

## 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 February 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Kapacinskas, Commissioner Brackett, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey, Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, and Clark Blair.

Absent: Secretary Heather Haga,

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - a. Roll Call
  
2. CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
    - i. Regular Meeting December 19, 2024
  - b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
  - c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
    - i. Month of December 2024

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

**a. Annual Presentation of E.E. Baker Trust – Clark Blair**

- b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 382:** Annual appropriation Ordinance. Presentation and passage to call for publication and notice to public with final approval on March 19, 2026 at 5 p.m.

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

**c. Consideration of Resolution No. 73:** Credit Card for Business Manager

Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to approve. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion.

**d. Consideration and Approval:** Uncashed and Replacement Check police

Commissioner M. Heberer motioned to approve. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Discussed what the cost savings would be from checks to direct deposit

**e. Consideration and Approval:** Updated Menu Pricing for 19<sup>th</sup> Hole

Commissioner Brackett motioned to approve. Commissioner Morey seconded the motion.

**f. Approving IT stipend for Mike Perva for 2026**

Commissioner M. Heberer motioned to approve. Commissioner J. Heberer seconded the motion.

**g. Discussion Only: Annual Review Process for Executive Director**

March and September

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR:

We have started preparations for the 2026 season and have completed quite a bit of the planning and scheduling that play into it. Included in your packet are a few flyers that will be going out. Please note the Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>. I will remind and ask for confirmations at the next board meeting.

1. Scholarships – I will be issuing call for scholarships very soon. I am moving up the timeline in order to provide more time for the students and my plan is to have decision by April board meeting rather than the organization meeting at beginning of May. We always seem under a crunch for time by May as the schools get antsy. Ramping up by 2 weeks should solve
2. Child's Best Friend – Recommendations sought! I recall Joe Desmit being on the list from last year as a potential. Perhaps Martin Engineering for their support. Any ideas or suggestions would be great and I will bring all recommendations to you for a decision. Kiwanis Club or Rotary are also ideas due to their events /sponsorships in park.
3. Website – I am meeting with Wheeling's Marketing coordinator. I hope to get as much info as possible and if they provide template, we can alter our request for proposals to meet our requirements.
4. Dredging – in holding pattern but my plan is to repair certain spaces with more deep concrete so we can utilize those spaces for lighting crews and also for

other lake cleanup that should not force us to replace concrete as frequently. We are also looking at other options to maximize our dollar if we are doing work in that space (ramp on north parking lots etc)

5. Chautauqua – starting now but we need to decide on AC. From convos with you all, I believe we should move forward
6. Cinco De Mayo has stated they are doing alcohol this year and then reached out to me. I indicated to them that it would need to be approved by the board and would need to do so well in advance of the event
7. YMCA – Had a great conversation with their new Director and I think there may be some opportunity for us to collaborate in the future including alternative thinking to pool replacement.
8. New building. Enclosed in recap from meeting and we will discuss individually and also as a group on progress.
9. Ice Skating Rink – I am going to approach Martin Engineering about a sponsorship or community project to offset purchase of chillers. We are looking at 50-70k. We can also put out request for bids and begin the process with or without a benefactor if you desire. Rick Cernovich is willing to donate walls and the tarp to replace is less than \$500 . I envision edison strings spanning the rink. Outdoor carpet near the entrance so people can get on and off the ice, picnic tables, and then a lending set of cubbies for skates etc. If we target this now, I think we can have ready for end of year, should the board desire to press on.
10. Other activities:
  - a. Soccer Registration open
  - b. Casandra has flyers prepped for upcoming spring events
  - c. Golf pass sales and shelters has been frequent
  - d. Finishing up the square conversion and entering all of the items in.
  - e. Budget prep
  - f. Attended the Legislative Breakfast with Jim Paula and Mike

- g. Heather, Casandra, Paula, Nichelle, and I attended parks conference and returned with a bunch of good ideas and information about the ever changing environments.
- h. Heather has spent a large amount of time of paperwork and reporting to get all of the changes aligned within our systems and functional for use and oversight
- i. Maintenance
  - i. Redid 9.5 concession
  - ii. Prepped ball diamonds for HS
  - iii. Redoing trap garage same as 9.5
  - iv. Re-doing picnic tables

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner M. Heberer Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Morey Nothing at this time.

Commissioner J. Heberer Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Kapacinskas Thanks for going to the Conference last month, photo that was taken from Remi Sakowski and remind employees about social media policy.

Commissioner Brackett Nothing at this time.

- 7. At 6:37 pm on February 19, 2025 Commissioner J. Heberer motion to approve closed session. M. Heberer Second Motion to enter CLOSED SESSION to consider Kewanee Park District board meeting. Roll Call

**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.**

At 6:55 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. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinskas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner J. Heberer has motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0 Adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Secretary Signature 

Date 3/19/2026