

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 October 17, at 5:00 PM.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell \$605,000 Park Bonds for Park purpose.

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Selection of Property and Liability Insurance Carrier for 2024-2025**

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

b. Selection and Assignment of Delegates for IAPD Annual Business Meeting

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

c. Appointment by board President of members to the “Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiencies”

d. Consideration of Resolution No. 53: Splashpad Design and Equipment purchase

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

e. Consideration of Resolution No. 54: Golf Cart Purchase

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

f. Consideration of Resolution No. 55: Tractor Purchase

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

g. Consideration of Resolution No. 56: Pull behind mower purchase

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

h. Consideration of Resolution No. 57: Trenching project approval

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

6. 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 – Work has commenced on building repairs. Parts/supplies ordered. Ground cleanup has been completed. Our focus now is Windmont in order to be ready for lighting. We are pushing vendors to get work completed in advance on December 1. Further, checks for pay request no 1 have come in and we are submitting number 2 which I hope to be the final request and then we will tie up loose ends as work is completed.
2. Windmont Park project is all but complete. Surface, posts, fencing are all going up or are up. Concrete will be going in and fill will be going in around surface. Nets and hoops are up with play from people already occurring.
3. 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!
4. Partnering with the City for trees forever, we have planted 20 trees in Chautauqua Park. Trees for Windmont project are to be delivered tomorrow. City has pivoted away from planting roughly 15 trees they received and have really put us un a bind with it from my viewpoint. We have successfully completed multiple grants and used our name on this most recent to aid as we have a proven track record on delivering. I am worked with Katie at the City to obtain some trees for Baker Park and then after consultation with Paula and Nichelle, we will be doing a community giveaway (with aid in planting/delivering) to promote our tree planting initiatives while also giving back directly to the community. We will be taking the lead on this but listing City as partner.
5. Other activities:
 - a. Bakersville went off well this past weekend. Park staff and resources again were donated to aid in this event.
 - b. Toured Moline Parks site that has splash pad
 - c. Met with new gametime rep
 - d. Went to Hoerr and picked out trees for Windmont. Trees Delivery 10/16 and planting going on now

- e. Working with City to do “giveaway” of trees from trees forever program that the city no longer wants to plant. Should be broadcast to the masses by the time of the meeting Thursday.
- f. Photo Contest submissions are due 11/1. We will be ramping up our calls for submissions as the deadlines nears. We have 8 submissions to date.
- g. IMRF came in and met with employees individually to give them full rundowns of services and everything they may need to know or want to ask about their retirement.
- h. Met with Jeremy Petty and Cecil Roth about disc golf. Discussing potential for scorecards and updates to tee markers.
- i. Michael, Paula and I will be meeting with Kewanee Schools to discuss future IGA’s and collaboration on October 17.
- j. Will be attending YMCA facility planning meeting on Oct 21, Jim will be attending with me.
- k. Park District staff/board Christmas party will be Friday December 20
- l. Kids Christmas party will be December 18th.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner M. Heberer New pickleball all looked great and when he went by, they saw little boys playing basketball.

Commissioner Morey Love that we are so much more involved with the community. Bakerville was great and the tree give away, she thanked Andy for his work.

Commissioner J. Heberer End of year evaluations with raises he would like to see the insurance package the employees receive. He would like them to review with board.

Commissioner Kapacinskas Heard people saying nice things about the park with storms, Bakersville and 105th anniversary. Thanked the board for interacting with community. We have 15 entries for the photo contest so far, the deadline is November 1st. Thanks to all the employees.

Commissioner Brackett Glad pickleball court is up and things are progressing. See people walking and using all the parks every day.

8. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinkas 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