

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 May 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
 - i. Regular Meeting April 16, 2026
 - ii. Closed Session April 16, 2026
 - iii. Special Meeting May 7, 2026
 - iv. Closed Session April 16, 2026
- b. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
- c. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL
 - i. Month of April 2026

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award child's best friend – Joe DeSmit
- b. **Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, including expanding the clubhouse at the golf course, and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.**

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

- c. **Call for Public Hearing on said bond issuance to be posted in accordance with all applicable laws.**

- d. Resolution Consideration of Resolution No. 75:** Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the district.

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

- e. Consideration and approval of Energy agreement and Illinois Shines Program enrollment**

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

- f. Consideration of Resolution No. 76:** Authorizing Executive Director to purchase camera systems for parks

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

- g. Consideration of Resolution No. 77:** Authorizing Executive Director to purchase seeder for parks

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

4. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

1. I am happy to report that by looking at your tax bill, you will see that we are the ONLY DISTRICT TO LOWER taxes this year. This is due to our Referendum bond being paid off. Our increase of tax levy was outweighed by the EAV which resulted in our millage going down as well.
2. Chautauqua renovation is nearing completion. Minor fixes and concrete work around the back are remaining as well as door replacement on back side.
3. Pool prep is under way, Heather has taken the lead on coordinating with Annie(returning front desk and relief manager previously). Gina is back helping and then Ann is also going to be leading the front desk.
4. Baseball/softball registrations are closed. Again we are searching for coaches, We are at 379 total registrations, about the same as last year. However the spread as changed and we see a large increase in boys peewee this year and then no boys or girls pony due to low numbers. Last year we had a boys pony league, but this year we do not, we rotate 13 year olds down to little and then eliminate them from pitching for fairness.

5. Clark Blair is retiring from my understanding. I am meeting with him Thursday and will have an update by the board meeting.
6. RFQ for CM is due today at 3p.
7. Final OSLAD payment has arrived. \$300,000 into bank.
8. Troy has started and “is getting a lay of the land”. He and I spent some time in each of the parks on his first day and he will be learning the ins and out over the first few weeks with easily addressed items, being taken care of with continuing expectation. We will be holding an all staff style meeting with maintenance at some point and getting everyone on the same page for duties and responsibilities going forward.
9. Held the appreciation luncheon
10. Had the owner of the old boiler property reach out and interested in donating a portion of the land to us. I am very cautious about that and concerned about any mitigation issues. I would only foresee the land as storage space for the time being and would not expect a build out at any point. Land is north west side of property. He has invited me to take a tour. I have yet to confirm or voice interest.
11. Golf course issues still persist with theft and reckless behavior. We have implemented an overlap schedule during peak times to allow a “Marshall” style patrol to take effect. A tree has been hit and broke off, carts have been damaged from “side-swiping”, bottles and caps have been found indicating sneaking alcohol onto course.
12. Other activities:
 - a. Have reached out to Simic Irwin, about the audit. They are behind and have been given a reminder to get going and also notice of our due date and requirements
 - b. Have begun steps to obtain credit rating for the district.
 - c. Have had a few issues at 19th hole with pilot lights and also exhaust system not working properly. Have remediated via Ed’s and also maintenance.
 - d. Have yet to make a hire on kitchen manager. Heather has stepped up and into the role somewhat. Heather H and I have been covering a bulk on administrative duties.
 - e. Presented a program and update to Rotary
 - f. Working on memorial benches and other donations for swings etc...

- g. Contract with Dist 229 coming due soon
- h. Rebecca Baney offered to “buy” northeast park. I’ll leave it at that.
- i. Will be meeting with YMCA in near future to discuss potential collaboration regarding pool and its future with both entities.
- j. Sent out quick bid/quotes for tree removal at Windmont Park. Rob Ehnle was awarded for 1k for 2 trees
- k. Converted portion of supply ordering to Uline as they locked us in with very competitive pricing that solves quite a bit of our sourcing issues, specifically with trash bags for 55 gallon drums.
- l. Coordinated with YMCA to have another lifeguard cert course that we sent 8 new guards to.
- m. Working with PD to get additional patrol or traffic control for speed around Cambridge Rd. People speeding excessively has caused a few scares for golfers.
- n. Every thing is lined up for fishing rodeo and fish should be in the Wednesday prior to the event.
- o. Park policing will be starting after memorial day
- p. Splash pad opened up smoothly. Doing so while kids still in school allowed for a waved approach and was busy as soon as school let out for the day!
- q. Heather and I have all been swamped, inundated, and putting in extra time to keep everything operating. We are still behind. Casandra has been busy as well. This is our busiest time of the year and we are feeling it. We had internet outage at 19th hole on a Sat am, Heather, Dan, and I all were out here to fix. Heather spent time at tmobile on the following Saturday to try and get our account moved over. For me, it has been a constant, every day thing. The good news is that with the weather, it feels like use is up by quite a bit with it still being only mid May. We are doing our best but if you notice something, please alert us.
- r. Maintenance
 - i. None Submitted

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Items 7- Commissioner comments

Commissioner J. Heberer 2 young kids were golfing asked if they knew the rules of golf.
Asked about electric scooters.

Commissioner Morey If a younger person is golfing do we have someone check on them.

Commissioner M. Heberer There were people picking up trash at parks and Splash Pad has
been busy

Commissioner Kapacinskaskas Congrats to M. Heberer being 1st week of being President

Commissioner Brackett Camera are bad, but we must put them up. Things are moving
along and keeping busy.

6. ADJOURN

With nothing further to discuss President M. Heberer 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 6:41 pm.

Secretary Signature _____ Date _____