

**Kankakee Valley Park District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 23, 2018**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5pm 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NA

**COMMUNICATIONS**

NA

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda for Monday, July 23, 2018 consists of board, committee minutes, special meeting, executive session minutes (not for public viewing) bills payable, and financial statements. Commissioner Hollis amended the agenda and added Executive Session minutes for May 14, 2018. This will be for action.

A motion to receive the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Tucker. 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 the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Mullady, 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

NA

**NEW BUSINESS**

**KCCSI Beckman Building/Pavilion Request**

Director Heitz: Requesting our support to provide them the building and pavilion for free. The date they are requesting is available and is August 22. A motion to approve the KCCSI Beckman

Building & Pavilion request was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Tucker. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly said it's a slippery slope. Would be ok with giving them the nonprofit rate but don't want to give away a building for free. Commissioner Hollis said they are a similar organization and it helps with public relations. Thinks giving the non-profit rate would be good. Commissioner Mullady said we have got to be consistent. Always thought the seniors have taken a backseat. Have to make sure it's fair across the board. Commissioner Hollis said it helps to get seniors in the parks. Commissioner Spriggs said he didn't think free was a word we were using. Commissioner Tucker said it appears we make decisions case by case. Who have we given something for free? Military and local public services (Police, Fire, etc.). Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Tucker, A. Hollis. Commissioners voting nay: B. Spriggs, D. Skelly, M. Mullady. With 2 ayes, 3 nays, motion fails. They will be offered the non-profit rate.

### **Opening & Acceptance of Surplus Equipment Sale**

Director Heitz: These are closed bids. We can accept or reject bids. We only have 1 bid. Jim Vining bid on the surplus vehicles. Complete lot is \$2,025. 2<sup>nd</sup> bid is for dump truck is \$910. If he didn't get the full bid he would want just the dump truck. Commissioner Skelly clarified that nothing runs? Correct. Commissioner Mullady asked who is responsible for taking logos off? The Park District. We don't have titles for the vehicles. He was asking if we could apply for the lost titles. Said we would help him get the titles. A motion to accept the bid for the full lot of \$2,025 was made by Commissioner Spriggs, 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.

### **Piggush Engineer Agreement for RR Bathrooms**

Director Heitz: River Road bathrooms are back on the agenda. Would like to work with Piggush. Really important to get this done from the capital fund. NSA has sent an email saying they will commit to 2 years of state to be hosted at River Road pending the bathrooms getting fixed. Boosts River Road activity and brings a lot of people to Kankakee. Agreement is same as original. Only went up \$40 in fees. Left contingency where it was. Meeting with him tomorrow. This would be for the engineering. A motion to accept the Piggush Engineer Agreement for River Road Bathrooms was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly said didn't we do this with Tyson. We paid a good chunk of money to them. Director Heitz said that was before she started. The bill from Tyson was to go in and give options. There was no survey or anything that she was aware of. Commissioner Skelly said nothing was paid that we are repaying for? No. Commissioner Skelly asked about getting bids? Director Heitz would like to work with this company because they work for the city and we will have to work closely with them on this project. Don't have to

go to bid on engineering. 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.

### **Unified Pioneer Building/Pavilion Request & Support**

Director Heitz: Unified was the Unity Fest last year at Pioneer. They were originally paying for the building and pavilion. When the situation happened that the new group took over, we refunded the original group because they didn't know where the money came from. They did end up paying for port-o-lets and handwash station. Allowed them to use the pavilion and building. Obviously provided additional picnic tables and garbage cans. They requested August 18 for this year. Asked us to donate facilities. They need garbage cans, picnic tables, and asked if we would pay ½ for port-o-lets. It's only going to be 1 day this year. Commissioner Spriggs asked how we could even consider it? A motion to approve the Unified Pioneer Building & Pavilion request was made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Hollis.

Discussion: Commissioner Tucker said they aren't having any meetings this year? If you ask for something, seems to be a disconnect because we need to know who we are dealing with. We need a clear understanding. There should be better communication. Director Heitz said it is Jamyce Clegett who put it on last year but there was so much more communication and backing that she received. We aren't involved as much in the planning, but we are being asked for things. Only reason they didn't pay for building and pavilion was because of the special circumstance from last year. Otherwise they were going to pay non-profit rate. Commissioner Mullady wanted clarification on what is being voted on. Commissioner Tucker said if you ask for something, do it differently than through text. Whether we vote yes or not, it should be a presentation. It's ok to hear them out. Not saying we have to give anyone anything for free. Commissioner Skelly said we have the free lunch program at Pioneer. That group came in and made a wonderful presentation and are doing everything the right way. Providing a service to the kids. No problem giving that group the building. Commissioner Hollis said if motion fails, they pay non-profit rate and for port-o-lets. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis. Commissioners voted nay: B. Spriggs, D. Skelly, M. Mullady. Abstain: D. Tucker. With 1 aye, 3 nays, 1 abstain, motion fails.

### **Acceptance of Donated Playground Equipment**

Director Heitz: Ashbury United Methodist Church used to have a preschool. They have equipment that is just sitting there because they don't have preschool anymore. Want to donate this equipment to us. Usually equipment isn't commercial grade but went and looked at it, it meets specs. Commissioner Mullady asked how PDRMA would know they are certified? They have proper logos. We would have to move and install it. Could put it at Bird Park Field because there is only 1 swing set there. Commissioner Mullady said there is a really old equipment in Aroma Park. Director Heitz said Sun River Terrace needs it too. Wants the board

to suggest locations they would like to see it. A motion to accept the donated playground equipment was made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly said how hard will it be to move? Rick said it can be done. Director Heitz said PDRMA can come help supervise the move if we wanted them to. 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.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Executive Director**

Director Heitz: A call came in Sunday morning from KCCVB and the Bears to do a shoot. They canoed in the Quarry and it will air this weekend. They were all over the county today.

A gentleman came in and talked to Ariana, then called Rick, Dayna called him back. He likes to talk a lot of politics. He wants to get a bunch of volunteers to work on the Splash Pad. He said the children are going to die in the river because we have no where for them to swim. He wants us to open up fire hydrants. He will not come to a board meeting. Supposed to call him tomorrow. Told him in order to do anything with volunteers there are only certain projects they can do. He would do it anyway and what's the worst that could happen. Commissioner Hollis asked why are we even entertaining him?

There was a video posted about the ATV and dirt bikes. It was sent to Director Heitz anonymously. They said it happened 2 weeks ago. It's supposed to happen again in a week. It's at Pioneer Park. We have called the police about Pioneer and Bird park issues. We have also watched the police interact with the riders. Apparently, this is a large group. They can rip up the park but biggest fear is they have no regard for kids and someone is going to get hurt. Got an email from someone today who is trying to get city officials, police, etc together to figure out the issue. We have ordinances against it in the park. Commissioner Skelly said we talk about it every day in the department. We would love to talk to the group but there is a no pursuit policy. Looking for any other ideas. It's getting bad and there have been a couple crashes already.

Have some pictures from our Special Events. Touch a Truck was great. Lot of suggestions and people want it again for next year. We made notes for next year. Bradley police department brought their K-9 unit. Vendors that came were really happy to be here. Christmas in July was that same day at Ice Valley.

Had the staff appreciation luncheon on Friday. Rain or shine, we were there. Had a great time. Thank you to the Board.

At the beginning of the month we had the Superhero Day at the Park. Wonder Woman did face painting. We did that at Goselin. Trying to spread ourselves out because we have so many parks.

Commissioner Skelly asked if Dayna met with Nicole about the River Front Trails? Director Heitz said their board is discussing using the money for signs instead of maintenance. We are required to do signage as part of the agreement. Commissioner Skelly said maintenance should be the big thing.

Commissioner Skelly asked for clarification on MPI agreement. Director Heitz said it's with changes that the board discussed and with commitment from NSA for state.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **KCCVB Report**

Director Heitz said nothing further to report. A lot going on with Bears.

### **Historical Society Report**

Commissioner Skelly said the museum is Wednesday. Director Heitz said museum received their tax payment in one lump sum.

### **SRA**

Commissioner Hollis said moved the meeting to another date to accommodate. There is a roof problem, been fixed. Had a security issue that has been fixed too. Getting ready for the mouse race fundraiser. Bourbonnais and Limestone are a sponsor. Want us to sponsor too and can take it out of SRA fund for \$500 for the mouse race. Vehicle will be delivered October-November.

A year from this October we will have a golf outing to raise funds for community special events. October 4, 2019.

## **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

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### **Executive Session**

A motion to go into Executive Session was made at 6:05pm by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Mullady.

**Re open regular meeting at 6:55 pm**

**All commissioners present**

**ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:57pm by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. Committee Meeting Minutes (June 11, 2018)
2. Special Meeting Minutes (June 11, 2018)
3. Board Meeting Minutes (June 25, 2018)
4. Bills Payable
5. Financial Statements
6. KCCSI Agreement
7. Surplus Equipment
8. Piggush Engineer Agreement
9. Unified Request
10. Donated Playground

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard