

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 March 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Kapacinskas, Commissioner Brackett, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner Morey, Director Andrew Dwyer, and Secretary Heather Haga

1. CALL TO ORDER
a. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

- i. Regular Meeting February 19, 2026
- b. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
- i. Month of February 2026

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 384:

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

b. Consideration of Ordinance No. 384: Final Approval: Annual appropriation Ordinance.

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

c. Consideration of Ordinance No: 385 Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Kewanee for Park Policing

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

d. **Presentation from Legat Architects:** 19th Hole Expansion – Development design

e. **Special Use Request:** City's Commission on Human Relations – Cinco De Mayo Food Truck and Alcohol Sales – **Cinco De Mayo cancel Alcohol sales**

f. **Consideration of Resolution No. 74:** Authorizing Executive Director to purchase metal signage with mounting and lighting.

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

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. YMCA Grant assistance. I completed a few documents to assist the YMCA in their venture for a grant for HUD economic development. I have asked for availability of Nicole Moehring the New Branch Executive to attend the meeting to give a brief rundown and introduction. We have stated to them conditions and a need for a formal approval and agreement once/if awarded by Congressman Sorensen. I have included the most recent document with an overview provided to me, I have asked for a few changes as their were a couple items in need(wrong address etc)

2. Scholarships – Due before board meeting in April. Will be distributed to you with packets.

3. Child's Best Friend – Need your votes!

4. Chautauqua – Begun – Electrical and wall cleanings going on and demo and redo of restrooms starting as well.

5. Golf course will open on April 1. Forecast for the weekend prior are in the high 40's or low 50's

6. Night at the races. 4/25. Does anyone have interest in attending?

7. Other activities:

a. Soccer Registration being extended, per plan to 3/27

b. Completed 2026 ICQ for state of IL on their Gata site.

c. Dealing with some audit submittal issues on GATA, they requested additional

details and I have passed on to Simic as the are to supply.

- d. Website – I am still working on this but was thrown a curve ball when talking to wheeling and they gave feedback that they use same software as us but do a lot of the development themselves.
- e. OS/AD submission is successful and we are now waiting for funds disbursement
- f. Met with Colby at Midland and we are working towards bringing back the City Arm! Target date is First weekend in Aug, would convert our senior tournament into.
- g. Received proceeds from IDOT 81 project
- h. Ordered new 2 person swing set for Liberty. One broke previously and other is bent.
- i. Designed kewanee voice ad and sent
- j. Working on metal signs for 9 ½ with lighting
- k. Windmont balls hoops were improperly installed by 3rd arty vendor. Covered under warranty. Lamco has now installed all hoops and posts vendor for flex court is no longer with company based off of our negative experience.
- l. Assigned wages with approved increases for returning staff
- m. Set up training for restaurant management with Jeremy from TPC and the group as a whole on portion control etc.
- n. Heather is compiling lists of sign offs for returning staff to ensure compliance with updated laws and policies.
- o. Held a meeting about economic development and potential for future collab with parks.
- p. Have had a few conversations with potential donors for benches, swings, and play equipment and are looking at modernizing some of our donor opportunities.
- q. Was referred to a stand alone camera company by Police Dept that I have been working with to obtain pricing for cams to go in at Windmont pickleball court and then Northeast skate and basketball courts.
- r. Maintenance

i. Attached

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner M. Heberer Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Morey Talked about decorating the new addition, asked if

Commissioner's would be able give their own option before process is being completed.

Commissioner J. Heberer Nothing at this time.

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas Andy 5 years at the Park District and any more to him

Commissioner Brackett Nothing at this time.

7. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 pm on March 19, 2026 Commissioner Brackett motion to approve closed session. Commissioner M. Heberer 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. & 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.

8. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

- b. Consideration and Approval: Any closed session minutes pending, releasing or determining minutes to remain closed (through March 19, 2026) and destruction of verbatim records prior to September 2024.

At 7:53 pm, President Kapacinskaskas entertained motion to exit session. Commissioner J. Heberer motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner Brackett seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0

9. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinskaskas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brackett has motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner J. Heberer seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 5-0 Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Secretary Signature  Date 04/17/2026