



Kankakee Valley

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**Kankakee Valley Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 25, 2019**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioners D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, D. Skelly, M. Mullady, and A. Hollis. Staff present: Executive Director, Dayna Heitz, Superintendent of Recreation, Melissa Woodard; Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Rick Collins, Attorney John Coghlan.

Public Present:

Steven Hunter, Don Palmer, Mike Hoffman, Will Welsh, Bert Dear Jr., Doris Lewis, Elizabeth Decu, Walter Sparlock, Brian Stump, Susan Henke

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Hollis amended the agenda and moved Mike Hoffman from public comment to New Business.

Will Welsh: (YMCA regarding volleyball courts at Levasseur): Had a board member resign but he had really been pushing having a sand volleyball court. Met with Director Heitz and had a discussion on partnership on installing courts at Levasseur. Their budget does include the funds to put in 2 courts. We'd like the park district to do the man power to install it.

Mayor Bill Stump (Aroma Park regarding Goselin building donation): Having our festival August 17th. Asking for permission to use the park like last year. Would like to ask for donation of the use of Goselin Building. Do appreciate everything last year but would like to use the building. Used Potawatomi Park last year.

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Monday, February 25, 2019 consists of board, committee minutes, bills payable, financial statements, Ordinance 1.87, Ordinance 1.88, & renaming of Schuyler Park.

A motion to receive consent agenda was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.



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A motion to approve Committee Meeting Minutes (January 14), Board Meeting Minutes (January 28), Public Hearing minutes (January 28), bills payable, and financial statements was made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to receive the Ordinance 1.87 was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Discussion: This is a master tax escrow statement. We have several bonds now. Each one has an escrow. This will be one master account. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to approve Ordinance 1.87 was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to approve Ordinance 1.88 was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to approve renaming of Schuyler Park to Bert Dear Sr. Park was made by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly said Mr. Dear was an asset to the community. Steve Hunter: Brought this last month for your consideration. Talked with community leaders and with Bert Dear Jr. and everyone was in agreeance. He was a pillar in the community for 89 years. Commissioner Hollis said he knew Mr. Dear his whole life. When this was brought up, this was a no brainer to him personally. Appreciate Steve Hunter bringing this to us and speaks to his character since we had named a park after him. This is the least we can do. Commissioner Tucker asked if Mr. Dear was born in Kankakee. Yes. Definitely in support of this and good to see the family support. Director Heitz was at the council meeting and everything at the meeting was amazing. Very happy we are able to do this. Commissioner Spriggs was a dissenter but thought about this a lot and glad we are doing it. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Skelly, D. Tucker, B. Spriggs, M. Mullady and A. Hollis. With 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Commissioner Hollis said at a later date we will do a dedication ceremony with a sign.

OLD BUSINESS

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Mike Hoffman (Teska regarding TIF Districts): Went through a PowerPoint presentation explaining what a TIF is and also where the TIF would be within Kankakee. There are two TIF Districts proposed. The Riverfront and East Court. Within the Riverfront TIF, Bird Park fisherman, Alpiner, Legion and Jeffers would be included. The impact on the District would be trying to increase the EAV. Would hope to increase housing and additional residents. TIF can't help with maintenance and staffing or operational costs. Commissioner Spriggs asked who is going to maintain it? They haven't gotten to it yet. Commissioner Hollis said Director Heitz is on the committee and we have a voice on that. She will be able to ask all those things. Commissioner Skelly asked if the District has a say at all? Adoption of the TIF is the city council. Commissioner Skelly said we are for all of those things as a resident. How many taxes will we miss out on in that 23 years? Mr. Hoffman said if the trends continue it's going to decline and we are trying to stop that. Will get you a number on that. Commissioner Hollis asked if we can get a copy of the presentation. Director Heitz said there is a March meeting and an April meeting and encourage board members to attend one.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director

D. Heitz: Need to review the Illinois NSA contract.

Did attend the city council meeting and Riverfront meeting. Will be meeting with the mayor and other team members. Do want to find out what their intentions are on our property. The plan calls for us to relinquish our ownership of our property to the Riverwalk. The mayor was adamant that's not the city or the mayor's intention. They want us to be partners. We would need to work together for maintenance and how we are going to work everything.

Commissioner Spriggs said they cannot do that without our permission? Correct. Scott with Midland Bank and the Mayor will come in March to present the plan. Commissioner Hollis said this plan was going to happen no matter what. Originally that may have been the plan to take our property. Without us, they can't do anything. We would have to approve them using our property and the partnership.

County is using the Rec Center and Beckman tomorrow for election.

Met with Eric Sadler at Cobb Park. Recommendation is to go back to Nicor and tell them to figure something else out. Susan Hakey: If you kill the root it won't get water and it will be a mess and they'll die. They are old beautiful trees. They really enhance the park. Really want to support the District's decision to not have them go through the park at all. Thank you for all



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your effort. Don Palmer: Gave an example of a tree on Wildwood and how installing a driveway can kill a tree. If they go down Wildwood it would kill the row of silver maples over time. Director Heitz will get ahold of Eric Sadler and let him know it's not an option for us.

Angie hired new staff and a contractual to do voiceovers for her spring musical.

Melissa and Director Heitz are making adjustments to the GM and Assistant GM positions because we have been unsuccessful in hiring a GM with rink background.

We have had a lot of staff meetings and PDRMA trainings.

Attended the legislative breakfast. There is another legislative breakfast on March 4 if any of the board can attend. IAPD commissioner boot camp is June 4.

Set up board KVPD board emails.

Ms. Cantu is interested in purchasing Pearl Park as she was last year. She asked if we would be interested in leasing it.

Closed on the bond today. Will receive about \$280,001.

Hosted our affiliate sponsor group meeting last week. Beckman has some new people running the Jaycees. They have some major concerns because they have equipment in their storage that isn't theirs and their bathrooms get opened up after their season is over. They also have an outrageous electric bill. The football team turns on the lights and goes on the baseball field for practice. We are changing the locks on all fields. All of our baseball and softball fields are going to be used this year.

Mark Steffen contacted us about his race in August.

Greg Gammie contacted us regarding the annual Whippets race.

Anna made a presentation to the KVTA for a partnership.

Gave Vernon Wellness the costs to rent our facilities for his event.

Farnsworth is putting together a proposal for engineering and gathering information.



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Issues with the heat sock at Ice Valley. Did order some new skates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB Report

Director Heitz: Unable to attend.

Historical Society Report

Commissioner Spriggs: Having their annual planning meeting.

SRA

Commissioner Hollis: Attended the garage sale last weekend. Said if we need inclusion aid, we can call them.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Spriggs asked if we are going to do the request from Goselin? Commissioner Skelly suggested we block off the dates in the case we do.

Commissioner Hollis went to conference and they suggested getting the KVPD emails. This protects us. Otherwise your personal email could be FOIA requested. Some districts are giving the commissioners phones and computers so all park district business is conducted on them. Passed out some handouts he'd received from conference on how to be a better board member. Would like Peter Murphy to come do some trainings as well. Thanks to the board for staying the course and withstanding everything. Appreciate Commissioner Tucker and Mullady sticking it out even though you aren't running again. Having the continuity helped us get through it. We all stayed here and no one ran away.

Commissioner Skelly said Travis Brooks was at the last meeting. Have we responded to him? Director Heitz responded no, it's a personnel matter. Attorney Coghlan spoke to his attorney.

Executive Session

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ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:45pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Committee Meeting Minutes (January 14, 2019)



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2. Board Meeting Minutes (January 28, 2019)
3. Public Hearing Minutes (January 28, 2019)
4. Bills Payable
5. Financial Statements
6. Ordinance 1.87
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8. Renaming of Schuyler Park
9. Executive Director

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard