week and many on weekends moving forward. b. HS golf. CC, Tennis, and Junior High softball has started c. Visitation has scheduled 2 meets here this month. Jr. high golf is going well also! d. Pipe Burst that feeds blue slide at pool. Working to replace. e. Pool numbers for year are down. Looking at approx. 7,500 this year. I will do more comparison once busy season winds down to ascertain why. Pool parties are holding strong at 35, not counting day camps and swimming lessons. f. Irwin made an error on the audit where they double entered a journal entry which was caught by Compton. Revision has been made and distributed to the necessary parties. g. Hosted lunch

and learn about Kewanee's baseball history at Northeast park that also had a snippet about the 100th birthday of the Northeast Pool. h. All staff have been in full maintain mode. Restaurant, grounds, facilities, golf, baseball, shelters, etc.. All staff very busy i. The fountain has an electrical issue and has been down for roughly 1 week at Windmont. We are trying to repair and are awaiting electrician at this point. j. Pool staff have concluded their season, many of our seasonal help on golf course has wound down, baseball umpires and director are done for year. Tidying up the loose ends to close all of that out as well.

6. COMMISIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: Need a One-Way sign put up at Northeast Park, people are going the wrong way.

Commissioner Morey: Asked about putting a recycling bin at the parks.

Commissioner J Heberer: Thanked Director, Dwyer for getting the flags out.

Commissioner Kapacinskas: A lot of exciting things, very hopeful Oslad Grant will come through, that would be great for the community. Thank you, Director Dwyer for putting it all together. Good job.

President Brackett: Daughter-in Law works for Ark in Quad Cities and with Director, Dwyer help she brought 6 of her clients to hit balls at the range and putting area with clubs from President, Brackett clubs at home. They are looking forward to coming back and maybe we could contact Abilities Plus to see if they would be interested in coming out to play.

7. ADJOURN

Our Business is concluded; I'll entertain Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner M Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0