

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 19, at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Kapacinkas, Commissioner Brackett, 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 August 15, 2024
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of August 2024

Any of the above items may be removed and considered individually upon request:

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Selection of underwriter/placement agent and bond/disclosure counsel to the underwriter/placement agent with respect to the District's general obligation park bonds**
 - i. **Call for Public Hearing on said bond issuance**

Commissioner Morey motioned to approve. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0

- b. **Acceptance of resignation and nomination/approval of legal representation of District for remainder for 24-25 term.**
 - i. **Accept Resignation of Justin Raver Eff 10/31/24**

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

ii. Nomination and approval of District Attorney

Commissioner Brackett motioned to approve. Commissioner J. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on August 15 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. Tornado – Cleanup is about finished, with LaMCo circling back for 1 spot they were unable to get to due to new house construction. We have been given notice to proceed on repairs and some of the work has started as well as a check for the first request has come in. We also are working on some concerns with Electrical for the Windmont lighting and that portion of the insurance claim is progressing.
2. Windmont Water line. This issue will be taken for bid, we have made repairs 3 times in 3 years and have deemed the later line to vulnerable and unstable for further repair. We have assessed and come up with a plan that: solves the lead line concerns, gives us the shortest path, and avoids trouble areas on the north of the property that would raise costs. As the season winds, this project will be let for bidding with completion of work to be done around Christmas lighting.
3. I have met with Kris from the Jager Agency and we are shopping our insurance again this year. Preliminary reports indicate IParks will be potentially the only bidder worth consideration as we have had 2 natural disasters in the past 2 years with claims.
4. Splash pad A/E, Design, and equipment bid notice has gone out. Selection should be made by next board meeting with follow-up bids to be released to cover plumbing, concrete, build etc...
5. OSLAD Grant app 2024. Submitted! We have a project at around 575k with a 50% match. I am positive we have given ourselves a great chance for award with a less than max request as well as much support from the community. We also

are hitting our targets on the splash pad grant which bodes well for us as we are demonstrating the capacity to deliver projects on awards.

6. Windmont Park project is progressing and as of this writing, the concrete posts, electrical/ light posts are up, and asphaltting is being completed as we speak. We should have a completed project by early October
7. Solar Canopy is done and all we are waiting on is some remediation from the final walk through/"punch list". We have surveyed, pointed out concerns and are asking vendors to repair or complete work to spec. All minor and the Canopy is open for use!
8. Best of the best for our 105th year anniversary has been submitted to IAPD. The Gala is set to take place on October 25th. IAPD has reached out to see if we would like to accept recognition at the Gala. Would any of you like to attend? (Flyer enclosed)
9. Partnering with the City for trees forever, and also WHS, we are looking at putting roughly 40 trees into the parks this fall to offset the losses from the Tornados. 20 oak trees into Chautauqua, approx. 5 trees to Northeast, and another 25 or so trees to Windmont from WHS donations. We also made the Channel 6 news for this! (Link was sent Monday)
10. Commissioner Meet and Greet/105th Anniversary soiree will be Wednesday September 25th from 5 to 7pm in the new Solar Canopy!
11. Other activities:
 - a. Playdays have been going well, Farm Bureau, Elks, Sandtrappers, Labor Day tourney, HS golf, Jr high golf, and a few others. Busy time of year and lots of play! Galva mason, Visitation and Couples playday all upcoiming.
 - b. Photo Contest submissions are due 11/1. We will be ramping up our calls for submissions as the deadlines nears. We have 2 submissions to date.
 - c. Met with IPRF for our annual loss control visit.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner M. Heberer No Comments

Commissioner Morey Some complaints about the bathrooms on course and the bathrooms in the 19th Hole need updated. Talked about the couple's play day and the weather, it maybe needs to be postponed.

Commissioner J. Heberer Asked about the success for mid-year half season prices. Asked about the conditions of golf carts and looking into new ones with windshields. He would like to know about the inventory and quotes for new golf carts.

Commissioner Kapacinskas Grateful for the Osland grant for the Park District that was submitted by Andy and thanked him for all his work. This is good for the community and the labor that goes into the projects. She is looking for to meet and greet at the 19th Hole and will be scheduled for September 25 and we need to invite friends/family to get the word out.

Commissioner Brackett Don't have a lot. Grateful to have Justin Raver for the past 4 years excellent and wish him great success.

7. At 5:56 pm on September 19, 2024, President Kapacinskas motion to approve closed session. Commissioner Morey Second Motion to enter CLOSED SESSION to consider Kewanee Park District board meeting. Roll Call a. Sec. 120/2. 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 6:18 pm, President Kapacinskas entertained motioned to exit session. Commissioner Brackett motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0

8. ACTION TAKEN FROM CLOSED SESSION

c. Approval of Modified Job Descriptions

Commissioner Brackett motioned to approve. Commissioner M. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 5-0

9. ADJOURN

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