



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2020

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:08pm by Director Heitz. Those present for roll call (in person or by electronic means) were Commissioner A. Hollis, D. Skelly, D. Palmer, and B. Spriggs. Others present (in person or via Zoom): Dayna Heitz, Executive Director, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Building & Grounds, Attorney David Freeman.

Public Present: Chris Breach. Some public present on Zoom.

Public Comment:

NA

COMMUNICATIONS

Included in your packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Monday, December 14, 2020, consists of board meeting minutes (November 9, 2020) and bills payable.

A motion to receive consent agenda was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, D. Palmer, and B. Spriggs. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to approve board meeting minutes (December 14, 2020), was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, D. Palmer, and B. Spriggs. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to approve bills payable was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Discussion: Do have your finance report. Did receive the BMO rewards check, have also received some storm damage reimbursement, and safety award from PDRMA. That will be reflected in the December financials. Once we are able to get together with SKDO we will have full financials. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, D. Palmer, and B. Spriggs. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Levy Ordinance 2.06

Director Heitz: Have included a memo on the levy. Gave a comparison from last year. A motion to approve tax levy ordinance 2.06 was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, D. Palmer, and B. Spriggs. With 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Riverfront Update

Director Heitz: In Director's Report.

Board Policy

Tabled until January.

Facility & Operations-Covid 19

Director Heitz: In Director's report.

Discussion of amendment to Director's Agreement

Commissioner Spriggs discussed with the board set director goals and the unrealistic obtainment due to Covid. Would like to switch so the goals could be accomplished at a later time, specifically the resident advisory committee. We could switch another goal in that place. Commissioner Hollis is ok with that as long as we agree that we are eventually going to come back to it. Commissioner Hollis thinks it would be better after we get the vaccine to come together for the committee. Commissioner Palmer concurs. Covid is a deal killer and not fair to the Director trying to do something and it's not possible. Agree we should come back to it at another time. Commissioner Skelly agrees. Director Heitz asked what the replacement goal would be? Commissioner Spriggs said we had a list of goals that we choose from, we can pick another from there. Commissioner Skelly suggests that even though the resident committee may not be done now, can still work on policy and even though it's not fully operational, and if she continues to do as much as she can, working towards it, seeking input, would be more than happy to give her that goal without jumping through additional hopes. Director Heitz has done everything she can, just needs to do the flyer. She would like input back from Commissioners but has completed everything. Commissioner Hollis thinks with the time we have, we will have a chance to find someone from each area. Commissioner Palmer thought Dayna did an excellent job on the packet for the committee. Would also like to see people with common interest so the focus isn't lost. Director Heitz asked if at the committee meeting in January, can we talk about how it should run and who it should report to.

Discussion and direction on resident advisory committee

Discussed above.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of solar property proposal

Director Heitz: Info was sent. We just went out for a farm bid, we have already made the commitment to accept bids. Don't believe that recreational land should be used as a solar field. It would ruin the aesthetics of River Road area near the river. We were told that one parcel of land can only be used for agricultural or recreational use. Will find out the restrictions by pulling the deed with the county. Commissioner Hollis met with the company. Did make him aware that we sent out bids for farm land. Did speak with Executive Director immediately following. Think putting it on the back burner is ok but some of the stuff he is proposing, we need to think about it. We are trying to save money. Places like Splash and Ice Valley would cut down their bills significantly. Would also help bills for people that are low income. Do think it could be beneficial in the long run. Commissioner Spriggs said they offered us a 50% payback on the land and that's just not enough. There is zoning and taxing info to be figured out. Have to have a long lease. The environment comes in to play. It's not pretty and not sure we will save that much so that's something to think about it. Commissioner Palmer agrees with Commissioner Spriggs. He's not for using park district funds one select group and not the residency as a whole. Commissioner Hollis said it would help the lower or fixed income people, wouldn't be just for them. Everyone would see the saving. It would lower our bill. We wouldn't be giving it to them for free, and he knows that. Director Heitz would like to revisit this after we get the farm bids back.

Discussion of Management services for IVC & SV

Director Heitz: This was a goal from the Commissioners. Found an organization that does both facilities. Would like direction. All contracts and staffing would fall under the organization. The mechanical end could be worked out however we see fit. They set up a separate account and that would be "our" account. Funds go in and come out of the same account. Commissioner Skelly said take the next couple weeks to look at the info provided and can talk about it at the January committee. Commissioner Palmer was intrigued that they did both facilities. Don't think we can make a decision yet but thank you for finding the information. Director Heitz said we will come back to it in January. By February, we need to know what direction we are going to make for Splash Valley.

Discussion of Gas Pipeline for Cobb Area

Director Heitz: Surprised when I saw what they were presenting. Looks like a win-win for all. Not a lot of disturbance and none to Cobb Park. Indirect disturbance to one neighbor. Already

working with Shapiro and Aqua. It will come from the Jeffers side of the river, under the river, and come out on the southeast riverbank, next to first home near Cobb. They would pay for an easement. Commissioner Palmer asked the noise? Would like to know upfront how it will be. Director Heitz stated the pipes are underground and there will not be noise but will confirm with Nicor. Commissioner Skelly will reach out to the neighbor and see if he has any questions. Director Heitz would like to allow them to do the survey.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds

Rick Collins: Repaired the brine pump at Ice Valley. We had been only working with one. Started working on the gym floor at Rec Center, about half done. Commissioner Spriggs asked what happened to the gym floor? There was a leak on the roof and the floor warped. Spoke to Enterprise regarding a fleet management program. If the board approves, we would use capital to get fleet trucks. There would be a monthly payment so we would be building equity. If we paid it off, it would be our truck. It's not a typically lease program. Commissioner Skelly said the city of Kankakee just did this. With the price of trucks, we build equity. This allows us to keep our fleet up to date. Definitely for looking into this. Commissioner Spriggs agrees. Director Heitz said we won't be able to do the whole fleet at one time. Really needs to replace the stake bed. That has to go through a dealership to purchase it. It also comes with a maintenance agreement.

Superintendent of Recreation/Business

Melissa Woodard: See report.

Executive Director

Dayna Heitz: See report. Staff and I have been working on a strategic/improvement plan. When staff turned in numbers between 2019-2020, amazed at how much the staff has done through Covid. Commissioner Spriggs says staff have done a great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB:

Dayna Heitz: Meeting is Wednesday.

Historical Society

Commissioner Spriggs: Connie is retiring in April. They hope to do a holiday program. Their finances are lower now due to Covid.

SRA

Commissioner Hollis: No meeting.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Hollis said staff keep up the good work.

Executive Session

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ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:12pm by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board Meeting Minutes (November 9, 2020)
2. Bills Payable
3. Tax Levy 2.06
4. Solar Property proposal
5. Management services for IVC & SV
6. Gas Pipeline for Cobb
7. Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds
8. Superintendent of Recreation/Business
9. Executive Director Report

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard