

Kankakee Valley Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioner A. Hollis, D. Tucker, 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: M. Mullady
Public Present: Lee Provost-Daily Journal, Tom Boisvert-Protection Associates , Mike Arseneau-Protection Associates, Dave Phillips-Speer Financial, Ginny Riordon-Resident

COMMUNICATIONS

Written: There is a newspaper article in the paper regarding the bandshell.

Will be hosting the election at our various facilities. Our staff will open all the facilities early and will lock up late at night. Will not be using Goselin this year. Commissioner Spriggs asked about rental fees for the buildings for the elections. The county clerk said they only receive enough money to pay the election officials. Kankakee County doesn't pay for their locations.

Received letter from Peggy Sue regarding the SRA Foundation. We donated \$500 for the mouse race fundraiser. We have paid the SRA annual taxes for the year.

Public Comment: Mike Arseneau with Protection Associates. We have been the alarm company for the last 20 years. Dayna asked us to get a proposal. Were a little late but did give a bid. Have been a company within the community. Done volunteer work with KVPD in the past and would hate to see this taken away to an out of town company. Know what we have and hope its comparable.

OLD BUSINESS

Speer Financial-David Phillips

Board had requested there be a local bank meeting for the bond. Surprised that none of the banks submitted anything. They called Dayna a visionary and were very supportive but weren't able to participate in the larger issue. Maybe they are in play for the smaller rollover ones. Feel like they will give it some serious thought. That's a huge change of direction for the District. D.A Davidson had very good things to say about the finances and the District. Recognized that you are on the way up and very complimentary of Dayna and the board.

Interest rate is under 5% and we are very pleased. Been privileged to see this through and congratulations to the District.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Reports

Rick Collins: Any questions, let him know. Commissioner Hollis asked about a schedule for the winter on what is going to happen? Not at this time but we do have a list. Take care of the Civic the ceiling and some of the other buildings have some touch ups to have done.

Commissioner Spriggs asked how the mowers are looking after the summer? Everything looks good.

Melissa Woodard: Had our Pumpkin Palooza event on September 29th. Had about 60 kids. Really nice turnout and good feedback. Any questions, please ask.

Angie Tousignant: Any questions, let her know.

Dayna Heitz: Did the quarterlies today. Melissa does all the monthly. IDES needs to reopen next quarter before we can finish. Would like to select an engineer for the Splash Valley project before November 1. Would like to have a construction attorney to help review contracts when we start going out to bid. KCC Solar Fields has a meeting next week. Our model flyers group is inquiring as well. What is currently a bean field in front of Ice Valley would be solar panels.

How will it affect Ice Valley? Commissioner Skelly said shouldn't it be a board decision?

Commissioner Hollis said if it's going to affect our stuff, we need to know. Commissioner Skelly said we shouldn't stand in KCC's way if it isn't going to be affecting anything we have. Director Heitz said we need questions answered from the board so she can attend next week.

Commissioner Hollis said his concern is only on how this affects us as a District. Not worried about the model flyers. We have a lot of land. If it doesn't affect us, then fine. Commissioner Spriggs said they need to show you not just tell you it won't affect anything. Commissioner Spriggs said the model flyers have been with us a long time. Loyalty is worth a lot. They have helped us many years.

Will go back out to bid for the bathrooms at River Road. We will have a special meeting on November 5th if the bids come back where we feel they should be. November 13 and December 10 will be the only meeting of the month. They are combined due to the holiday.

Financials are included. Commissioner Skelly said he called to talk to Dayna today about the alarm company. Appreciated her time today talking about it. Hope to have the info before we make a decision on that.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Skelly thanked Lee for coming and Mike and Tom for coming. Wanted to check about the logos on the trucks.

Commissioner Hollis thanked the staff for their hard work for Splash Valley. Long time coming. Just letting people do their jobs and trusting them. Keep doing what you are with limited staff. To pull this off with what we have is incredible. For this to happen this quick, it's been barely a year. This is big time to get this back open. None of us wanted to see it close.

Commissioner Spriggs congratulated Dayna on this. Hope at some point we can work something out with Protection Associates. Worked with them for years and they have been stellar. May cost us a little more money but would like to keep them.

Director Heitz said when I walked in we didn't know the financial issues. Appreciate giving us, the staff, the time to do what needed to be done. Know we don't have a lot of staff but couldn't have done it without them. With a short amount of time and Speer and DA Davidson, we will still have to raise some soft funds but will get it done. Will open Splash Valley in 2020. Thanks for allowing me to do my job.

Commissioner Spriggs is very confident in this project.

Commissioner Skelly said when we were interviewing for a Director the strong points that stood out for Dayna were financials and aquatic background.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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ADJOURN MEETING

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

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Speer Financial
2. R. Collins
3. M. Woodard

4. A. Tousignant
5. D. Heitz

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard