

**Kankakee Valley Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018**

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioner A.Hollis, D. Tucker, M. Mullady, 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: Melissa Woodard.

COMMUNICATIONS

Written: Included the info for when Rick and Director Heitz attended the dedication for R.J Bailey Community Center in Sun River Terrace.

Public Comment: Verlon Jordan activity director at KCCSI. Handed out a brochure. Enjoyed a day at the park at Beckman and had a great time. Would like the board to sponsor another senior lunch day at Beckman to use the pavilion and building. August 27th is their proposed date. Commissioner Hollis said Director Heitz will get back to you. Commissioner Tucker asked how many seniors participated? About 40 and expect more to sign up. Last time they paid the not for profit rates.

Darrell Williams: Representing the Vernon Wellness and had the BBQ event last month. Presenting a check to the District. The show was great and the food vendors sold out. Only issue was the lights on the poles. Commissioner Hollis asked about the venue, was it conducive for you? A lot of people asked if they could do handicap parking under the bridge? Yes, would do that next year and did start doing it through the day. Commissioner Hollis gave kudos to Darrell for putting on the event that brought people together. Liked the intimacy of it. Commissioner Spriggs said when you presented this to us, you mentioned fixing up the bandshell? Darrell said he wasn't able to charge, could only do a donation. He was promised sponsor money that fell through. Would have liked to charge \$5 per person. Commissioner Hollis asked how much money fell through from sponsorships? Almost \$2000. Commissioner Skelly said we can talk about it before next year. Commissioner Tucker said you did an event and it was successful. Perhaps people might be more inclined to help out next year with sponsorships. Darrell agreed. Commissioner Spriggs suggested changing the name. Darrell presented a \$500 check to the District.

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

Department Reports

Rick Collins: Any questions, please ask. Commissioner Spriggs said the guys did a great job cleaning up the river. Commissioner Skelly asked if we have plans to do other river banks?

Commissioner Mullady said to cut the top half because it helps with soil erosion.

Commissioner Skelly asked if we have made headway with lights at Alpiner Park? Outsen came out to look at them. Commissioner Spriggs said there are some lights out by the boat launch going up the drive at Bird Park. The guys did a great job trimming in the Quarry.

Melissa Woodard: Any questions, please ask.

Angie Tousignant: Any questions, please ask Angie.

Dayna Heitz: Still have the docks for sale.

The Riverfront trail way wants to meet to discuss signage on the trail. Commissioner Skelly asked about the maintenance for that? From Water Street to KCC is very bad now. Ask in your meeting what the agreement on maintaining it is.

Received another county zoning notice for the solar farm.

Received an invitation to serve on streetscape steering committee. Meeting with Mayor tomorrow and will be asking for more information.

Need a date for the dedication of Riverwood Park dedication. July 31st at 6pm. Will send out invitations.

Have not heard back from Ken Klipp.

Jim Schopf is retiring as of August 3rd. We will have a luncheon for him. He was here for 10 years.

Having a staff appreciation picnic at the Bird Park ballfields. Will close the office so everyone can participate. If you know of any businesses that would like to donate something for giveaways for raffles, let me know.

Current financials are included.

Heard from Dave at Speer this week. Very happy with things here and wanted to know if September 10th would be good for closing. Commissioner Skelly asked if we had talked to anyone local? The Commissioners would like to at least try locally. If they decide not to, that's fine but at least we did the right thing.

The fest that was at Pioneer Park last year called and they want to do it again this year. Sounds like it is scaling back from last year.

Met with Commissioner Tucker and Ron Jackson at Washington Park. There is a nice cement pad there. Do have some repairs to do but want to do an inline skate area. Will need PDRMA to approve it. Need to check into drain because it doesn't drain after a rain.

Had some safety concerns at Old Fair. Fix and replace fencing. Repairs to press box and some tree trimmings.

Will go into executive session next meeting for the Director's contract.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

NA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:33pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Facility Agreement
2. R. Collins
3. M. Woodard
4. A. Tousignant
5. D. Heitz

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard