

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 18, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Present: President Kapacinskas, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey, Commissioner Brackett, Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga, Regional Media Mike Berry and Legat Architects Ted Haug

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting August 21, 2025
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of August 2025

Commissioner Brackett motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner J. 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.**

Will be held at 5:00 pm on October 16, 2025, at the Kewanee Park District Office ahead of our monthly board meeting.

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

- b. **Update and Presentation from Legat Architects for 19th Hole expansion and re-design**

Legat Architect, Ted Haug presented a power point of re-design expansion

c. Consideration of Ordinance No 379: Establishment of Native Areas Within District

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

d. Discussion and Decision: Early bird golf rates and offer remainder of this year as incentive

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

e. Consideration of Resolution No. 68: Authorizing Executive Director to Purchase Brush Cutter attachment for Skid steer

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

1. OSLAD – I am prepping for final submission to close out the OSLAD Grant for Splash pad. It is tedious but I hope to have a final submission by weeks end.
2. We had an inspection in June from Department of AG for spray applications. We are non compliant with our “wash outs”(cleaning of tanks etc upon completion). We spray a water based dilution on the course to clean, which is effective and safe but not to the letter of the law, per se. Dan has now been directed to focus this fall on completing the chem bay in the new building.
3. Met with City to discuss our TIF application and desire for a portion in not all of our request. Did not receive any indication one way or another of their direction.
4. Spoke with IAPD and a few counterparts at forest preserves about Native areas. Further, consulted Justin and we have come up with an ordinance that we believe will resolve the tall grass issues. I also was encouraged by the City Manager as this will take priority over their ordinance.
5. Met with Baird and decided based on the market, for our annual rollover, we will place in a similar manner as we have in the past as the market is trending towards this being the most prudent for our amounts and timeframes.

6. We will be issuing the bid documents for the Chautauqua Park Refresh very soon. We have capital available and will be presenting for approval in October.
7. Other activities:
 - a. Renewed internet back ups
 - b. Met with new owners of property south of 15. Will be addressing land slide issues.
 - c. Hosted many playdays and events. Have been very busy taking over as restaurant manager while Brooke on leave.
 - d. Made it thru Labor day! Had roughly 225 men and 35 women play
 - e. HS events are busy – have 4 this past week alone
 - f. Sandtrappers were here Thursday and they raved about the course.
 - g. Trespassed one of the juveniles who failed to make restitution for his part in breaking the backboard at Northeast.
 - h. Received an update that an individual that we trespassed for pulling a box cutter out and intimidating a staff member last year, we caught on park property and he has been offered a prison sentence of 2 years for that and damaging some of our property as well.
 - i. Hosted a disc golf tournament Saturday. Had 41 participants.
 - j. Jr high golf hosted 3 meets this year. An increase with positive reception.
 - k. Kris Grier and I have been working towards our insurance renewal with a recommendation coming in October.
1. Maintenance
 - i. Aerating greens next week . Had to back off due to heat
 - ii. Cleared tree lines on back 9
 - iii. No mow maintenance
 - iv. Frisbee course cleaned and cut back
 - v. Aerification of and seed tees
 - vi. Lots of irrigation decoders replacement
 - vii. Fall application of fairways
 - viii. Rock replacement around tee signs etc

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: Drove by park and it was nice to see the disk course clean and being used. It was getting overgrown, and the golf course looks good.

Commissioner Morey: Excited about the new building

Commissioner J Heberer: Northeast bushes have not been touched.

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas: Best of Best Gayla IDPA is Oct 24th Paula would like to attend. Bakersville is October 4th. Thanked Commissioner M. Heberer for running the meeting last month. Would also like to thank the Consioassion at Northeast it was a great year.

Commissioner Brackett: Drove by Splash Pad asked about signs for bicycles, so they don't go through the Splash Pad.

6. At 6:21 pm on September 18, 2025 Commissioner Brackett motion to approve closed session. President Kapacinskaskas Second Motion to enter CLOSED SESSION to consider Kewanee Park District board meeting. Roll Call

- a. **5 ILCS 120/2.06(d). Open Meetings: Review and consideration for release or necessity for closed session minutes and recordings to remain confidential.**

At 6:53 pm, President Brackett entertained motioned to exit session. Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0

7. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinskaskas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25. Commissioner M. Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0