

## 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 July 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.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:

Tucker  
Skelly  
Cooper  
Mullady  
Hollis

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

Press present: NONE

Public present: Bill Spriggs, Rick Redella and Darrell Williams

Commissioner Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

-Bill Spriggs wanted to let the Board know that he was very impressed with the organization and setup of the BBQ Fest. He thought that it was professionally done and worked very well considering that it had to be moved due to the flooding this year. Bill also wanted to tell everyone that on July 12<sup>th</sup> the Immanuel Baptist Church organized a volunteer group, which included members of the community, to clean up McBroom Park and Small Memorial Park. They spent 2 hours picking up debris that was left from the flooding, cleaning up the tennis courts, as well as other areas. Thirty-one volunteers attended and the church provided dinner.

Roy Collins wanted to inform everyone that Bill Spriggs has been our Volunteer Coordinator for 4 years. Bill has done a great job organizing volunteers and getting our parks cleaned up.

-Rick Redella introduced himself as a professor at the University of Colorado. He works with college students of all levels. He teaches a Bachelor of Entrepreneurship program and this consists of taking students from different disciplines and putting them together in teams to work at a variety of businesses. Rick would like to bring business to the community. He has formed a company called Dan Ward Productions and would like to reserve the Bird Park Band Shell area to bring in a band that has a large following. He would like to start this Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. This would be a family oriented event.

There will be no alcohol allowed. He has reserved the area for August 15, 22 and 29 also. If the band attains a big following here in Kankakee he would like to eventually move it to the Civic Auditorium. Rick has security, event staff and insurance coverage. He would probably need to use some of the parking lot for overflow. He will be charging \$5 online and \$7 at the gate and he is trying to get vendors to come in.

Collins asked Rick Redella if he would stay until the Board was ready to vote on his proposal so they could ask him some questions if need be.

-Darrell Williams wanted to inform the Board that he was having a BBQ competition/event and Blues Fest at the Kankakee Depot

Communications:

- A. Kilbride Classic-We received a thank you letter from Gerry and Judy Kilbride. They were very appreciative of our support at their Walk for Autism.
- B. Wright House – We received a thank you letter from Pat Cheffer. She was very appreciative for supplying them picnic tables and setting up bleachers for their event.

Commissioner Skelly noted that he was very happy we were able to give them the tables and that Collins went at 7am to make sure they had everything they needed. Skelly said they were extremely impressed with the Park Districts help.

Motion by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Tucker to receive the consent agenda.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Tucker	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Hollis	Aye

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

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Tucker	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Mullady	Aye

On motion by Commissioner Tucker 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. Bandshell Request – There were some questions asked of Rick Redella concerning his event on Aug 1. President Hollis asked Redella if he entertained the idea of having the event at River Road Park. Redella replied that he did, but he liked the idea of the event being in town. Hollis wanted affirmation that the boat launch will be accessible considering the river has been closed off for some time due to the flooding. Redella currently has police officers to direct traffic so the public will have access to the boat launch.

Commissioner Skelly noted that Rick is very prepared and this event would be great for the community. The passers-by will hear the music playing which may draw a crowd.

Staff recommends to approve the event at the Bird Park Bandshell

Motion made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Mullady to approve the Band Shell Request

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Tucker	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Hollis	Aye

- B. Facility Contract – Collins noted that on our Building Facility Contract it is listed that alcohol is prohibited outside all KVPD facilities. We would like to update the contract to read that alcohol is prohibited outside all KVPD facilities except the Civic Auditorium and there will be no glass allowed. The reason for this being that there are so many weddings held at that facility and they would be able to utilize the patio as well.

Motion made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the updated Facility Contract Agreement

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Tucker	Aye
Skelly	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye

Mullady        Aye

C. Employee Residency Policy – Item B on the KVPD Residency Policy states that the Executive Director is required to reside within the Kankakee Valley Park District boundaries. Staff recommends to eliminate Item B to be consistent with residency for all KVPD employees.

Motion made by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the updated Employee Residency Policy

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Tucker	Aye
Skelly	Nay
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Mullady	Aye

Commissioner Skelly indicated he feels everyone in administrative roles should live in the District where they are paid. Director Collins commented he respects Commissioner Skelly's position and reminded the Board that he has lived in the District for 42 years and has contributed as a home owner and tax payer. Collins also commented previous administration weren't required to live within the district and, in fact, several did not.

