

## 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 December 19, at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Kapacinkas, Commissioner Brackett, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey, Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga, Ginny McHenry, Dianne Packee and Beth Kelley

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Roll Call
  
2. DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY
  - a. Call to order
  - b. Approve Report

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

- c. Adjourn Committee

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
    - i. Regular Meeting November 21, 2024
  - b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
  - c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
    - i. Month of November 2024

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
  
5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consideration of Ordinance No. 376: Annual Property Tax Levy for Kewanee Park District**

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

**b. Designation of meeting dates and times for 2025**

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

**c. Discussion and selection of activity rates for 2025**

Commissioner J. Heberer motion to approve. President Kapacinskas seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed 4-1

**6. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on December 19, 2024 at 5p.m. Also, as a reminder our kids Christmas Party is Wednesday, and our District Christmas party is Friday. On the Agenda, you see the closed session, that is for our yearly review of wages and also a discussion about potentially adding IMRF positions and future direction staffing wise regarding those type of positions.

1. Tornado – Electrical about complete. Building work set to start. Dealing with Insurance still proving difficult as our former adjuster (who was removed) created some issues but we are close to resolving.
2. Windmont Park pickleball/basketball. Lamco is stepping in to completing post project and will be at the cost of Flex court. As of this writing, the previous installer used PVC to set posts and we are unable to get posts out. Our plan is to cut the posts and have new replace. Flex court has been supportive and willing to make right any and all aspects of this project as their 3<sup>rd</sup> party installer failed. Will be done by the time of the meeting. Project will then be closed out.
3. Splash pad final design due to us this week and we then will issue bid documents. Worked with the city and have also tapped water line and ran across street to park ahead of project as the mapping was old and they wanted to ensure it was spec'd right for us ahead of bidding.
4. Kids Christmas party is Wednesday and we are expecting another good turnout. Lots of fun for the kids! We have Kiwanis, Birth to five, and other volunteers.
5. Spent more time than I care to admit understanding and correcting some tax levy issues that Compton Accounting had assured me were correct and as we saw a larger than normal increase in EAV this year, it raised some questions that were

not adding up and appeared to be done incorrectly on their end. I have worked diligently with the county and Compton to ensure it is done correctly and legally.

6. Other activities:

- a. Set date for appreciation luncheon for our lighting crews – Jan 23 at 19<sup>th</sup> hole.
  - i. Both lightings were a hit with minimal issues.
    1. GFCI outlets are our no 1 issue.
- b. OSLAD awards have been announced and we unfortunately were not awarded. We are able to apply again next year and the project will not alter much. We will be able to use the work we put in and re-submit.
- c. Held call with Turf company that KUCD has used. Based on costs below, unless the school district assumes the costs, that far exceeds our capabilities in addition to not being able to recoup any costs, it far exceeds our annual cost of operating. We also still would need to keep our equipment as other ball diamonds would not be turfed. Some highlights:
  - i. Fields last 10-12 years with high traffic areas needing replaced at greater frequency (Pitchers mound, first base, batters boxes, etc)
  - ii. Softball Diamond approx. cost –
    1. Infield only 300k
    2. Whole field 750k
  - iii. Big diamond approx. cost –
    1. infield only 500k
    2. whole field 1.3 mil
    3. re-grading 250k

**Holiday Closure Announcement**

**The Administration Office will be closed from Monday December 23 at 12pm, thru Wednesday January 1, 2025. The Administration office will reopen on January 2, 2025**

**19<sup>th</sup> Hole Restaurant will be closed on Tuesday December 24 and Tuesday December 31 for Christmas Eve and New Years eve.**

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner M. Heberer Parks looks nice with the lights. Happy Holidays

Commissioner Morey Parks looks awesome, she is glad to be on board

Commissioner J. Heberer Prices at 19<sup>th</sup> hole with board review and increases. Talked about painting the park district logo on the side of all trucks. Thanked Andrew for doing a very good job and keeping up the good work.

Commissioner Kapacinskas Fortune with beautiful parks thanks to the office staff, maintenance crew, volunteers with the lighting and kid's party. She wants to wish everyone Happy Holidays 2025 and is looking forward to Jan Conference.

Commissioner Brackett Appreciate great work through the year and accomplished a lot and more to come. Windmont bridge looks nice and brighter this year.

8. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Sec. 120/2. C-1 Open Meetings The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

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

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. AJOURN CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner M. Heberer motioned to close session. Commissioner Brackett second 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

