

Kankakee Valley Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2018

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioner A. Hollis, M. Mullady, D. Tucker (arrived at 5:15pm), D. Skelly, B. Spriggs. Others present: Dayna Heitz, Executive Director; Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Attorney John Coghlan.

COMMUNICATIONS

Written: Request of Goselin Park building for Red Cross blood drive. Commissioner Hollis asked if they can pay the non-profit rate? Yes.

Public Comment: Leonard Curtis: Is there going to be anything guaranteed for work from contractors? They didn't work the ground out there very well so don't want to see issues later. Why are there no picnic tables in Legion Park? Cleaning along the river looks good but no picnic tables. Will take Rick over to bandshell to show him the rocks on the roof. Not here to complain all the time, want to help rebuild the water park.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Department Reports

Rick Collins: Commissioner Hollis asked if we were going to get some drainage in that ice rink area at Washington? Standing water when it rains and it could be a mosquito haven. Rick will look into it. Commissioner Mullady asked about the fence at the Quarry? Will most likely need to rip it out and redo. Commissioner Skelly asked about the weeds around Washington Park? Should have been done today. Commissioner Spriggs asked about the gutters at the Civic? Will do that tomorrow.

Commissioner Tucker arrived at 5:15pm.

Melissa Woodard: Pumpkin Palooza event is September 29th. Do have a sponsor for pumpkins. Any questions, let her know.

Angie Tousignant: Any questions, give her a call.

Dayna Heitz: River Road bathroom project will be going out to bid soon. Do not have an investor at this time for the bond but will continue to work on it. Majority of the local banks have not received the package. John talked with Bernardi and they have worked with the local banks. This type of bond issue is not something our local banks would be interested in because it's not investment grade. Commissioner Skelly doesn't understand the difference since we have done a bond almost every year. Dave at Speer is our representative and works with Bernardi. Bernardi thought there might be a couple people interested. The issues are the size of the issuance and we don't have a rating and that's why Bernardi was involved. Commissioner Hollis said in the past we have at least given the local banks a chance at the bid package. At some point it's going to come to some sort of head. Either you are or aren't going to help us. Want us to do our part and at least give them a chance to say no. People in this area have their money in these banks. They are going to wonder why we can't deal with a local bank. Director Heitz said she spoke to Dave at Speer. Bernardi is not our private placement agent anymore. They resigned. He wants us to work local now and he will work non local companies. John said we are reaching out to school districts and some other municipalities that had expressed interest previously. Commissioner Skelly asked if we are pitching an interest rate? They offer it. Director Heitz said Chapman and Cutler are redrafting the bond paperwork so it can be broken down into smaller increments so multiple people can go together. Hope to have the final draft today and then will be ready. Commissioner Tucker asked if it can be accepted from local and non local? Yes. Commissioner Hollis asked Director Heitz to go back and see if they would be interested in doing a portion. Commissioner Skelly suggested having a meeting with all of them so they can see what everyone else is doing. Invite them to a special meeting. Commissioner Tucker asked why the bond offering is changing? The dates are different and adding that it can be broken up. Why did Midland and Bernardi pull out? History, bonds not rated, etc. Bernardi pulled out because they were out of possible interested investors. Commissioner Tucker asked for the timeline? Director Heitz hopes to be able to give you that tomorrow when she hears back from Chapman and Cutler.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Spriggs asked where they are cutting trees now? They did Old Fair. Only thing left this year would be Bird and Beckman. How did Strasma look? Took 8 down.

Commissioner Skelly said we should mark District vehicles with the District decal. We should mark everyone's except Dayna's.

Commissioner Spriggs asked when we will get the decals from campground Bill's truck? Will get them when the campground closes at the end of October.

Commissioner Spriggs asked what is happening is Levassuer? They will continue through the fall. Do you have a schedule, can he have a copy? Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:40pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

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

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard