



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District Board Meeting Minutes February 28, 2022

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5pm by Commissioner Eads. Those present for roll call (in person or by electronic means) were Commissioner B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads. Others present (in person or via Zoom): Dayna Heitz, Executive Director, Rick Collins, Superintendent of Building & Grounds, Kyle Burton, Superintendent of Recreation, Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Business(via Zoom), Attorney David Freeman & Patrick Miner.

Public Present: Mayor Christ Curtis, Matt Mullady, David Crawford, Staci Wilken, Ken Munjoy Gaines Hall, Elizabeth Kubal, Leanne Provost, Mike O'Brien, Carmen Lewis, Michaela Mantarian, Joe Mantarian, Patrick O'Brian, Matt McMurnie, Terry Memenga

Public Comment:

Mayor Chris Curtis updated the board up on the riverfront project. We are looking to hire a director to help raise funds. We want to give the board an understanding that you own and control your land and make final decisions and won't have all the maintenance. It will add to the value of the Kankakee and the Park District. Asking for the board support on the agreement.

Staci Wilkin- Gave a brief recap of the KRS. We want to be a partner with the part district and increase quality of life for residents and non-residents. We need a dedicated director to help bring this project to life. Thanked Dayna and President Eads for their involvement in this project. Thanked all Commissioners for attending meetings and for the conversations and involvement.

Attorney Freeman asked Mayor Curtis if this is on the agenda for the City? Mayor Curtis said it is slated to be on the council meeting on Monday March 7. Attorney Freeman also asked Staci if this agreement was approved by KRS. Staci said KRS approved it last week.

Carmen Lewis-On the KRS board and want to be a part of this project. This is a good, positive project and the legacy could last for generations. Constituents are excited and this is a transformation thing and we can build a bridge together.

Patrick O'Brian-vested interest in Kankakee and am the attorney for KRS. Hope you will approve this. Will be a big draw to the area.

Matt Mullady-we are so blessed with 6.1 miles of riverfront. Want to continue to support and protect our stream. Very strongly against swapping or selling land and concerned about Levasseur Park. When you start selling riverfront, park space, it's an issue. Received several calls to find out why it's even being considered. Don't want any park district property being sold.

David Crawford-Went around last weekend and knocked on doors. Of the 20 neighbors, he spoke with 17 people who do not want that park sold. The park district has invested thousands of dollars trimming and getting those woods cleaned up and that's the way it should look. It should not have parking lot. Against selling that land. Working on a handful of grants and hope to work with the park district on them. Think it can fit in with the Riverfront project.

Ken Munjoy- spoken with many people and thank you for taking steps in making the riverfront project come to fruition. Know there is some discussion regarding the Executive Director. Need someone in charge to make it happen. Want to express our support in filling that position.

Leeann Provost-Hope you vote yes on the KRS project and would be a great project for people coming to the area.

Mike O'Brian-ask the park district to support the MOU. Without someone in charge, it's hard to make sure things are progressing. This will show our residents that we can partner with other organizations for the long-term benefit of the community.

Matt McBurnie: Proud of the work the KRS has done. Big fans of this projects. The MOU has a good balance of partnership. Highlight what has been said and the importance of hiring the Executive Director. It requires someone to raise the money and that it's handled and dispersed correctly. Ask you to vote yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Included in packet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Monday, February 28, 2022, consists of board meeting minutes (January 24, 2022, bills payable for January 2022, and financial statements for January 2022.

A motion to approve board meeting minutes (January 24, 2022) was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

A motion to approve bills payable (January) was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

A motion to approve the financial statements (January) was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Skelly, R. Eads. Nay: D. Palmer

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of agreement between Kankakee Riverfront Society, Inc., City of Kankakee, and the KVPD to provide support to the Currents of Kankakee

A motion to accept the agreement between the KRS, City of Kankakee, and KVPD to provide support to Currents of Kankakee was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly is for the riverfront agreement. Think the park district needs to be careful though. Speaking from experience from the trail at River Road. Don't want the maintenance to fall completely on the park district like some other projects before. Fear is what happens down the road when this group isn't in charge. Want to see something monetarily for maintenance. Don't want to be left holding the bag. Excited for the project and glad the park district can be a part of it. Commissioner Palmer asked if Commissioner Skelly wants to table it? Commissioner Skelly would like something written about maintenance. Dayna is putting a lot of park district time working on KRS items. Don't want to hold up the show but want to know it will be dealt with. Doesn't have to be tonight, but want to know we will get to that. Commissioner Spriggs thinks if this group tells us it will be added, believe it will be. Commissioner Skelly agrees with that but this group might not be around for eternity. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

Approve repairs to harbor based upon harbor construction outline

Director Heitz said we have been doing a lot of work with the attorneys. This is the procedure and method we have to follow if we are going to do a design bid build on the harbor. Have had PDRMA weigh in and they said we need a structural engineer. We talked about grants but they have to be timed correctly. The governor has proposed OSLAD funds. Can't apply for grants without engineer or architect. We tried to put this together to show you what the procedure is.

If you want to move forward, would like to use Neil Piggush as the engineer. This would not be a conflict because he's contractual with the city. Commissioner Eads said this is 70 slots but we have 36,000 residents. It's a lot of money. Commissioner Skelly said if it's based on how many people use it, we don't fix it. Commissioner Eads said it's a cost analysis. The needs of the district are greater. Commissioner Skelly said this has been a need for a very long time. We shouldn't wait for it to crumble and then put it on the back burner. In favor of getting an engineer to see if we can fix the one wall and use it. Attorney Freeman clarified the memo. Director Heitz is asking if the board wants to make repairs. If not, all this goes away. Is there support from the board for the repairs? Commissioner Eads wants to know the feasibility on stabilizing or repairing the whole thing. Long term, would be able to go out for grants. Commissioner Palmer thinks it's highly inappropriate to have the board approve something without an amount. Director Heitz said she can't engage or approach an engineer to find out what the cost would be without the consensus of the board. Wouldn't hire them without the board knowing and approving. Commissioner Skelly asked why can't we get proposals from multiple engineers. Director Heitz asked who does he want her to talk to? Commissioner Skelly asked if we can do consensus instead of an action item. Consensus of the board is yes from the commissioners to move forward. Director Heitz said she will get a proposal on the feasibility study.

Open or close harbor for season 2022

A motion to close harbor for 2022 season was made by Commissioner Eads, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly doesn't understand how we can decide without knowing. Commissioner Eads said because of the timing, it won't be ready. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, R. Eads. Nay: D. Skelly.

Approval of revised RMSC settlement agreement

A motion to approve the revised RMSC settlement agreement was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

Motion to continue discussion with Bradley for sale of 8 acres of land in Levasseur Park, included Bradley's offer to purchase same

A motion to discontinue discussion with Bradley for sale of 8 acres of land in Levasseur Park, included Bradley's offer to purchase same was made by Commissioner Eads, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Discussion: Commissioner Skelly said when he spoke to Attorney Freeman previously, there is a way to go about this. Think it's a good idea because it's an improvement of the land for everyone. When you talk about the trees being knocked down for

parking, that's not going to happen. The plan is beautiful. If you don't put work or maintain things, the whole district suffers. Commissioner Eads said we offered an intergovernmental agreement as an option. If no one knows who owns it, the agreement makes sense and we would still retain the ownership. Commissioner Skelly asked if it could be a 99 year lease? Terry Memenga from Bradley said this proposal has not been proposed to the board, this isn't a commitment. Submitted a letter of offer to you only. Put it in writing if this is your counteroffer. Commissioner Matthews is very adamant about the park being taken care of. There are a lot of invasive species that aren't beneficial for the environment. We struggle with maintenance. Would like to have all native trees and plants. The goal is for everyone to use and continue improving the park. Has to be some sort of compromise. We don't have a current maintenance plan. Director Heitz disagrees with selling useful park land. If you have surplus land, that's not useful for the community because it doesn't have amenities. To sell Levasseur, in my professional opinion, is wrong. We have worked very hard to clean up that area and there is more slated to be done. The trail Dave mentioned is slated to be cleaned up this spring as well. We have a limited amount of resources and haven't been able to get to everything in the first 5 years. Opposed to selling land. Commissioner Palmer thinks it's a valuable perspective about residents being impacted. Need to educate myself more. Attorney Freeman said if we vote not to sell this tonight, it can be revisited at a later time. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, R. Eads. Nay: D. Palmer, D. Skelly. Abstain: M. Matthews. A motion to continue discussion to see if we can come up with solution that is acceptable to both parties was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: D. Palmer, M. Matthews, D. Skelly, R. Eads. Nay: B. Spriggs.

NEW BUSINESS

Comed Easement for Communication Lines at Bird Park Fields

A motion to approve the Comed Easement for communication lines at Bird Park Fields was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Skelly. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

Oil Separator Replacement at Ice Valley in the amount of \$17,553

A motion to approve the Oil Separator Replacement at Ice Valley in the amount of \$17,553 was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Discussion: Director Heitz said this needs to be replaced to continue the life of our equipment. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

Ice Skate Purchase from Becker Sports in amount of \$10,553

A motion to approve the Ice Skate Purchase from Becker Sports in amount of \$10,553 was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Discussion: Director Heitz said this is less than what we anticipated in the budget because we had to purchase the edger. Next fiscal year we will need to purchase additional 100+ skates to return to proper inventory. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

Ordinance #2.19 authorizing the disposition of personal property owned by the Kankakee Valley Park District

A motion to approve Ordinance #2.19 authorizing the disposition of personal property owned by the Kankakee Valley Park District was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Discussion: Director Heitz went over the surplus items. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

STAFF REPORTS**Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds**

Rick Collins: Have cleaned out the Quarry Building and it's almost ready for construction. Small field at Bird Park fields, will come down and add grass. Will use the fence to repair as needed. Washington Park concrete will be removed. Been trying to find a van for the rec department. We have \$50,000 in the budget. Found a pickup truck and would be good for the rec department. Rec department is in agreement the pickup truck will be a good replacement for the van. The van was only used for hauling special event and supplies between locations.

Superintendent of Business

Melissa Woodard: See finance report.

Superintendent of Recreation

Kyle Burton: Planning for spring and summer programs and have our beer run in March.

Executive Director

Dayna Heitz: Also at Ice Valley, have been working with Dual Temp, we can repair and replace the brine pump for \$24,300. Originally it was over \$25,000 which would have to go out to bid. Will send it out in an email report, hope to get consensus and then we can ratify at next meeting. SB 3050 - competitive bid amount is being proposed to increase to \$30,000 instead of \$25,000, hope to have news finalizing that by the end of the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB:

Commissioner Matthews: Day in the life to show what's going on in the county. Postcard campaign is going well.

Historical Society

Commissioner Eads: Meeting every other month. Joint committee will be meeting with the horticulture group at KCC to see if they can help out in column garden.

SRA

Commissioner Eads/Palmer: Looking for a new director. Meeting tomorrow to get questions we want to ask.

KRS

Commissioner Eads/Director Heitz: Thank you for everyone who came tonight. Meeting Wednesday morning to discuss money and how to raise the money.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Eads thanked Dayna for being selected as citizen of the year.

Executive Session

A motion to go into executive session for the purposes of personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) was made by Commissioner Eads; Seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

At 6:34 pm a motion to reopen regular meeting was made by Commissioner Spriggs; Seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

ADJOURN MEETING

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:34pm by Commissioner Spriggs; seconded by Commissioner Eads. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board meeting minutes (January 24, 2022)
2. Bills Payable January 2022
3. Financial Statements January 2022

4. Agreement between KRS, City of Kankakee, and KVPD to provide support to Currents of Kankakee
5. Repairs to harbor based upon harbor construction outline
6. Revised RMSC settlement agreement
7. Bradley's offer to purchase 8 acres of land in Levasseur Park
8. Comed Easement for Communication at Bird Park Fields
9. Oil separator replacement at Ice Valley
10. Ice Skate Purchase for Ice Valley
11. Ordinance #2.19 authorizing the disposition of personal property owned by the KVPD
12. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report
13. Superintendent of Business Report
14. Superintendent of Recreation Report
15. Executive Director Report

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard