

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 February 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting January 18, 2024
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of January 2024

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Annual Presentation of E.E. Baker Trust – Clark Blair**
- b. **Consideration of Ordinance No. 374:** Annual appropriation Ordinance. Presentation and passage to call for publication and notice to public with final approval on March 21, 2024 at 5 p.m.

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

- c. **Consideration of Resolution No. 40:** Authorizing Executive Director to sign petition of Alley Abandonment along South Side of Baker Park and also approving sale on abandoned lot if approved by City.

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

d. Approval of IT stipend for Mike Perva for 2024

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR:

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on February 15, 2024 at 5p.m. Please see the report below. I will be available to discuss any and all items in advance. Please let me know if you have any questions!

1. OSLAD AWARD! We all know, but worth noting again. We have received 600k towards a splash pad at Liberty Park
2. Mark Russell and I spoke and toured potential land swap. I will be doing legwork and bring recommendation to you. This would extend our property north off of Northeast park by swapping the farmland we own. Once ground dry's, I would love to take you each out to tour the proposed space. Please keep this confidential until further notice.
3. 19th Hole menu pricing will be adjusted prior to full open for 2024 (Late March-ish). Pricing will be adjust between .50 and \$1 on most items to offset rising costs, shrinking amounts of stock, and minimum wage increase. I will be glad to go over menu with anyone who has questions. We have also taken other local establishments as reference on pricing to see where they land to ensure we remain competitive.
4. Appreciation luncheon for our park lighting volunteers was a success.
5. Mary Lou Ketrige has passed away and I have been in contact with her close family friends who have worked on her behalf over the past few years. While I have yet to have any direct contact with regards to the trust, I have begun working on a few potential items based on what I could find about her wishes. Please see below board minutes from January of 2014:
 - a. **Mary Lou Griffith – I have been in contact with our “Charitable Remainder Trust” person, Mary Lou Griffith (letters enclosed). She feels it necessary to inform us that the Trust that she is leaving the KPD has grown to the amount of \$600,000.00 upon her death. She wanted to inform us of that so we could plan on future projects. As you cans see she would like a “Legecy”**

somewhere in the parks for Chris and Mary Lou Ketrige. This just might be the ticket for Bob's Tennis Court renovation and Jim's Skate Park construction but we need to think of a way to properly honor the Ketrige's in one of our parks. Mary Lou and I have grown close over the years so this is especially gratifying to me.

I will be doing my best to honor the wishes of Mary Lou and have project based ideas for her funding at the ready when the time comes. Ideas include, Windmont overlay, dog park, expansion of splash pad, remodel of shelter houses, potential development of land swap.

6. Other activities:

- Furnace at 19th hole had issue. Now resolved.
- Burglary systems are both outdated and not communicating with network. A new system is on way and has expanded coverage areas.
- Construction has begun on the Solar canopy
- New table and chairs have been ordered for restaurant , booths to remain
- Interviewed with local media outlets
- Met with City on partnership for treed grant in 2024, they would take lead and we would tie in. We have tree project upcoming with Rt 81 project and have space to re-access this season.
- Executed re-investment of CD
- Obtained list of items in Lock box at bank
- Maintenance worked very hard during snow to keep pathways cleared
- Picking up downed sticks and other debris left by storm
- Equipment maintenance in advance of upcoming season
- Fountain has been sent for repair and estimate is \$1,500. Something had become lodged in system and caused damage.
- Included is a maintenance list of items beyond that normal spring start up that staff will be undertaking.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: Asked about the one-way signs and if they were in

Commissioner Morey: A lot of projects going on and she saw the video of Andrew falling on ice

Commissioner J. Heberer: Asked if Dan get any where on the pickle ball court

Commissioner Kapacinkas: Welcome Andrew back. She had a great time in Chicago and now is the time for next year Osland Grant. She would like to do more marketing and see about summiting a phone of the Park District for a photo contest for next year's Convention.

President Brackett: Oland Grant was a wonderful and thanked Andy. A lot of great things are happening for the Community.

7. ADJOURN

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