

Kankakee Valley Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 11, 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, M. Mullady, B. Spriggs. Others present: Dayna Heitz, Executive Director; Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Recreation, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Attorney John Coghlan

COMMUNICATIONS

Written: NA

Public Comment: NA

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Agreement

Dayna Heitz: Nothing has changed on the agreement, strictly up for discussion. They are looking to go into the fall of 2021 instead of end in May. Commissioner Tucker asked what Director Heitz recommends. To go forward with the 3 year agreement. Commissioner Hollis asked if they are selling sponsorships for this year? Yes, they stopped immediately when John and Dayna called them. They could do sponsorships as soon as the agreement is signed. Commissioner Hollis asked if even though they aren't playing games, they still want to do sponsorships? Yes, because it's their home field. Commissioner Hollis said they may have home teams that don't travel and they can scrimmage against each other. Commissioner Tucker asked if they have turned in a schedule? No, will ask them for it. Commissioner Hollis said it sounds like they are playing games, even though they say they aren't. No one is doing sponsorships if they aren't competing. Director Heitz said we put in the agreement that they were to care for the property. They said they do not have the means to take care of the full property. Inside the fence only. Commissioner Spriggs said didn't they originally say they were going to? Yes. Commissioner Hollis asked if they would take care of the t-ball field in the fall? No because it's not inside the field. Commissioner Tucker asked what Dayna thinks? If they continue the communication then we are ok. We do have an out in the contract if they don't. If after a year, we can pull the agreement if things were really bad. Think it's great for the neighborhood to get things cleaned up. Attorney Coghlan asked what date we were changing it to. October 31, 2021. Commissioner Tucker asked about others using the field. They don't want people using the big field because they have put so much work into it but they don't mind them using the t-ball field.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Reports

Rick Collins: Any questions, please ask. Grass getting cut, buildings being taken care of and trees are getting cut. Commissioner Hollis said lots of compliments from Beckman Park.

Melissa Woodard: MMA fight last week. Not as big of a crowd. Our maintenance forestry intern has been working on plantings at some of our parks.

Angie Tousignant: Any questions, please ask Angie.

Dayna Heitz: Attorney Coghlan is aware of the county zoning notice. Across from our sign at River Road/45 is where they want to put in a solar farm. Not sure how it would affect the district but they wanted to let us know of the meeting.

Bishop Mac has requested using the Civic for their race. Last year we said they had outgrown the location. We had a lot of issues last year. They had 20+ teams, it was huge. Buses were everywhere and they left a water spigot turned on outside the museum. Connie was very unhappy. There were bushes and flowers at the museum that got trampled. They could go to River Road but there aren't bathrooms. Commissioner Hollis said if we let them know they have outgrown it and offer them to go to River Road, they would probably get some sponsorships and make it work. Commissioner Skelly asked if they use the building at the Civic? Yes, for awards and the bathrooms. Could use the pavilion at River Road.

Do have the River Front master plan. Commissioner Skelly asked about the original phase, are they still going forward with that? Yes. We only gave permission to apply for the grant. Not for construction.

Surplus: will have a bid package put together or we have the option to trade them in towards a vehicle for maintenance. It will be very similar to the boat dock bid. Rick said or they can be on display and have pictures online.

Haven't heard back from the Union. John has. They said they voted to do the 3% and will send it to us. Across the board so each person will get 3%.

Miller Memorial: worked on this for about a year. Cement will be going in. The bench was special made. On June 23rd at 4pm they are having a dedication.

Current financials: We have closed the fiscal year. Our numbers will change slightly when they come in to audit. First payroll of June has some May days in it. The auditors will backdate it to the prior fiscal. They make the adjustments. Same happens with utility bills too. Anything they can backdate to prior fiscal, they will. We are doing well. Excited to see where our funds are. Since we have so many changes to the budget and levy, do you want to have a separate budget meeting or just present it at a regular meeting? We do need a 30-day window for the public to come view it. Commissioner Skelly suggested doing it prior to another meeting.

Snow Park: Alderwoman Kennedy called regarding fence issues. Long ago the fence was removed. Did have the rest of the fencing removed. Received a quote and it is expensive. Would wait until fall to see how our projects are going.

Commissioner Skelly asked about 4th of July. Stunned that they put all this on us. Glad you are at the meetings and have a say. Who are they to tell us everything we are going to do on our property and they are reaping all the benefits. All for working together, etc. Why is KCC or somebody else or let's divide it up. Why are we incurring all the expense? KCC is closed that day and all their officers are working. The symphony doesn't pay for anything. But they are charging per car load to get in. Commissioner Hollis asked if we have the fencing? Yes, just the man power to put it up. They can't park in Splash Valley. They also want Ice Valley shut down that day. Commissioner Skelly said we also pay the mosquito, the notice in the paper, etc. Don't want to be told what we are doing.

Splash Valley: Been working on some things. They are coming back with grants. Don't know what the grant cycle is going to be yet. Working with Dave at Speer to find out what our full bonding capacity is. Definitely want to go towards an OSLAD. If we went for 2-million-dollar bond. It's a 7-year bond which is phenomenal. Quoted 4%, last year we got less interest. This year we could bond for \$700,000. \$500,000 would be for capital and \$200,000 would go for annual capital. We are strictly living off of our tax dollars and any revenue. But we would have 200,000 in annual capital for things like trees, park improvements, park repairs, everything else we want to do on an annual basis. That would leave \$500,000 for splash. We could do the 2 million and the 200,000 would be included. We could get a baby bond to make the payments for other bonds. In order to start any construction, have to tell Dave at Speer we want to do this. Then we move forward to sell bond in September/October. Commissioner Hollis asked for clarification. When would we get this bond? Fall. Then start construction next spring. It would be broken down in phases. Want to make the sand area a splash pad. Keep some of the other zero features. Extend to 8 lap lanes. We need an old-fashioned community pool. Specific times per age group. Nothing wrong with the slides. There is a sand volleyball court there. Expand the volleyball because people ask about summer leagues. Would like to have a picnic

area and some shade structures. They could be pop up tents that are put up and taken down daily. There is a nice patio by the concession stand. Out in the back could do disc golf. Commissioner Mullady said we need to check the woods because of the cemetery in there. Commissioner Hollis said we need to let the public know. Once we secure the funds, then we would let them know. Start with the pool but have the plans for the other elements we want. Commissioner Spriggs said what about the bathrooms at River Road? That would come from annual capital. Commissioner Skelly said if we are setting some capital aside each year, touch each park each year. Then maintain and constant progress and slowly make changes. The 2 million would only be for the project. In the past, when we floated the bond it went for one thing and everything else was forgotten. Commissioner Mullady left at 6:10pm. We won't be able to plan how to sustain until we know the gallons of water, etc. That will help us figure out the zones and will work with architects and PDRMA.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session at 6:15pm was made by Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs.

Back in open session at 6:58pm. Commissioners present: A. Hollis, D. Tucker, D. Skelly, B. Spriggs. Also present: Executive Director D. Heitz, Attorney Coghlan.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:58pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Tucker. 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