



# **Kankakee Valley**

## **PARK DISTRICT**

### **Kankakee Valley Park District Committee Meeting Minutes August 12, 2019**

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by President Spriggs. Those present for roll call were Commissioner D. Mullady, A. Hollis, D. Skelly, B. Spriggs. Others present: Dayna Heitz, Executive Director; Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Attorney John Coghlan. Not present: D. Palmer

Public Present: Janice Hartman

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Comment:** Janice Hartman: Property is adjacent to Pearl Park. There are several pictures of trees that are in the woods near the house. They are about 30 feet away from the house. There is a tree on KVPD property that is leaning on an electrical line and pulling it down. Comed is willing to cut down the tree but they will leave the debris and someone has to clean it up. Superintendent Collins was out today and showed them to him. Sent a letter to the board and have not received any reply. The other trees, maybe in the fall they could be taken care of.

**Written:** In the board packet. Bird Park will no longer be used for elections.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NA

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **RFP for Legal Services**

Provided a copy of the mutual termination agreement between KVPD and Marek, Meyer, & Coghlan. Will be accepting RFP's. Will be adding to the list of attorneys. Commissioner Palmer submitted several changes. Commissioner Skelly asked how the list was produced. Most come from the IAPD book as members and deal with municipalities. Others are from research we did to make sure they work with municipalities.

##### **FY 19 Rec Center Numbers**

Commissioner Skelly said this report shows a loss. Do we want to continue operating this way? Commissioner Hollis said we are servicing this community. If this got out that we are going to scale back or take something away, that would make us look horrible. If we need to program it better, that's one thing. What can we do to program it? Commissioner Mullady said it's the

same thing at Ice Valley. Don't understand how it can stay open in the summer. Commissioner Skelly said we definitely do need to do something. It's not working the way we are now. Commissioner Spriggs said we can't take this kind of loss every week. Commissioner Hollis said we used to lose \$100,000 at Splash Valley every year and until we didn't have a choice, there was never a talk about closing it. If we are going to think about closing it, we need to think about some alternative money. Commissioner Spriggs said we aren't talking about closing it. Commissioner Hollis said if we have a fiduciary responsibility but we are going out for RFP's for attorneys that could go up \$80,000. Commissioner Skelly said more people were using Splash Valley. Commissioner Mullady asked if we could have other programs there. Director Heitz said we now have Kyle working Recreation. Right now his focus is the golf outing but give us some time to see what we can do. Let's revisit it in 6 months.

### **Department Reports**

Rick Collins: Nothing new.

Melissa Woodard: Had 2 successful events. Touch a Truck and 5k.

Dayna Heitz: Gave the board a set of bylaws. The auditors are scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Every 6 month mark is October for review of Executive Session Minutes. Commissioner Skelly asked if we would go through everything? Yes. You can pick and choose which ones to release to the public. Going through the employee policy manual. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft. Nothing drastic is changing. RFP is completed. Been consumed with the OSLAD grant application. Did meet with Leopardo at Splash Valley. They are going to walk with their crew and then talking to their sub-contractors. Won't be breaking ground until we get the IDPH permitting.

### **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

Commissioner Skelly asked if we are still mowing at Butterfield? (would like to see it under old business). Superintendent Collins said his crew is still cutting it until told otherwise. Commissioner Skelly said if it's not ours, why are we mowing it. Should we put it on the agenda for a vote? Director Heitz said the radio station leases the property to KGSSL. Attorney Coghlan said the district uses that for parking and you rent that field. If you want to not mow anything and take it off the table, then you'll have limited parking. Commissioner Skelly asked if we could come up with an agreement where we mow it and KGSSL does something for us. Commissioner Hollis said we need to come up with an agreement. Will make changes to that agreement. Director Heitz said we need to do an agreement with Eastside Bulldogs for Beckman Park. Commissioner Mullady asked if there is any update on the building at Old Fair? Attorney Coghlan has communicated with them but waiting on a response. Commissioner Mullady asked if we are still going to talk to KCC about the fitness center lease. Conversations

have been started but need to revisit it. Commissioner Hollis said we need to find out what they are going to do. Commissioner Mullady asked about the KCC sign? It's our property so we don't need to ask to do anything. Director Heitz said that agreement was originally a handshake. Then in the meeting they produced an agreement. They made improvements there by putting in electric even though the agreement didn't say they could. What we want to put up would mean demolishing it. We had conversations with someone else today who is very interested in partnership with that signage as well as other sponsorship opportunities.

Commissioner Spriggs said we need to figure out how to make some money at the Rec Center. If Kyle can come up with successful events, there has to be a way.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:02pm by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. RFP for legal services
2. FY 19 Rec Center Numbers
3. R. Collins
4. M. Woodard
5. D. Heitz

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard