

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 September 21, at 5 p.m.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting August 17, 2023
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of August 2023

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Pickleball Courts at Northeast Park, worried about crakes with ice and water this winter.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduction of Marge Vereecke into Golf Hall of Fame

2. Selection of underwriter/placement agent and bond/disclosure counsel to the underwriter/placement agent with respect to the district's general obligation park bonds and directing that notice of such intention be published in manner provided by law.

- i. Staff are recommending low quote in Stifel.
- ii. With the recommendation I would also like for a Public Hearing on said bond issuance to be held at 5pm on October 19th, 2023, at the Kewanee Park District Office ahead of our monthly board meeting.

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

3. Consideration of Resolution No. 33: Assigning Secretary of Park District as an IMF Agent

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. Insurance renewal. Shopping it currently.
2. Bonds – FirstMid is out of business and is no longer certified to underwrite bonds. I have obtained information and prospective pricing from 3 entities. Please see the attached files that they sent to gain our business. All companies have worked in our area and would be a responsible choice. Based on the response given from PNB over the years of exceeding the market in regards to interest rates, I recommend we go with the lowest cost as our choice strictly financial at this point. My recommendation is **Stifel** which is going to be roughly \$800 lower than Bernardi and almost 2k lower than Kings.
 - a. Stifel(Kewanee Schools)
 - i. Underwriting - 4k
 - ii. Bond Counsel 5- k
 - b. Kings Financial (Galva + Orion)
 - i. Underwriting - 1% or \$5,690
 - ii. Bond Counsel – 5k
 - c. Bernardi Securities (City of Kewanee)
 - i. Underwriting – No more than .85% of proceeds or \$4,836
 - ii. Bond Counsel – 5k
3. OSLAD Grant was successfully submitted last Friday. Announcements should come on award in March or April of 2024. This took a large amount of my time the past month. David from Bi-state regional commission who does quite a bit of this work, thanked us for our efforts and said we took a large amount on and did well. They believe we have a solid application for award.
4. CD investments – Mark and I have been communicating on taking a 2nd set of CD's out and will coordinate based on projects and funding availability.

- a. We are awaiting our final tax levy payment to make a final determination on amount.
5. Registration is now open for IAPD Conference. Is there any desire from you to attend?
6. Other activities:
 - a. Planning for playground delivery and installation as well as site demo by park staff.
 - b. Golf Playdays have been in full force. We have had an outing or event each weekend and multiple during weekdays
 - c. YMCA has rented space for their flag football program again this year. Our charge is only that of the costs associated with getting field prepared.
 - d. Labor day numbers are 214 men and 49 women.
 - e. Applied for trees forever grant again this year. Focus is on conifers in areas that were affected by tornado.
 - f. Working on warranty replacement for some trees we lost during drought and heatwave this spring/summer
 - g. Spent a large amount of time working with bookkeeping and reporting issues at restaurant. That has since subsided with staff turnover.
 - h. Spoke with Eagle enterprise about recycling bins for plastic bottles to be set up at Northeast Park. Will be discussing further and logistical options/hurdles.
 - i. Ordering replacement signs for golf course/drive for paying attention and then also new one way signs.
 - j. Donations and memorials. New requests and installations picking up

6. COMMISIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: No Comments

Commissioner Morey: No Comments

Commissioner J Heberer: Asked about how many part-time workers are still working. Wanted to say, job well done with mowing and trees.

Commissioner Kapacinskas: No Comments

President Brackett: Moved and trees gone on #5 and #9, now to keep deer off the greens. There hasn't been Hall of Fame in years if anybody deserves this honor let them know.

7. At 5:27 pm on September 21st, 2023, Commissioner J. Heberer Seconded a motion made by President Morey to enter Closed Session to consider Kewanee Park District board meeting. Roll Call

- a. **Sec 120/2. C-1 Open Meetings The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.**

At 5:47 pm, President Brackett entertained motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner M. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0.

8. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Brackett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0 at 5:49p.m.