

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 March 21, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Present: President Brackett, Commissioner Kapacinskaskas, Commissioner Heberer, J. Commissioner Morey Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga, Jennifer Russell, Tim O'Connor, and Robin O'Connor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting February 15, 2024
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of February 2024

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim O'Connor and Robin O'Connor mention they had a swing on the Park District property for 33 years and have been asked to be taken down. She is asking if there is any way she can put it back up for her grandkids. She has a notarized letter saying she will not come back to the Park District if someone gets hurt.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 374:

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

b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 374: Final Approval: Annual appropriation Ordinance.

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

c. Consideration of Resolution No. 41: Solar Canopy Furniture Purchase

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

d. Discussion and approval of additional golf rates

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

e. Presentation and approval of Strategic Plan for 2024-2027

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR:

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on March 21, 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. Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at 10am at Windmont Park!
2. Budget – No concerns have been presented and are good to move forward
3. Have begun discussions about renewing our energy contract with Seven Energy. As pricing spiked over the past few years, we were very fortunate to purchase at a locked in amount much lower than market pricing. I will be doing the legwork and bringing something to you soon.
4. Land swap – no action, as weather breaks, I will be contacting you all to go visit the site and get your feedback.
5. Maintenance
 - a. Course Open for walkers end of Feb
 - b. Range Open
 - c. Ball Diamonds prepped
 - d. Parking lot added at Golden St. Entrance
 - e. Stumps done and filling holes with dirt from creation of parking lot.
 - f. Water lines are in and irrigation

- g. Cutting trees
- h. Checklist is coming along nicely. I have attached a copy and you can see the guys have been busy knocking it all out!

6. Other activities:

- Easement for Northeast park water connection project is forthcoming. Justin has been delayed in getting to City. I have been keeping an eye on progress and will be connecting as this project comes to a close to ensure grounds are in the very best shape possible upon completion.
- Updated GATA “ICQ” certifications which is an annual task
- Meeting with Ameren about lights on the office/driving range lot as well as additional lights at Liberty (Will be city’s lights but upgraded to help vandalism deterrence.
- Met with City about Dredging of Windmont Lagoon. This is my first go around with it but historically they dredge it every 3 to 5 years as their runoff fills it. The lake is at approximately 3ft on south and only 6 in the very middle of the north. This will be at the City’s expense.
- Scheduled and completed upgrades to security system. Completed and trained all staff
- Met with Construction Manager regarding projects
- Completed menu updates with consultation from TPC and survey of other local restaurant and also price comparison in house
- Soccer Registration is live
- Soccer sponsorships have gone out
- Security System has been updated
- Restaurant will be opening Wednesdays/Thursdays in April, then full open soon thereafter. Golf will be April 1 unless forecast changes. As of now, weather is in the 40’s or the week of the 25th.
- Jesus Bermudez had to step away from Soccer program this year due to work requirements. Raul Gamboa will be stepping in to assist Alex this year.
- I will be seeking Baseball Director applicants in the near future.

- Baseball registration will be live soon
- Birth to Five is hosting a “Spring break bash” at the 19th hole on Friday. We will be offering some give aways etc to help attract people.

6. COMMISIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner J. Heberer: Happy to see Strategic Plan for them and the community to see. Looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt.

Commissioner Morey: Short period of time and have saw how fast Steric Planning is impressive. Looking forward to the fire pits and asked if the Commissioners can be 1st to open. Good job to Director, Andrew.

Commissioner M. Heberer: Asked about end of soccer sign up

Commissioner Kapacinskas: Thanked Director, Andrew for the Strategic Plan. She has ideas for the photo contest in the community and will continue to ask to see if there are any plans. April is coming up and would be good to send out scholarships to Kewanee and Wethersfield Seniors.

President Brackett: Strategic Planning there are some great things to look forward to and that’s what is all about. Ahead of things from when he first came on board, the staff had done great work.

7. ADJOURN

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