



# **Kankakee Valley**

## **PARK DISTRICT**

### **Kankakee Valley Park District Committee Meeting Minutes October 15, 2019**

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5pm by President Spriggs. Those present for roll call were Commissioner D. Mullady, D. Palmer, A. Hollis (arrived at 5:05pm) D. Skelly, B. Spriggs. Others present: Dayna Heitz, Executive Director; Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds.

Public Present:

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Public Comment:** NA

**Written:** Included in the packet. SRA thanked us for our donation for the Mouse Race.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **45/52 EMC Sign**

Did have an email from the code enforcement. There is specific height and width. It's zoned as residential. Meeting scheduled for next week with the sign designer.

##### **KCC Fitness Lease**

No update.

##### **Union Negotiations**

Thursday we have our first union meeting.

##### **Housing Authority**

Was given 4 names for appraisals. Talked with a company and am waiting to hear back. Commissioner Skelly received a call from Doug Jones from the Housing Authority and wanted to have a conversation to see where things are. He said they had an appraisal for \$6500 and they offered \$10,000. He said then they said we could split the profit. On a good year they get \$12,000, if nothing has to be replaced. Commissioner Hollis is interested in where their appraisal came from. If we can sell it to them and be done, we would be good. Commissioner Palmer would like to fight a little longer. Commissioner Hollis said we haven't gotten anything in the past. We are letting that service continue. We know they will have maintenance. Commissioner Spriggs said we don't want ties to this and be done. Commissioner Skelly said the fact that we haven't had a contract is an issue. Director Heitz said they need to show us a current appraisal or we have one done.

##### **Butterfield Agreement**

Received a Butterfield agreement from John. Do not recommend it. Have several questions. We don't have a copy of the agreement to show that KGSSL has the authority to lease that out.

KVPD owns 3 fields and a gravel parking lot. The 4<sup>th</sup> field is owned by 2 different owners. American Tower Corporation and Oakside Corporation are the 2 owners. Commissioner Palmer asked why we aren't dealing with the 2 organizations? Director Heitz wants to see the agreement between KGSSL and the other organizations to make sure they have the authority. Commissioner Skelly asked if it would be possible to lease the fields to their events and send our crew over for our tournaments. Then we don't lose money on running the tournaments there. Commissioner Hollis suggested having KGSSL come to a meeting with their lease. Director Heitz will asked for a copy of the lease agreement and will try calling the 2 other land owners.

### **Capital Bond 2019 B**

Info in the packet. Submitted the info to our local banks. It will be about \$80,000 for capital and the remaining will be for previous bond payments and fees.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Department Reports**

Rick Collins: Repaired a slide at Pine Park. Took down a tree at Pearl Park. Still 2 more that Estes will have to take down. Comed took down their trees there too.

Melissa Woodard: Pumpkin Palooza was the end of September. Had about 80 kids and their families and the pumpkins were donated from Benoit Farms. Met with our auditors a couple weeks ago. This was a new audit firm and it was much more in depth.

Dayna Heitz:

Met with new attorney. Went through current business and agreements and toured our main facilities. Rick and Director Heitz will be doing interviews next week. 6 month review will be at the board meeting for Executive Session minutes. Did have a FOIA for the attorney RFPs. Commissioner Skelly asked about the Riverfront Implementation team regarding the MOU. They have not moved forward on that and have canceled the October meeting. Commissioner Hollis asked if we were going to send board representatives? Director Heitz has a meeting with the Mayor at the end of the month and will discuss it then. Campground will close this Sunday for the season. River Road has a tournament this weekend and will be shut down next week. Today is the last day for the harbor. Still about 13 boats in.

### **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

Commissioner Mullady said someone from Heiland Park mentioned that the park hasn't been taken care of. Director Heitz said that park is taken care of by the Forest Preserve. Director Heitz and Commissioner Mullady met and it was good. This Sunday he refereed and it was the cleanest it has ever been. A parent said they were going to rent 10 hours of ice for a goalie clinic. He said there was very little effort in making it work, but that could be hearsay. Could get rid of 2 positions and combine them to make one position with a hockey background. Got an email from someone renting ice on a holiday. Everyone is scared of Angie and Lisa and they don't like hockey. Not saying disregard figure skating. Parents were complaining about warm beer. Commissioner Hollis asked if you had let Director Heitz know these concerns about the

ice? Director Heitz said she did recap the meeting in her Friday report. You don't discuss staff in open session. Commissioner Hollis said if you want to talk about personnel, you need to go in to executive session. Proper protocol is going in to private session. Director Heitz asked if Commissioner Mullady could send the people with complaints to her? Commissioner Mullady said you're guilty by association. Commissioner Spriggs said they will put it on for an executive session. Commissioner Mullady said no, someone should be running the facility that knows hockey. Commissioner Skelly suggested forming an advisory board that would be some hockey and some figure skating and there would be regular meetings to discuss how to make it better. Not to point fingers. Then it gives the people who are paying to use the facility, a say. Commissioner Hollis said he would like for those people to come to the board meetings. Commissioner Spriggs said we aren't going to go back and forth and bring up personnel. Commissioner Hollis said from a legal standpoint, personnel need to be talked about in executive session. Commissioner Palmer said we need to go to the rink to have meeting. Commissioner Hollis said we could have a meeting there. Director Heitz will be at the Coyotes and Irish board meeting tomorrow. Will ask what issues they have.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:19pm by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. 45/52 EMC Sign
2. Union Negotiations
3. Housing Authority
4. Butterfield Agreement
5. Capital Bond2019B
6. R. Collins
7. M. Woodard
8. D. Heitz

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard