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Kankakee Valley Park District Committee Meeting Minutes February 11, 2019

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by President Mullady. Those present for roll call were Commissioner M. Mullady, 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: A. Hollis

Public Present: Don Palmer, Travis Brooks, Heather Ann Lowe

COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment: Travis Brooks: was an employee at Ice Valley. Know there is theft, stolen food, bullying, and was harassed there. Told Dayna these issues. Nepotism and figure skating favoritism. Dayna set a time for a meeting but the in front of other staff members he was fired on the spot. Never had discipline. He said maybe he was too loyal. Didn't want any more harm to District. Wanted to know why he was terminated. Was not allowed to speak. Wanted to see if the Commissioners could give answers. Thinks he was fired for retaliation. This isn't a personal reflect on Dayna. His services are no longer needed for a position that is still needed. He has turned that place around and received many accommodations from other parents.

Written: Joint Legislation breakfast February 22. There is a commissioner bootcamp in June if anyone wants to go.

There is an IAPD brochure.

Commissioner Skelly asked if residents send letters, do we see them? Yes, when they are send or emailed in.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of renaming of Schuyler Park

Director Heitz read a letter from Commissioner Hollis who is in support of the renaming of Schuyler Park to Bert Dear Sr. Park.



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Commissioner Skelly would be for this as well. Commissioner Mullady said the only time he would have an issue would be if there was a conflict if it was already named something.

Commissioner Spriggs asked if Bert Dear did anything for us? Commissioner Skelly said we did do a renaming policy. He was a community advocate. Commissioner Spriggs said he's not for or against it. Would be nice if people were in support of the park district. Commissioner Skelly said our policy states it has to be a community advocate, or park district advocate, or donation. Commissioner Tucker said that Bert was born in Kankakee. To have someone who was almost 9 decades in the community. When you engage the community, the parks flow into that as well. Don't know many people that were that old and still live here. Commissioner Spriggs said maybe the city should name a street after him? Commissioner Skelly said he started the NAACP in the community and he did a lot and it seems to be a fitting correlation.

Department Reports

Rick Collins: Addition to report presented; Met with Farnsworth at Splash Valley.

Commissioner Spriggs asked about the staffing plan for the summer? Don't know who they are yet. Will start to advertise. Do you have a current plan for what is going to be done? Yes

Melissa Woodard: Any questions, let me know.

Angie Tousignant: Any questions, let her know.

Anna VanHoff: Any questions, let her know.

Dayna Heitz: Want to discuss rates get something implemented. Kankakee Trinity would like affiliate agreement. YMCA would like to build a volleyball court on our property that they would charge for. The YMCA is a for profit organization. There was an agreement long ago with them. It stated they could use a portion of our property and would put up a tent. They could use that green space for their summer camp. In exchange, we would be in their brochure. We have not been and didn't even know about that until recently. Commissioner Mullady suggested having them come make a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the volleyball court.

No update on Riverfront but will be at meetings soon.

Nothing new on Cobb Park. They are still researching alternative ideas.



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Letter to the community is on the website and Facebook and are printed at our locations.

Will be going to print on our new brochure soon.

Staff will start some PDRMA trainings and do some safety trainings in house.

Would like some feedback on KVPD emails. Brought to her attention that commissioners are using their personal email accounts. Commissioner Skelly said checking another email would be a pain in the butt. We could make a general one that the public could use. Then we could filter it out to commissioners.

Ms. Cantu called again to see if anything has changed about selling Pearl Park. Anything over 2 acres would have to be deemed surplus and that we would have no use for it. Would have to go to court to get that deemed surplus.

Was sent something from Facebook regarding the BBQ event. Darrell has put info up on his Facebook page regarding the BBQ event. He already listed Bird Park as the location. Did ask him to take down the venue until we have an agreement. Will meet with him this week.

Commissioner Skelly went over the new rates. Commissioner Tucker asked why rates are going up? They haven't been raised for 14 years ago. Everything has gone up. Port-o-lets, mowing, staff wages, etc. Expenses for all supplies, utilities, equipment have gone up.

Commissioner Skelly asked about the Ice Valley rate. Are their different rates for different times? This is the prime rate. Commissioner Skelly said the District would make more money even at a discounted rate. Angie is doing practice early and she is expanding hours and making money. How does that not affect the bottom line? Everywhere else has reduced ice rates. Why can't we?

Commissioner Spriggs and Mullady think the rates are fair.

Look over the capital list. Will have to turn that in for the bond.

Did receive January and February credit card statements. Was able to get them done.

Splash Valley: Director Heitz went over the assessment. We don't have enough money for the dive well or spray pad. Asking for permission to publish to bid? Want to move forward with Farnsworth. Develop design and get the bid packages ready to go. Ok to get started.



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COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Hollis is absent but wanted Director Heitz to thank the staff for their continued hard work. Park District continues to flourish. Appreciate everything they do to keep them being a shining light.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady at 6:15pm. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

A motion to return to open meeting was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Tucker at 6:43 pm. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:44 by Commissioner Mullady; seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. R. Collins
2. M. Woodard
3. A. Tousignant
4. D. Heitz

Respectfully submitted by: Melissa Woodard