



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District

Board Meeting Minutes

April 25, 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, Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Business (Via Zoom), Kyle Burton, Superintendent of Recreation, Attorney David Freeman, Lisa Krenkel, Ariana Padilla. Not present:

Public Present:

Rick Schultz, Steve Eck, Eric Mayo, Dr. Michael Boyd, Tom Schelsinger, Kevin Mitchell, Tom Mullady, Mark Billingsley, Joe Knopp, Terry Lauelle, Jim Butler, Lee Jordan, Craig Rabiden, David Grant, Devin Strahla, Ray English.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment:

Rick Schultz: Communicated with Dayna and had some thoughts on closing the ramp or harbor. Interested in what the board has to say in response.

Steve Eck: Same.

Eric Mayo: Same.

Tom Schelsinger: Same.

Kevin Mitchell: Works at On the Rox. Understand someone wants to enter in agreement to use park district parking lot by maintenance shop. We believe anyone coming there, even if parking is made available, we don't think they would utilize the lot. Think they would continue to park in our lot so we against any agreement.

Tom Mullady: With boat club and same concerns on harbor.

Mark Billingsly: Belongs to both boat clubs and works in construction. Fence off the harbor and if you do that there is no reason not to keep the ramp open. Believe fuel tax money was used to build it. If you are looking for money, Bradley wants to buy Levasseur. Sell that and they will take care of it. As a kid it was a beautiful park but haven't been there in 2-3 years. You have wasted \$50,000 on a feasibility study.

Lee Jordan: Spoke regarding hookah lounge parking.

Owner of On the Rox: Against any agreement with hookah lounge for parking.

COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda for Monday, April 25, 2022, consists of board meeting minutes (March 28, 2022), Committee meeting minutes (April 11, 2022), bills payable for March, and financial statements for March.

A motion to receive consent agenda was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Matthews. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

A motion to approve board minutes (March 28, 2022) was made by Commissioner Spriggs, seconded by Commissioner Matthews. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

A motion to approve committee minutes (April 11, 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 (March) 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 (March) 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

Surplus Bid Sale – Sale of Duramax Diesel GMC 3500 Stake bed

A motion to approve the surplus bid sale-sale of Duramax diesel 3500 stake bed was made by Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Spriggs. Discussion: Director Heitz said that we do not recommend selling it at this point. Need to look at other means. One bid did conform but it's a low bid. Second one is more within reason but didn't follow instructions for the bid. We only have an email address. Commissioner Palmer asked what the amount was. Director Heitz said \$350 and second one was for \$1,120. Commissioner Palmer talked about the SRA used van and how they sold that. We considered donating or scrapping it but ended up selling it for \$8,000. Director Heitz said this bid package was out for a month. Truck doesn't run and it's just sitting there. Commissioner Eads suggested re-running the bid package. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted nay: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, D. Skelly, R. Eads.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Boyd KCC Solar Project

Thanks to the board. Been in touch frequently with Dayna and appreciate the communication. Partnership has never been stronger. The college is looking at an opportunity to do a solar installation. Where the windmill is now, extending southeast 3 acres would be where it's installed. We had this opportunity 5 years ago but that project was much larger. This proposed size solves the problem from the prior one. The timeline is dependent on Comed and connecting with grid. Hope to start construction in the fall. Commissioner Eads asked if there would be expansion? Dr. Boyd doesn't foresee that in the next 10 years. Commissioner Eads asked if you are using all the power yourself or looking to sell some back to Comed? Dr. Boyd said they will use all of that power. Only time we will generate more, would be weekends in the summer. Commissioner Eads asked about being able to use that for Ice Valley? Dr. Boyd said he doesn't know the answer to that on how that works or how the hardwire connection would be. This is just informational for the District.

Beckman Harbor west ramp concrete work modification in the amount less than \$10,000 by KVCC

A motion to approve the Beckman boat harbor west ramp concrete work modification in the amount less than \$10,000 was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Palmer. Discussion: Commissioner Spriggs asked what we are voting on? Director Heitz said this motion is the dual ramp, west of the harbor, KVCC is going to make a cement wedge so we can hook up 2 docks so 2 boats could be launched. We would do this no matter what happens with the east wall of the harbor. This will increase the number of boats being able to get in and

out at the same time. Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted aye: B. Spriggs, M. Matthews, D. Palmer, R. Eads. D. Skelly

Concrete replacement for Jeffers walking path in the amount of not to exceed \$5,000 by Tholen's

A motion to approve the concrete replacement for Jeffers walking path in the amount of not to exceed \$5,000 by Tholen's was made by Commissioner Eads, seconded by Commissioner Matthews. Discussion: Commissioner Spriggs was there yesterday and the pictures speak for themselves. There is nothing underneath there. How can that be repaired for \$5,000 and from whom? Director Heitz said there is a diagram picture. Underneath the sidewalk will be all gravel. Then Tholens will build a wall and then add small holes in the top and shoot mortar to stabilize and keep everything together. Commissioner Spriggs asked if the company doing this is experienced? Director Heitz said yes, it's Jacked up Concrete. Commissioner Skelly said they are good. Director Heitz said Theolen's is contracting Jacked Up Concrete. 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: Added more summer employees. Patched holes at River Road. Out at boat harbor, we cleaned some but need to go a little deeper to clean the ramp off. Past weekend we had the ladybug event at Ice Valley and we did a lot of work. Commissioner Spriggs was at the Civic this morning. Know we have more water in the basement. Rick said the sump pump was brand new and it's being overworked. Commissioner Spriggs said there are no extensions on the downspouts and that might help the water in the basement. Rick said we will look into that.

Superintendent of Business

Melissa Woodard: Working on our next budget, the audit, completed the PDRMA operating expenditure report and working on a Census report.

Superintendent of Recreation

Kyle Burton: Maintenance department did a lot for the ladybug competition. The local hotels were booked. The competition was massive.

Commissioner Eads told Kyle he will be missed. Commissioner Spriggs said you have done a great job. Will be sad to see you go.

Director Heitz said the ladybug was a last-minute addition. HF couldn't host it because of their hardship. Maintenance was slated to do deep cleaning in July, that timeline moved up to be prepared for the competition. Thanks to Kyle and his team for coordinating.

Executive Director

Dayna Heitz: This is Kyle's last meeting. Invited everyone to Brickstone for his farewell luncheon. We will miss Kyle. He started as an intern with us. Lisa has been promoted to Superintendent of Recreation. May 9th we have a committee meeting. Turned in a letter to City requesting \$300,000 of the ARP funds to help with parks within the city. It would be an allocation. It's mostly walking paths. Looking to hire Athletics Manager, Recreation Manager, and Guest Services for Ice Valley and a part time person for Bird Park along with Splash Valley hiring. Still looking for seasonal maintenance too. Melissa will be back May 16th with a hybrid flex schedule and will be at the May board meeting. Will be working on the liquor license. The harbor has 3 different projects going on. Working with Senator Joyce's office and the county for funding for the east wall renovation. Received the administrative code for disadvantaged communities. This can change every year. The disadvantaged classification would get us higher amounts of money on the grant. Lots of money coming down from the state for infrastructure. Hope to work with the county on their infrastructure. Was misinformed and we cannot go on the county for their infrastructure that is through Chairman Wheeler. The Beckman Harbor study is being done by Piggush Engineering. Had the Spark of Nature event at the Civic. 2 trees were raffled off. Lot going on at Splash Valley. Ice Show is this weekend. The dog park parking lot has been delayed due to weather. Included the tax computation report for the budget. Revenue recapture was new this year. Will receive about \$7,000 more. Commissioner Skelly said we are putting more walking paths but we can't take care of what we have. Commissioner Palmer asked what the ADA compliance is? Director Heitz said it's the slope and the width. There are requirements we have to follow. Commissioner Skelly said we are going to make them ADA compliant, which is wonderful, and next year the weeds cover it. Where is the plan to maintain it? Director Heitz said we have taken care of things better than they have prior. Commissioner Skelly said every year we need to redo them. \$300,000 is a lot of money for something we can't maintain. What is the plan going forward? We need to come up with a plan to maintain what we have. Director Heitz said the harbor doesn't fit into the category for the money. Commissioner Eads said we may not even get this money. Director Heitz is just asking for it and have to see if it will be granted. Some of the items that we are asking for, was originally approved by the board for the capital list. Then we have that money from capital to be put towards something else. Commissioner Skelly would like to put this to something that's done and never touch again. Building a tennis court, yes it has to be maintained but less often. Director Heitz said we can't continue to not improve. We have to start somewhere. Commissioner Spriggs thinks we need to prioritize. What is getting used more? Commissioner

Eads said this doesn't have to do with this money. We have restrictions and we don't even know if we are getting it. This was just informative. Commissioner Matthews asked Commissioner Skelly what we could do instead of the path that never needs care? Director Heitz said it has to go into improving a park. Can't be playground equipment. Has to be directly related to Covid and what has been asked by the community. Commissioner Palmer asked if a path fit Covid? Director Heitz said it gets people outside and they could socially distance, it goes to their physical and mental health. Yes, paths have been requested by community and officials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

KCCVB:

Commissioner Matthews: Hotels for the Ladybug were good. Hotels in general have been busy. First Trust Bank will be the new location. Looking for summer interns. The new guide is out.

Historical Society

Commissioner Eads: We meet this Wednesday. Did meet regarding the community service hours to help in column gardens. Hope it will come to fruition. Everyone is getting older and can't get younger generation to volunteer.

SRA

Commissioner Eads/Palmer: Tom retires the end of May. Have 2 strong candidates. We are being very purposeful in the evaluation of the selection. Meet this Thursday and hope to have a decision.

Building Commission

Commissioner Palmer: Brandon Meredith would hope to replace that position.

KRS

Commissioner Eads/Director Heitz: Deadline is the 28th for the Executive Director position.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Spriggs asked if Rick could look at the tennis courts at McBroom Park? Clean up the leaves.

Commissioner Palmer asked about the backstops and fencing at Beckman, could you paint them? They are rusting. Asked if we are past the issues with the farmer? Director Heitz said his amount changed for this year. Gave him a credit and we are good. Commissioner Palmer is

still requesting how much we spend on removal of trees or the best guestimate. Commissioner Spriggs said we have had a lot of emergency removal. Commissioner Palmer noted the earth day activity.

Commissioner Skelly is not super proud. Proud of who came out tonight. Never in the 11 years have we said to them, agree to what was said before and sit down. Everyone that came, took their time, don't feel they were allowed to talk. When KVCC comes to do their work, appreciate the continued communication with Dayna, is there a chance you could ask if they have a longer back hoe to go longer on the ramp to clean it up? They would probably do that for us. Commissioner Eads clarified that he did mention if the public wanted to speak and it was redundant they could say same, but they were more than welcome to say more if they wanted. Thank you, Kyle, for your work and welcome aboard Lisa. Commissioner Palmer thanked Commissioner Skelly for the options on the harbor.

Executive Session

N/A

ADJOURN MEETING

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

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board meeting minutes (March 28, 2022)
2. Committee meeting minutes (April 11, 2022)
3. Bills Payable March
4. Financial Statements March
5. Surplus bid sale-Duramx diesel 3500 stake bed
6. Dr. Boyd's Solar Project Presentation
7. Beckman harbor west ramp concrete work
8. Concrete replacement at Jeffers walking path
9. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report
10. Superintendent of Business Report
11. Superintendent of Recreation Report
12. Executive Director Report

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard