

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 July 17, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Present: President Kapacinkas, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey, Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga and Mike Berry (The Kewanee Voice)

ABSENT: Commissioner Steve Brackett

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting June 19, 2025
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of June 2025

Commissioner M. Heberer motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner J. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 4-0

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Resolution No. 65: Selection of District Architect

Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to approve. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 4-0

b. Consideration of Resolution No. 66: Selection of Tree Service for Natural Disaster Work (3-year contract/Storm damage only) Blue Jay Tree Service

Commissioner Kapacinkas motioned to approve. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 4-0

c. Consideration of Resolution No. 67: Selection of stump removal vendor and back fill (as Needed basis) Blue Jay Tree Service

Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to approve Consent Agenda. Commissioner M. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. 4-0

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. Splash Pad. With delays, we are set to open Thursday. I am excited to bring this to our community.
2. TIF – I spoke with Gary Bradley today and am going to set meeting with him and a council member, will be asking a board member with us to attend as well.
3. Weed notice. The city has again given us a weed notice for our property along Madison. We have a dedicated no-mow area that sits back anywhere from 20 to about 40 ft. I am working with Gary Moore to alleviate this moving forward. There is some legal precedent about governmental autonomy, and I believe this area falls under that scope. I spoke to Gary Bradley on it and he indicated Keith Edwards has taken it upon himself to make this an issue.
4. We had a hiccup with the city on the IGA about not billing us for sewer for the pool. For some reason City Manager said it was expired. I have worked with City water dept and mayor Moore to remedy.
5. Working with Abilities Plus about the property they own to the left of no 15 that is causing mudslides onto the pleasure drive. We hope to get out there and figure out what to do with it in near future.
6. Little Libraries will be going out into the parks very soon. We have locations spec'd and are only awaiting some decals.
7. Vandalism – Still very bad. We continue to work on and are trying to get additional cameras on a cell network in place to help deter.
8. Other Activities:
 1. Dog Park Grand Opening was a huge success
 2. Held a discussion with our new Municipal advisor about our plans and tasks to complete for this years issuance and also about an alternative bond.
 3. Day camp session 2 is full at 30 kids!

4. Finalizing the minor back end details of dog park
5. Working with Library to get little libraries out. They are bogged down on their decaling, and we are holding until they are ready.
6. Training with splash pad
7. Working to apply for OSLAD 2025
8. Maintenance
 - i. Cleaning tall grass on black
 - ii. Working on equipment
 - iii. Mulching
 - iv. Baseball softball
 - v. Spraying
 - vi. Added 2 additional weed/flower people
 - vii. Running Down decoder issue on irrigation, most likely from lighting strike.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner M. Heberer: Splash pad event was great, temp no ideal, but great to see open.

Commissioner Morey: Awesome to see Splash pad open and watching today was a great a great crowd. Thanks Andy

Commissioner J Heberer: Speech at Splash pad was very informative and explained everything. Public help and keep parks safe.

Commissioner Kapacinkas: Everyone did a wonderful job at the Splash pad opening, from the music, snow cones and the set up. She was able to attend the dog park opening with Commissioner Brackett. It was cool to see the kids at splash pad and the dog parents at dog park. There will be grand opening/fundraiser for Jerry Nell on July 26th with The Kewanee Voice.

Commissioner Brackett: Was not present

7. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinkas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28. Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner M. Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 4-0