Kati Vaughn presented the Recreation Department Report.

Sam Jordan, ran the bags tournament for the BBQ Fest. Twelve teams participated and had a great time. People were inquiring about an indoor league, so that may be something to bring back to the Rec Center in the future. He had a Health Department Inspection at River Road Concessions and received a 93%. Brother George's Pulled Pork sandwiches are now being sold at River Road and Splash Valley. Sales are going very well.

Todd Poole completed a successful trip to Starved Rock State Park for The Tenors 3 show. He is finalizing preparations for another Four Winds Casino Trip on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Enrichment Camp in cooperation with the School District is winding down. Todd will report next month on the final numbers.

Steve Gilbert has been preparing for the PDRMA review on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Splash Valley life guards are videotaping and entering the Good Morning America Lifeguard Lip Synch Challenge. This is a nationwide competition and the Grand Prize is \$10,000. Two pumps have quit working, at different times, causing the lazy river/slides to be closed for a total of 9 days this month.

Andrew Maronich has been busy getting Ice Valley ready to open. He has been painting and maintaining upkeep at the arena including re-netting the hockey goals. Since the BBQ Fest was held on Ice Valley grounds it brought a lot of attention and notoriety to the ice arena.

The RecCenter was host to the American Red Cross Flood Victim Resource Center (which helped approximately 150 families that day), The Guns and Hoses Blood Drive with the Heartland Blood Center as well as a number of other events. Kati has been working with IT, Jeremy Ramirez, on a weekly basis ordering components and solving IT issues. The Splash

Valley staff will be creating a mural in the hallway to the guard room to remember Kaelynn Fay who passed away from an automobile accident 2 years ago. Two pumps that quit working at Splash Valley were ordered and replaced.

Superintendent of Finance, Rick Hasset presented the Finance/HR report. The revenue for the month of July was \$127,720. The actual cash on hand was \$261,150. Rick received the First Tax Distribution from 2014 Tax Levy 7/1/2015. Rick had several meetings including one with Bobbi Kincade from Centru Bank concerning Merchant Services agreement and one with resources on Project for FY 2014 Audit and FY 2015 Actuals. Our Financial Assistant has been helping with PDRMA Audit, Cash receipts, payroll and HR.

Roy Collins presented the Executive Director report. This month has been busy with BBQ Fest preparations, assessing storm damage and prepping for PDRMA's monthly visit. Collins delivered a report to Chad Gessner in hopes of recouping some of the money that was shelled out due to flooding. Collins had various meetings with KCC this month, a follow up/planning meeting with CSL Behring, a meeting with Gerry Gund concerning softball tournaments, John Cohglan about various KVPD issues and EPA interaction regarding the BMX track. Collins noted that Maintenance has been busy assisting the setup for BBQ Fest. They have been helping get ready for the MSMF, Brian Stone Tournament and a Riverside event that will be held at the Civic Auditorium. They have been trying to catch up on mowing trimming and weed wacking after a month of historical rainfall. Three of the maintenance guys were sent to obtain their spraying license but only one of them passed.

KCCVB Report – Collins reported that Hollis Clark replaced Rob Rodewald as president. The marketing continues for various events including the Bears Training Camp and MSMF.

Historical Society Report – Commissioner Skelly reported that the Museum is going to replace the sidewalk and asked if the KVPD would be willing to offset the cost of \$3000. Skelly asked that the KVPD and Museum attorneys meet to discuss if there are any monies owed between either party. Commissioner Skelly also asked that there be a thank you letter sent to the volunteers that cleaned up Small Memorial Park, if not done so already.

SRA Report – President Hollis reported that the SRA Agreement between the Bourbonnais Township, Limestone Township and Kankakee Park Districts has been signed.

Commissioners Forum:

President Hollis expressed concern about issues with violence at Washington and McBroom Parks. He has been in discussion with the City Police and other community leaders to rectify the issues.

On motion by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Skelly to adjourn.

On roll call was as follows

Hollis            Aye

Tucker	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Skelly	Aye

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Alfred Hollis – President

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Lisa Cooper – Secretary