



# **Kankakee Valley**

## **PARK DISTRICT**

### **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2019**

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm by President Hollis. Those present for roll call were Commissioner B. Spriggs, D. Tucker, D. Skelly, M. Mullady A. Hollis. Also present: Rick Collins, Melissa Woodard, John Coghlan, Angie Tousignant, Lisa Krenkel

Public present: Derek Mullady

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **Public Comment:**

NA

##### **Written:**

2 news articles in your packet and an additional handout,

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Levasseur Volleyball Coop with YMCA**

Director Heitz: They presented at the last meeting. The YMCA would like a sand volleyball court installed on our property for their use. They would provide the supplies however, they want us to provide the labor to build it. Commissioner Tucker asked if we would take care of it? We would install, build it, and take care of the maintenance and they would program it for profit. Commissioner Skelly asked if it was available for public use? That hasn't been discussed but we would like to know. Commissioner Hollis said we should be able to program it. Commissioner Spriggs asked if we would get a cut of their programming it? No. Not sure when we would have time to install it. It's not a priority for us. Commissioner Hollis said they would provide the sand? They should have some volunteers that could help construct it but know we don't have the man power. Either way we should be able to use it. Commissioner Mullady asked if it could be rented? We would ask. Commissioner Spriggs said we should write into an agreement so that we get something. Director Heitz said we can't guarantee when we'd be able to do it. We don't currently have an agreement with them. Commissioner Skelly asked if we could get another agreement in place? Commissioner Skelly asked if Director Heitz could reach back out to them and express our concerns and if he's serious he will address them. Commissioner Hollis said if they really want to do it they may need volunteers if we even allow them to do it but that we don't have time to do the work. Will report on this again after she speaks with him again.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Easement with City of Kankakee at River Road Sports Complex Bathrooms**

Director Heitz: This is the easement we will need to have the bathrooms at River Road hooked up to the lift station. This means the city will take care of the pipes if something happens. Will be asking at the board meeting to go ahead and approve these. Wanted you to have them ahead of time in case there were questions.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**R. Collins:** No major changes. Commissioner Hollis asked if Beckman park we are doing painting there? Yes. He asked about the roofs at some of our buildings. We are looking at doing the front of the Civic. The bandshell is another one on our list. Commissioner Spriggs asked when Mike Estes will be coming back? He has been working and hope to be back to work at Beckman and we will give him a list of our priorities.

**M. Woodard:** Been working on the employee hiring packet to get ready for seasonal hiring. Advertising the positions in the paper and online.

**A. Tousignant:** Assistant GM Lisa Krenkel. Been involved in the rink for the last 7 years and had 3 kids go through programming in the rink. Included 2 thank you notes from schools. Finished the winter/spring brochure. 3 upcoming events. Commissioner Spriggs asked if you have people over 21 in concessions? Yes.

**D. Heitz:** Attended the City meeting regarding the TIF. This goes hand in hand with the riverfront. Election day is coming up in April. Staff will open facilities and this includes all the building except Goselin. There will not be a pipeline going through Cobb at this time. Just started our process of looking at new Recreation Software. Met with Civic Plus. We will look at 3 other software companies. Commissioner Skelly asked if we would be getting new software? Yes. It would be about the same price as what we are paying for Rec Trac now. We are network based now and if we upgraded would be web based. With the pool we would need new software and make us much more efficient. We wouldn't be down as much and we would be able to check things anywhere instead of having to be at one of our locations. We are exploring and researching now.

Commissioner Skelly thought we would be discussing at the committee meeting and then read the email that the decision had already been made about Goselin for Aroma Park Fest. Commissioner Hollis asked what we charged him? It was the 501c3 rate and no deposit. He will get the building and both pavilions for the day. Commissioner Skelly said his only point is that we thought we were going to be discussing it and want us to do what we say. Think the City and Aroma Park do things for us and he would have been arguing a different way. Director Heitz said we don't give things for free anymore. Commissioner Skelly there is a lot of variety on who gets what. James is getting Pioneer Park for free. The board agreed that was the right thing to do for charity. Commissioner Hollis said we were in agreement last year and now it's a

problem? Pioneer is feeding the children and using the building for 2 hours during the day and it is not being rented during that time frame.

River Road project should be starting this month. Project must be completed by May 15. Will be asking to go to bid with Piggush for old ball diamond road. We need to get the road fixed. Did have several complaints about it last year.

Last year we had multiple quotes on roofing and electric. Have talked with Outsen and Anytime Roof repair. They will honor the quotes from last year. We have been satisfied with their work. This would be for the bandshell. We would need to get another quote for the Civic for additional repairs.

In the financials we did give you an additional profit loss for Ice Valley. Doing very well and credit Lisa and Angie for that. She works very hard to keep those expenses down.

The City wants to have 2 TIFs and they both affect us. If they go ahead and approve the Riverfront TIF this affects us for 23 years. If the Riverwalk doesn't move forward for whatever reason, what will happen with the money for the TIF? If the Riverwalk does go through the EAV goes down, it will take them a long time within the TIF to be able to do anything with the Riverfront. It's still a 23-year detriment to us. There are a lot of unknowns they haven't gotten back to us on. Attorney Coghlan said they take our EAV and that's frozen and then any rise in EAV goes into the TIF. Unlike prior TIFs there is no seed money or funding to entice people to come in and invest. We asked if they had done any projections and they don't have any answers. Director Heitz said the Riverwalk is a great idea but that attracts tourism and not economic development. The Court Street TIF needs to be done to attract people to get off that exit and get them to come into town. 60% of the Riverfront project is being paid by the TIF. The TIF is out there too early before they even know if they can do it. It's very negative on the District. Commissioner Skelly said the council can establish a TIF. If it goes, we reap the benefits. We can talk about it all day but we have zero control. Commissioner Hollis said we at least need to let our tax payers know what funding we are going to lose. Commissioner Skelly said the council is looking out for the best interest of the city. We are on the park board so we are looking out for the District. Commissioner Hollis wants to see the City flourish but want us to get some benefits as well. It's a good idea to meet with the alderman and let them know our concerns. Sounds like the City really wants to work with us and the relationship to grow and be fruitful. We need to communicate with them exactly what we want. This way we can let our constituents know we tried.

### **COMMISSIONERS FORUM**

Commissioner Hollis said a volunteer that used to coach him when he was younger passed away. Want to give him and his family our condolences. With our staffing for the summer, can high schoolers work until October or could they work weekends? Yes, if work is available.

Commissioner Spriggs asked if there is an orientation? Yes, every staff member goes through orientation. Commissioner Tucker asked if returning employees go through in-service trainings? Yes, they are mandatory.

Commissioner Tucker asked about the situation with the past employee that came to the meeting? Director Heitz said there isn't anything to be updated on.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NA

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:56pm by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Mullady. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. Levasseur Volleyball Coop
2. Easement with City of Kankakee at River Road Sports Complex
3. R. Collins
4. M. Woodard
5. A. Tousignant
6. D. Heitz