

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 April 16, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Present: President Kapacinskas, Commissioner Brackett, Commissioner J. Heberer, Commissioner M. Heberer, Director Andrew Dwyer, Secretary Heather Haga, Susan Devliver and Elizabeth Jamison The Kewanee Voice

Absent: Commissioner Morey

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - a. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting March 19, 2026
 - b. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of March 2026

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS: None

Announce of the E.E. Baker Scholarship Wethersfield High School Winner: Addison Looney and Kewanee High School Winner: Taylor VanWinkle

5. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR
 1. Annual Organizational meeting and dinner is May 7th. Please let me know if you CANNOT attend. We also need to designate a VP for this upcoming year, or at the very least discuss amongst the board and find.
 2. We have begun tracking rounds of golf and will be able to report on play throughout the year. I am suspecting we will be pleasantly surprised at the number of rounds that are played.

3. We have already caught 3 people playing without paying. One of them I told to come buy their pass that very same day. The other 2 were ore interesting, the first one paid for 9, the second one hopped on and played 9 without paying. They both then proceeded across the road to play the back 9. They were caught and told of the policy. They also were complained about by another golfer who said they were chasing the geese in a golf cart and throwing beer cans etc at then. We are going to be taking a firm stance on this as it is a problem. We have a list of persons who we have caught doing this or similar and have warned them. First offense will be a warning, they will be required to pay for whatever golf they had not or will not be allowed on the course until settled. They also will be referred to myself. I will let them know about the issue and that our action if they are caught again will be filing police report(theft is a felony from gvt) and then trespassing them for 2 years.
4. RFQ for CM is to be going out very soon. The process would be to select and interview and then move forward with a CM to help build the remainder of the construction documents and then begin the bidding process.
5. I have engaged the Raymond James team and we have a preliminary timeline in place to align with project commencement.
6. Other activities:
 - a. Soccer Registration at 374
 - b. Audit appears to finally have been taken, we kept receiving a denial with a reasoning to do with Simic and a peer review issue.
 - c. Scholarships – are Included and redacted per instruction. I need you to select your choice from each school and let me know by the meeting.
 - d. Child’s Best Friend – Will be awarded at the May meeting.
 - e. Chautauqua – Making progress and we are hopeful to hit our target. Our team will be doing the concrete work and has been given green light to prep at their convenience.
 - f. Our energy purchasing contract is coming due and we are working towards obtaining new pricing to present to you.
 - g. Website – Will be getting to when time permits.
 - h. OSLAD submission is successful and we are now waiting for funds disbursement

- i. I will be meeting with the Police Department very soon about our staffing needs for the season. From what I have been told, they like the flexibility we have built in and should see positive results.
- j. We have called back a bulk of the labor and are looking at making a few new hires. We have hired 2 waitresses and a cook in the restaurant. The cook is not certified but is working towards that right now but has had experience in the kitchen side.
- k. YMCA has inquired about sand volleyball and a partnership on that. We have given them approval as we have in the past and hope it goes off and we would be listed as a partner while the program is to be run by the YMCA. I also have included in your packet a timeline for the grant that we signed on with them.
- l. Interviews for the Parks and Facilities Manager are to be this Thursday. My hope is that we can do a 2nd round with peer interviews early next week and then have a hire by weeks end. If any of the board members who are not on the hiring panel would like to join, please let us know and I would invite you to be part of the process.
- m. Dredging is to be started on April 14th. Equipment is in place.
- n. Hoops at Windmont have been repaired and the bill has been sent to flexcourt. Their vendor did a poor job and did not meet minimum specification requirements.
- o. Maintenance
 - i. attached

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner J. Heberer Staff working at 19th Hole with enough waitress & cooks, Maintenance and Cart Shed staff. Landscape with mud slide. Asked about baseball and pricing.

Commissioner Morey Not Present

Commissioner M. Heberer Windmont Pack was busy and asked about playground equipment repair

Commissioner Kapacinskas Great Scholarship applications and thank you to all that sent in. Easter Egg hunt was a good turnout, thanked all the Commissioners who could make it.

Commissioner Brackett Cameras in the parks are unfortunate, must pursue if there is damage to the parks.

7. CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 pm on April 17, 2026 Commissioner M. Heberer motion to approve closed session. Commissioner P. Kapacinskas Second Motion to enter CLOSED SESSION to consider Kewanee Park District board meeting. Roll Call

- a. 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 6:35 pm, President Kapacinskas entertained motioned to exit session. Commissioner Brackett motioned to exit closed session. Commissioner J. Heberer seconded the motion. Motion Passed 4-0

8. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President Kapacinskas entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner M. Heberer has motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kapacinskas seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion Passed. 4-0 Adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Secretary Signature _____ Date _____