

REGULAR BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Kankakee Valley Park District of Kankakee County, Illinois was held on Monday, January 26, at 5:00p.m. at the Bird Park Fieldhouse, Kankakee, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hollis and roll call was taken.

The following Commissioners were present:

Cooper
Tucker
Skelly
Mullady
Hollis

Staff attending the meeting was, Roy Collins, John Coghlan, Kati Vaughn and Rick Hassett

Press present: NONE

Public present: Todd Poole, Bill Curtin, Ron Jackson, District 111 students

Commissioner Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kati Vaughn introduced Todd Poole as the new Recreation Center Program Manager.

Todd Poole gave a brief biography of himself to the Board.

Commissioner Hollis asked if there was any public comment:

Public Comment: Bill Curtin - introduced himself and three students from Kankakee School District 111. They are proposing to replace the gazebos at Cobb Park and the Train Depot that were given to Kankakee by David Letterman. The new gazebos will symbolize progress being made in Kankakee. They are asking for supervision from a Park District staff member or a licensed contractor. They would use the wood from the old gazebos to build an adirondack rocking chair and present it to David Letterman for his retirement. Estimated cost for this project is \$3500.00. The students will fund this through fundraisers, which they have already started by sending out sponsorship letters. Hollis said the board will take the proposal into consideration.

Communications:

- A PDRMA letter – This is the last year of our \$1500.00 reward for achieving a “level A” status that we earned in 2012. That reward was good for 3 years and the \$1500.00 on a yearly basis. That will be concluding this year and start again in April 2015. Mullady and Hollis expressed their appreciation to the staff for the hard work that is put into achieving this status.

Motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Skelly to receive the consent agenda.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Cooper	Aye
Tucker	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Mullady	Aye

Motion made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve consent agenda.

On roll call was as follows:

Skelly	Aye
Tucker	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye

On motion by Commissioner Hollis seconded by Commissioner Mullady, and carried the following actions were taken:

- (A) Minutes of last meeting(ACTION)
- (B) Financial Statements (ACTION)
- (C) Bills Payable(ACTION)

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- A. Fresh Life Request – Courtney Williams is asking for a free building rental on the weekend of February 13,14 and 15, 2015 to present a comedy show and to have use of our liquor license for the purpose of a fundraiser to promote healthy lifestyles. This is a non-for-profit organization. The Charlton is the only facility available for the weekend. With the rental fee and deposit, this total would exceed \$1000.00. Collins and staff are asking that this fundraiser be declined.

After some discussion, a Motion was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Cooper to decline the Fresh Life Fit Clubs request

On roll call was as follows:

Cooper	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Tucker	Aye
Hollis	Aye

Mullady Aye

Vaughn presented her report. The Rec Center has been very busy. Elsa On Ice had a very good turnout. There were about 600 people show up to the event. We are looking forward to the Four Winds Casino Trip this week. Sam Jordan has 10 co-ed volleyball league teams signed up and 8 adult basketball league teams. There are over 40 kids signed up for youth basketball. Todd Poole has been working on getting the Summer brochure together. Steve Gilbert and Andrew Mchlintoch have been working very well together and are booking a lot of activities at the Rec Center. We are looking to host a Nike Tournament in April. Golden's Gymnastics have booked a 3.5 day event which is a \$4000.00 rental. The Rec Center had a theft last week and we are now looking into measures on how to better protect the facility and our customers.

Hassett presented his report. Hassett presented December's revenue at \$62,557, versus the projected \$78,824. Auditors have begun beginning balance work. All 2014 year end payroll and vendor processing is almost complete. Hassett explained the plan of attack for paying off vendors. The next Finance Committee will be held Monday, February 9, 2015 at 4:15pm.

Collins presented his report. Collins along with Keith Cooper and Gerry Gund met with Tom with the SRA, concerning the children's disability field. Also met with Larry Williams with the KCVB to continue the master planning sessions. K.V.P. is looking at fundraising ideas and possible grants. If the funds are available, River Road would be the ideal location. April 1, 2015 starts The PDRMA evaluation for the entire district. It will conclude on October 31st. We achieved a "level A" status in 2012 for the first time in parks history. If we score a "level A" again this year, we would be accredited, which would be a first for KVPD. Also, this year we will celebrate KVPD will celebrate its 90th birthday. Accreditation entails 4 years of no inspections and the park would receive \$1500 per year for those 4 years. Evaluation results will be known by November 1, 2015. Kozol Brothers has teamed up with the NBA and we are working on an Urban Initiative program. They would like to resurface a minimum of 4 or 5 outside basketball courts. Those projects would take place this summer. Collins proposed to have the next Committee Meeting moved to the Civic Center and have the public involved. After some discussion, the February 9th Committee Meeting will be held at the Civic at 5:00p.m. with the public's involvement. Hollis discussed getting information out to the public about the meeting.

Collins reported on the KCCVB – Approved a deal with Media Pros from WGN's Ann Cavanaugh to do local pieces again this year. Agreed to do more marketing with the Chicago Bears. Larry Williams and his staff would have a booth at Soldier Field to hand out information for the city of Kankakee promoting the Bears training camp.

Commissioner Skelly reported on the Historical Society – Met with Connie and she is happy that the snow removal is getting done and that there are no roofs leaking. Connie has no complaints. She has not heard back from Nick, her attorney, as far as where he is at with the contract.

Commissioner Hollis reported on SRA – Had a meeting with SRA to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement and the thoughts on the Advisory Board. Hollis stated that he will report on the Agreement at next month's meeting.

Commissioners Forum:

Hollis appreciates the Commissioners and staff going to the IAPD Conference. He attended 6 seminars that were very informative. Hollis discussed having Peter Murphy get us some more training and bringing us up to speed to further accelerate our growth.

Skelly attended 5 seminars at the Conference. He attended a seminar relating to information on festivals and spoke about getting younger folks included in the volunteering process.

Tucker found the Conference to be very beneficial and would like to get the new staff to one in the future. It was very good for lifting moral.

Mullady went to several seminars at the conference including, "The Reuse of Existing Buildings" which provided information on codes and zoning requirements. Mullady also attended an "Ice Guard" seminar along with a "Building Stewardship for the Urban Forest" seminar.

Hollis discussed wanting to partner up with the forest preserve to get some insight on the laws of controlled burns.

On motion by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to adjourn.

On roll call was as follows

Hollis	Aye
Tucker	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Cooper	Aye

Alfred Hollis – President

Lisa Cooper – Secretary