

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
KANKAKEE VALLEY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON MAY 23, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by President Hollis at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Lisa Cooper, Dave Skelly, Matthew Mullady and Duane Tucker, representing a quorum. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lisa Cooper.

The floor was opened for public comment and Aroma Park Mayor Linda Fowler was recognized. She stated her concerns over the income received from the Village in real estate taxes, with no recompense. She did acknowledge that the Park District performed some maintenance work on some buildings but nothing else.

Public comment was also made by Bill Spriggs commending the Board for its efforts, would like to see positive comments in the newspaper and wished the Board good luck in hiring a new Executive Director.

Mr. Downs spoke on behalf of the Tyjuan Hagler Foundation recognizing the Park District for a very successful basketball camp. Plans are in the works for a camp against next year. It is a big fundraiser for the football camp held at Bishop McNamara High School. The Foundation is working on a Punt, Pass and Kick competition which would culminate at the Super Bowl each year.

A motion was made by Lisa Cooper and seconded by J. J. Hollis to receive the Consent Agenda. Roll call was taken and motion passed. Motion made by Duane Tucker and seconded by J. J. Hollis to approve the Agenda.

Under old business, PDRMA approved the low bid of Langlois Roofing for repairs from wind damage to Ice Valley. Discussion was had. Motion was made by Dave Skelly and seconded by Lisa Cooper to approve. Roll call taken and motion passed.

Further old business was the Tinnergy Consulting Services Agreement. Rick Hassett has spoken with them and they are not willing to meet in person but would entertain a conference call. They are not willing to make any changes to the contract and it would stand. It is a contract for 18 months. Motion made by Dave Skelly and seconded by J. J. Hollis. Further discussion had. Roll call taken and motion passed.

Under new business discussion was had with regard to the Kankakee Municipal Band using the band shell for concerts, with an alternative of River Road or the Rec Center should weather not permit the concert to be held at the band shell. Motion was made by Dave Skelly and seconded by Lisa Cooper. Roll call taken and motion passed.

Wrights in Kankakee is an organization that funds housing. They are having a fund raiser where other organizations will build and donate birdhouses for auction. They are requesting the use of picnic tables and garbage at this event. Motion was made by Duane Tucker and seconded by Matt Mullady with the understanding that they pick up and return these items. Roll call taken and motion passed.

Merchant Street Music Fest has made a request for 3 ticket booths and 30 picnic tables for their festival. Motion made by Dave Skelly and seconded by Lisa Cooper to approve the use of those items with the understanding that the City pick up and return those items. Roll call taken and motion passed.

Staff Reports was presented by Sam Jordan as follows: The staff has been meeting to prepare for the summer day camps, softball season, basketball leagues. Ice Valley closed for the season on May 9, 2016. They have been working to remove the ice for roller skating and also hockey camps. There will be pre-school soccer and t-ball classes, youth basketball and hip hop classes. An annual report was presented for Ice Valley showing income from the use by hockey teams, figure skating classes, college hockey, free skates and birthday parties.

Superintendent of Finance Rick Hassett presented packets for income, cash flow, expenses, payment of bills, wage reports for each department and working on a budget. He presented pricing for mulch on playgrounds from Snyder Nursery and also have prices from nurseries further north. This needs to be done annually but it will take a couple of years to bring it back to a good level since it has been neglected. It is agreed that this needs to be sent out for bids.

Superintendent of Parks Todd Poole advised there is a schedule on the website for maintenance of parks. The variables would be if mowers, rain gauge levels or any other park repairs. Seasonal workers are starting. He will be meeting with PDRMA for review. He is meeting with the Park Reserve Board member Ken Allers to get brought up to date. He is working on dead tree inventory, filling pot holes and a septic issue.

Committee Reports.

- a. Lisa Cooper on KCC (could not hear or understand).
- b. The Historical Society reports that the Rhubarb Festival and Strawberry Festival are coming and are requesting the Park District's assistance.
- c. SRA was already in progress, touched on some things on the agenda. Working on a five-year plan, the budget and getting ready for election of officers.

The Commissioners' Forum commended the staff and workers for stepping up and want them to know their efforts are appreciated.

Dave Skelly brought up the BBQ Fest and where that stands.

Motion made by Dave Skelly to adjourn meeting and go into Executive Session and seconded by Duane Tucker. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.