

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 November 16, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Present: President Brackett, Commissioner Kapacinskas, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer and Secretary Heather Haga

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting October 19, 2023
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of October 2023

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of Ordinance NO. 372: An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$599,000 General Obligations Park Bonds, Series 2023, of the District for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintenance, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.**

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

- b. **Consideration of Resolution No. 39: Purchase of plow truck for \$9,500.**

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

- c. **Discussion and selection of activity rates for 2024**

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. Christmas party this year will be on Friday December 15th. We will start with a cocktail hour(530p) and then proceed into dinner at 630p. After dinner we will do a gift pull and also the white elephant exchange. We have expanded the invitation list as we have quite a few year round employees and also some that are very deserving of an invitation as they put in many hours throughout the year. I hope to see you all there and share in showing our appreciation for all staff who make this District as great as it is!
2. We are unable to proceed at this time with solar at the farm land. Based on interconnectivity requests that are piled up, a true and accurate scope is unable to be attained. We are going to hold off for the time being and plan to reconnect in the next few years on feasibility.
3. Playground has been delivered and construction is slated to start Nov 27th.
4. Contract has been signed and solar canopy project has commenced. Our team is about to start tearing out old structures and other demo set to begin before end of month.
5. I have used discretionary funds to acquire 7 heavy duty recycling receptacles. They will be placed out at Windmont Park and staff will empty them just the same as the trash with the exception being that they will go to the recycling dumpster at the 19th hole. We will be ramping up pickup as necessary at the 19th hole to accommodate any additional content.
6. Jerry nell numbers – Approx 5k in fund. \$175 used for camps, \$460 for soccer, \$1690 for baseball/softball. We will be commencing a campaign for fund raising online.
7. Restaurant numbers are looking pretty good. Tuesdays and Sundays are the busiest. We are calibrating on Monday and may look at changes as business has been slow on that day.
8. Strategic plan – Draft presented for your review. Would like feedback and ideas to incorporate into planning. Plan is to obtain data and present for formal approval and direction.

9. Policy book – updating and planning to discuss revisions in near future
10. Park Code - updating and planning to discuss revisions in near future
11. Other activities:
 - a. Irrigation and all water lines have been closed down for the season
 - b. Kids Christmas Party is set for Weds Dec 20th.
 - c. Bid package for excess equipment is listed with instructions on how to bid. Similar to how we did golf carts last year.
 - d. Lighting of both parks is slated for December 3rd
 - e. Making final arrangements for conference.
 - f. Water shut off at parks.
 - g. Bollards have been installed around gas tank for safety
 - h. Mulching in parks is going well and with nice weather parks are in very good shape.
 - i. Memorials and trees have been planted and tended to
 - j. Work has begun to replace burst pipe at pool
 - k. Investigating repairs on fountain for lagoon

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: No Comments

Commissioner Morey: Excited about recycling bins & asked about instructions on what people can put in them.

Commissioner J Heberer: No Comments

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas: Excited about playground equipment going up in Liberty Park

President Brackett: No Comments

7. ADJOURN

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