

Kankakee Valley Park District Special Meeting Minutes March 8, 2021

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:03pm by Commissioner Spriggs. Those present for roll call (in person or by electronic means) were Commissioner A. Hollis, D. Skelly, and B. Spriggs. Others present (in person or via Zoom): Dayna Heitz, Executive Director, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Building & Grounds, Attorney David Freeman & Nick Petrovski. Absent: D. Palmer

Public Present (in person or via Zoom): Rink Management Tom Hillgrove and staff, KVPD staff, Matt & Teri Mullady, Chris Breach.

Public Comment:

Matt Mullady: Father, Ed, passed away and he was the godfather of the Kankakee River. Commissioner Hollis spearheaded this. Family appreciates that the Bird boat launch will be dedicated to his father. He spent countless hours protecting these resources. In 1958 he started a publication which is the oldest outdoor publication called the Sportsman Letter. He did a lot of research to get this off the ground. Protecting and preserving the Kankakee River was his passion. He was inducted into the outdoor hall of fame, which is the highest honor from IDNR. Blessed that he was able to receive that award. He was 94. On behalf of the Mullady family, we thank the park district.

COMMUNICATIONS

Included in packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Monday, March 8, 2021, consists of special meeting minutes (February 8, 2021).

A motion to receive consent agenda was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Hollis. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, and B. Spriggs. With 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Palmer

A motion to approve board meeting minutes (February 8, 2021), was made by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs.

Discussion: D. Heitz stated Commissioner Palmer said the original minutes were accurate. Approving the verbatim. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: A. Hollis, D. Skelly, and B. Spriggs. With 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Absent: D. Palmer

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policy

D. Heitz: Received along with the packet some commentary from Commissioner Palmer. Commissioner Spriggs appreciates hearing from Commissioner Palmer and will consider this. D. Heitz said we will ask for approval on the policy at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rink Management Services Agreement for Ice Valley & Splash Valley

D. Heitz: After listening to commissioners after the last meeting, RMSC, myself, and the attorneys went back into discussions to look at several points. Still working on an agreement. Waiting to hear from PDRMA. Attorney Petrovski stated he reviewed and it's a fair contract. Made some changes to make it more mutual and the terms, deadlines and fiscal years. Right now, we have a draft and in discussion about that. Once we get those finalized, will bring to the board. Table it if we can get a consensus from the board. Commissioner Hollis is ok on tabling. Commissioner Spriggs said his initial reaction to this was negative. Dayna worked hard with Louis from RMSC. We changed the agreement on things that were important for us. It's much better and he's changed his outlook.

Acceptance and approval of Management Agreement between RMSC & KVPD Tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds

Rick Collins: Started the process of cameras for the boat harbor and to open the harbor. Replaced some lights at Ice Valley with LED. Commissioner Spriggs asked about security at the harbor for the gate? Dayna is working with the boat club on their agreement and working with them on using their Wi-Fi for the cameras.

Superintendent of Business

Melissa Woodard: 5K has 75 people and it's a week from Saturday. Working with Dayna on the budget.

Executive Director

Dayna Heitz: Any questions on my report?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB:

Dayna Heitz: No report.

Historical Society

Commissioner Spriggs: Hired a new director. They are loosening their mitigations. Going to have their Rhubarb Fest.

SRA

Commissioner Hollis: Still doing virtual programming and that's going well. Loosing mitigations for them too. Planning for summer now. Director Heitz has talked to Tom about using our facility for summer camp. Commissioner Hollis asked if we can talk to him about inclusion aids? Director Heitz said last time she spoke with him about it they didn't have any but we have matched a few participants with the SRA out at Ice Valley.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Hollis gives kudos to staff for when it was cold for opening up the warming centers. Got a lot of calls and it was a good thing. Commissioner Spriggs said we had a warming center at the Civic and it wasn't used much but it was set up beautifully to accommodate. Commissioner Spriggs asked about the campground? Director Heitz said we hope to open in May.

Executive Session

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ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:28pm by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- 1. Special Meeting Minutes (February 8, 2021)
- 2. Board Policy
- 3. Management Services for IVC & SV
- 4. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- 5. Superintendent of Business
- 6. Superintendent of Recreation
- 7. Executive Director Report

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard