



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting August 26, 2020

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:17pm by President Bill Spriggs. Those present (in person or via Zoom) for roll call were Commissioners D. Palmer, D. Mullady, A. Hollis, and B. Spriggs. Staff present: Executive Director, Dayna Heitz; Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Rick Collins; Attorney David Freeman & Nick Petrovski, Superintendent of Recreation, Melissa Woodard. Not present: Commissioners D. Skelly

Public Present (In person or via Zoom): Erica Barton, Chris Breach, Mike Boyd, Chris Karracker, Dave Verkler, James & Darice Smith, Curtis Crossley, Stan Schiel, Pat Martin, additional KYHC board member, Zoom attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Erica Barton: President of the KYHC. Last meeting, Dave Verkler and another member came here to talk. Since then we received updates on the contract. The terms were altered and not agreed on. Some of the questions were that we asked for the Covid policy to put out to their members. Didn't have it. Last Friday it was posted on Facebook and never received a copy of it. Never received a copy of practice and play or what was going to happen. No communications on what their times are. Found out yesterday that Figure skating is having freestyle ice first week in September. Booked additional ice somewhere else because they didn't know. Lack of communication is appalling. We are trying to work with you and make the best of this bad situation. Feel like we are being pushed under a bus.

Chris Karracker: Long time slip holder at Beckman and things had been fine. Last couple years there has been some theft. We had a hit and run by the local police department. Created a boat harbor Facebook page so we can work together and keep watch on things. Renters are asking that something be done for camera surveillance. No electric access or Wi-Fi at the harbor for slip holders to put up their own cameras. Park District has been good at maintaining. Want to make sure our property is safe. Put some pressure on city to have more presence there with drugs and alcohol. Cameras would help deter theft.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters Email, Social Media & Newspaper Clippings

Included in packet.

James Smith-Pioneer Park Children's Lunches: wanted to thank KVPD for allowing us to serve the community for the last 3 years. It's big to us and the community. Want to introduce his board members and thanked them as well. His board member said it's a great program for the kids. Went from the first summer 1600 to 2300 and then this year 10,000 lunches were served. Thank you for being a part of that. Thank you to maintenance and Ariana. Have some other things in mind for Pioneer. Do senior programming as well. We hope we can continue doing this next summer.

Dr. Michael Boyd, KCC-Partnership Discussion

Thank you for having me. Want to introduce Pat Martin, KCC Chairperson. Did read Mr. Breach's article. Want to make sure the park district and KCC are working from the same information as we talk about the fitness center. Placed a packet in front of each commissioner. First page is a letter asked to extend the lease for the next 5 years. Next is a timeline. In 2003, KVPD and KCC entered in an intergovernmental agreement. There was a land swap, 11 acres. KCC supported some of the construction. In 2004, there were some construction overruns. Came back to the table and were eager to be partners then too. The college brought 2 payments of \$255,000 to that project. That point a lease was in order. 7500 square feet is used for the fitness center, locker rooms, and office space. 3 years of \$37,500 of lease payments. 2006, 5-year phases for \$1/year. We have now entered in the last 5-year phase. \$1.3 million KCC helped bring to the table for that project. Want to continue with the partnership. Complimentary memberships for park district employees in the fitness center. Director Heitz reported that we have another meeting in September and do have ongoing conversations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Wednesday, August 26, 2020 consists of special meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, executive session minutes (not for public view), bills payable, financial statements, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #2.03, Splash Valley construction contractor's payment, Ice Valley mechanical room repairs, and resolution to change elected board Commissioner term of office.

A motion to receive consent agenda was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

A motion to approve board meeting minutes (July 27, 2020) and executive session minutes (July 27, 2020, not for public view) was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

A motion to approve bills payable was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

A motion to approve financial statements was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioner voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis, B. Spriggs. Nay: D. Palmer. With 3 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

A motion to approve budget and appropriation ordinance #2.03 FY 2020-2021 was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Commissioner Skelly joined via phone at 5:35pm. Discussion: Director Heitz went over the changes on the executive summary. Then it transfers to the budget ordinance. Changed the amount for transfer from corporate to rec. Corrected a duplicate salary. Figured minimal amount for ice valley revenue and expenses. We don't know what the revenue will be yet which is why we went with minimal. Did not account for contractual programming expense. Added additional seasonal. Went over the changes Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis, B. Spriggs, D. Skelly. The following commissioners votes nay: D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried. Commissioner Skelly left the meeting at 5:40pm.

A motion to approve Splash Valley Construction contractor's payment was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Discussion: As of yesterday, we will be receiving our permitting from IDPH. There are a couple things we need to fix but we will get our permits to open next year, pending 2 items. There are minor things. We have training scheduled for next week. They asked that no one that was there prior be a part of it since it's not the same equipment. Commissioner Mullady asked if you are were looking into someone else to run it? Yes, looking into a company. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly.

A motion to ratify Ice Valley Mechanical Repairs by Dual Temp in the amount of \$22,168.00 was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Discussion: The amount changed. Found some other things that need to be done. Everything is up and running. The staff did not return until August 10. First week they started was the storm. Had no internet at that facility until Friday. Dual Temp has done everything and we are now maintaining temp. We are starting with a soft opening as the figure skaters are softer on the ice. Commissioner Mullady said that's not true, they spin on the ice and do toe picks. Upon roll call vote the

following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

A motion to approve the resolution to change Elected Board of Commissioner Term of Office was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Discussion: Commissioner Hollis said why are we even considering it? Commissioner Mullady said Don and him think we might get a better pool. Commissioner Hollis said you all should really go to conference. Park district boards are not sought-after positions. Before you came on the board, these meetings were packed with issues but no one ran. Can't find people to run. Whether you decide 4-6 years, you will have the same problem. Park district is so important but a lot of people in the community don't think so, because we don't get paid. Commissioner Spriggs said a lot of these meetings people don't even come. It's a shame because it's tax payer money. But if they don't care enough to attend, what would make them run for even 2 years. Commissioner Palmer said the people he has talked to, when they ask about the term length they walk away because of the length. Even if you don't have people 6 years, if you run 4 years, run again. It doesn't mean you can't run again. 4-year term is only 2 years less but makes a difference to other candidates. Attorney Freeman: no problem with this discussion. Suggestion is that this is a really important decision and would suggest having a full board present for voting. Table it until Commissioner Skelly can be here. Commissioner Spriggs is ok with that. Commissioner Palmer would like it to be 4 years. Commissioner Spriggs and Commissioner Hollis are ok waiting to vote until Commissioner Skelly is here. Tabled and added to next meeting and hope to have all Commissioners present.

OLD BUSINESS

Riverfront Update

Still looking for a member of riverfront society. KRIT has been dissolved so very little will be going on with that. Director Heitz represents 1 seat but we have another seat open.

Board Policy

TBD

KCC Fitness Center

Continuing to meet with them on partnership. September is the next meeting.

45/52 Sign

TBD

Cell Towers

TBD

Employee Policy Manual

Large packet. You have the final version. Attorney and Director Heitz worked on this. No policies have been changed except if it was required by law. Most of it is formatting. Lots of duplicate policies. Not voting until next meeting. Please ask questions before next board meeting. Commissioner Hollis asked if we can see if KCC will give discounts for staff in furthering their education.

Splash Valley

See report.

Discussion of facilities and operations-COVID-19

Staff have put together the Covid policy and how we will work the facility. Approached by a goalie parent with a hurdle and solution.

KYHC 2020-2021 User Agreement

A motion to approve the KYHC 2020-2021 User Agreement was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Discussion: Commissioner Mullady said we have 3 hockey parents. They are frustrated. We have clients coming to us with a check. Why are we not taking the money? Don't understand why they have to keep coming here to talk to the board. Director Heitz said they had 3-4 questions for the contract. Room usage we are not charging you unless you don't give notice. Attorney Petrovski said we left it as is. Changed everything that was discussed and that all the board discussed. Changed the net 30 to what was original. Sorry for miscommunication, there was no ill intent. Director Heitz said we won't charge for games if you didn't have any. We removed them. 48 hours' notice to use a room. Commissioner Mullady said a parent might want to speak privately to a player or parent. Commissioner Hollis said if no one is in it, if we can remove a situation from the public let them use the room. Worried about if a kid or parent is having an issue and need to talk. Director Heitz said we are talking about 2 different things. We do not charge them for that. We are asking for notice for meetings.... you know 14 days in advance when you are having meetings. Commissioner Mullady said it makes no sense. She changed her mind. Dave Verkler: We talked about net 30. We were under the impression that the 14 days that was waived. We have coaches and managers and if one of them chooses to make arrangements to talk privately in the classroom, we will be charged. Thought it was resolved at the last meeting. Attorney Freeman: what does the board want to do? Give direction. Commissioner Mullady said for them to go rent somewhere else. She is ignoring everything. Director Heitz said 48 hours'

notice, this would be board meetings that you give notice for, not if a coach needs to talk privately. Dave Verkler said the coaches use meeting rooms for chalk talk. Agreement would be there is no charge. Tired of arguing. 48 hours is not what we agreed on last meeting. If the rooms aren't being used, don't see the issue. Attorney Freeman said there is going to be no charge for coach pulling a player or parent in a room. Dayna is only talking about board meetings. 48-hour notice, with all due respect, you are using someone else's facility, won't be charged but it is a common courtesy. Don't think Dayna is going to charge someone if you forget. Commissioner Spriggs said they want notice to clean the room. Dave Verkler said didn't think we would get hit with a late fee a couple years ago. Attorney Freeman said we will be specific in the contract. Dave Verkler said you already have verbiage in there that waives the meetings. Want the \$40 waived if the room isn't being used. Commissioner Mullady said you are treating them like a red headed step child. Commissioner Hollis said they won't be charged for the meeting room. Director Heitz asked if you could give us a courtesy. Erica Barton said regular board meetings will be scheduled at least 30 days in advance to let us know we can have a meeting. 48 hours' notice. Director Heitz said 30-day net issue has been resolved. Removed games. We only charge for things that are used. Attorney Freeman said we will make that change and get them out. Erica Barton said no other issues with the contract. Lack of communication regarding policies for our players to be able to come into the facility. HF has had policy out for 2 months. Thinks that is inappropriate. Director Heitz said we put it on Facebook to our public. Staff worked very hard in a short amount of time to complete after being furloughed. Erica said we find out on Facebook. Would like better communication. Contract is subject to attorney review by both organizations. Commissioner Mullady said the hockey club has never had an attorney until now. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Mullady, A. Hollis and B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Skelly

Kankakee Riverfront Society Board

No update

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Commissioner Residency

Commissioner Spriggs said we received letters from anonymous source that Commissioner Mullady doesn't live in the district anymore. Commissioner Spriggs asked Commissioner Mullady, do you live in the district? Commissioner Mullady said he lives in Kankakee county on planet earth. Commissioner Mullady left at 6:20pm. Commissioner Hollis said in regards to this, what are we standing on, we sit here and talk about transparency. Letter from someone about this and brought attention to ourselves, it is so petty. Someone in this community thought it was important. Watchdogs will get ahold of it. What do we have to do to satisfy

this, this isn't going to go away. We have to stay within our township. What is the law? Attorney Freeman said the law is they have to be a legal voter of the district. Reason this is important legally because if a commissioner is not a legal resident of the park district, they automatically forfeit their seat. When we receive a letter like this, the board has an obligation to the tax payers to look into it. Don't like anonymous letters but it has been brought to your attention now. You have to at least ask the question. Issue is still open. If the board is satisfied by that answer, move on. If you are not, you can direct staff or outside agency to conduct an investigation. Commissioner Hollis said we have talked about transparency and we gave him a chance to be transparent. We would have been done but he wants to sit here and say he lives on earth. We got that letter we need to investigate that letter. Commissioner Hollis read the letter from Palmer, since he didn't get a phone call, I don't support Derek but that's politics. Point is he wants to see it investigated. So does Commissioner Spriggs. Gave him a chance and he blew us off. That was very unprofessional. Wouldn't have said that in front of his son but wanted to go on record that it was unprofessional and see if he stays in our district and if not he needs to be off the board. Commissioner Spriggs said we have suspected this for months but not done anything. We know he sold his business. We know where he lives. Need proof and that's going to take investigation. I have to live here to be on the board. Commissioner Palmer gave examples from a school district that residency after elected doesn't matter. He goes along with what the law requires. Don't support it if there isn't legal standing. Commissioner Spriggs asked what that has to do with a park district? Attorney Freeman said Commissioner Spriggs is correct because they are not park district issues. Concepts are the same but when you look at residency it's a fact specific. Every case is different. Intent is very difficult to prove. Circumstantial evidence. Where are you registered to vote? Get mail? Driver's license? Tax bill? Otherwise it would be easy to live somewhere. Commissioner Hollis said he is making a mockery out of the whole system. Commissioner Spriggs said he doesn't know the rules for living in it. Commissioner Spriggs and Hollis want it investigated because a letter came in front of the board and our attorney said dealing with tax payers but he blew us off. We didn't get an answer that satisfied our board. What do we have to do to resolve this issue? Attorney Freeman said you would authorize the director to work with attorney to hire a 3rd party to look into it and report back. Commissioner Palmer recommends that we delay this and have this discussion in front of Commissioner Mullady. Commissioner Hollis respects your opinion but we gave him a change and he blew us off. We as a board need to do the responsible thing to get this done. Commissioner Palmer said he wants to do it in front of Commissioner Mullady. Attorney Freeman said you can give consensus. Commissioner Spriggs and Hollis are in favor of investigating. Commissioner Palmer is not. Consensus from board to get 3rd party investigator to report back to board.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

Rick Collins: Commissioner Spriggs asked about the light at Pioneer Park? Outsen is coming out to look. Continue getting trees out after the storm. Estes will take care of trees at the Civic. Commissioner Hollis asked about the boat harbor cameras. About \$3500 to get the proper cameras. Attorney Freeman suggested getting a survey asking if slip holders are interested in cameras.

Superintendent of Recreation

Melissa Woodard: Worked on the budget. Put together storm damage spreadsheet. Had our movie in the park couple weeks ago. This Saturday is a 5k.

Executive Director

Dayna Heitz: Steve Kelly is asking people to clean up after themselves. Did have some phone calls around Beckman from garbage after football practice. Lots of phone calls for ATV and motor bikes at our parks. Last weekend there was an issue at a large park. Got an email from Village of Bradley asking if we would consider parting with Levasseur park. Consensus is no from the board.

Storm damage, we do have a claim with PDRMA. Collected quotes and have an adjustor that has been given all the info. The frog at Splash Valley will not be included in the claim. Maverick pools will take care of it, as long as we help them load it and pay freight, they will redo for free.

IMRF audit said we do have 6 seasonal staff members that have worked over 1000 hours. We have had them come back early. We look at it on fiscal and IMRF looks at it as calendar. If they don't want to contribute to IMRF, they would only be able to work 999 hours.

Rick will be taking care of some issues at Old Fair Park and the fence.

Mayor will be here next meeting to talk about TIF.

If you have any questions, please let me know regarding a boat access grant. This will be to improve emergency services at Bird and ramp at the harbor and possibly Jeffers.

There was a meeting regarding Potawatomi launch yesterday and hope to improve that.

Jim Rowe and the community outreach coordinator are working with us on some youth programming. September will begin some movies in the park. We provide the park and

electricity and they do everything else. Will look to do things in the Rec center once it starts to get cold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB Report

D. Heitz: Will be working remotely and selling specific property and everything else will go into storage.

Historical Society Report

Commissioner Spriggs: no report.

SRA

Commissioner Palmer: Amazing what they can do over there. They really work at it.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Hollis thanked Dayna for working with the state's attorney. Too many times we harp on things we aren't getting done. Primary goal is to provide programs to our residents. Don't believe in micromanaging. Applaud Dayna for taking that on. James Smith serving 10,000 meals is huge. Big to the community. Need to promote those positive things.

Commissioner Palmer passed along a compliment from Lynn Alden, working with you for the concerts in the park was quite successful. Kyle was excellent to work with.

Commissioner Spriggs thanked Melissa, Rick, Dayna, Kyle and Ariana. You have done a stellar job with Covid 19 and in-house nonsense. Tough to run a district with 37 parks, thank you for your dedication. Happy to be a part of it. Director Heitz appreciates you recognizing the staff. Know how much we do day in and day out. It's a big district and we have accomplished a lot. It means a lot that someone else would thank the staff.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:05pm by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board Meeting Minutes (July 26, 2020)
2. Executive Session Minutes (July 27, 2020-not for public view)
3. Bills payable
4. Financial Statements

5. Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #2.03
6. Splash Valley Construction contractors' payment
7. Ice Valley Mechanical Repairs
8. Elected Board Commissioner Term of Office
9. KYHC agreement

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard