



# **Kankakee Valley**

## **PARK DISTRICT**

### **Kankakee Valley Park District Special Meeting Minutes June 20, 2022**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Eads. Those present for roll call (in person or by electronic means) were Commissioner M. Matthews (via Zoom), D. Skelly, R. Eads, Director Heitz. Absent: B. Spriggs, D. Palmer. Also present: Melissa Woodard (via Zoom)

**PUBLIC COMMENT N/A**

**OLD BUSINESS N/A**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of tentative Budget Ordinance 2.21 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

A motion to approve the tentative budget ordinance 2.21 for fiscal year 2022-2023 was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Eads. Director Heitz: The board received an executive summary which is highlights along with the ordinance. Also gave you an unaudited, non-closed June 21- May 31 with budget numbers and our estimated budget. We have had to move things around quite a bit to accommodate. The Corporate fund receives only tax dollars. We can transfer from corporate to any fund. That's why we try to max out the taxes. Our line items may not match from year to year because we continue to shift based on the year and needs. This budget was really tough to do because everything has increased between utilities, wages, and supplies. We are not bringing in the revenue we did prior to Covid. We are starting to in some areas but are not where we were or should be. Won't go line item by line item but did want to show you the comparison. Commissioner Eads asked where we were compared to last year due to inflation? Director Heitz said we figured 20% higher for utilities. Medical has gone up drastically. That line item you may see a large amount, but the prior year some staff declined the insurance but we have to plan in the event they do decide to. Open enrollment is not until November. We are transferring additional to Recreation. \$200,000 to pool and \$88,000 goes to Recreation in general. Commissioner Eads asked if the money can be transferred to the same accounts next year? Director Heitz said it can stay in the fund and we do want a balance in the funds. We have worked hard to get rid of deficits in most funds. Under Recreation, 61200, Unemployment this is from before this administration. We had a reserve fund for multiple years because things weren't paid. We have worked with the IDES and finally settled. Commissioner Skelly said \$288,000 and \$200,000 of that is to the pool? Is that an estimate of the loss? Director Heitz said yes. Commissioner Skelly asked about the loss in Recreation? Director Heitz said there is a loss at River Road, Rec Center, and potentially at Ice Valley. Commissioner Skelly asked if programs are losing money, is there a way to not offer those programs? Director Heitz said no, you have to offer programs. River Road the revenue only covers wages, everything else (utilities, equipment, supplies, etc.) is not covered.

Commissioner Skelly asked if that is due to Covid? Director Heitz said 2018 we started building up and didn't have much else going on in Recreation. The decline in River Road has been happening and Covid did make it worse. Melissa and I are going to do a comparison to review hosting tournaments and the pricing. Commissioner Skelly thought the pool would lose \$100,000. Director Heitz said the staff are trying hard to get programs to run. Commissioner Skelly asked why you would keep the Superintendent? Director Heitz said we would not cut staff. No way to oversee Splash, Ice, and River Road. Would like to cut back on some special events unless we can get sponsors. Commissioner Eads asked if you have contacted other park districts to see if they are dealing with the same thing with their budgets? Director Heitz said just discussed in meetings, have not contacted them one on one. Not surprised about the pool losing. There was a lot that needed to be replaced and repaired this year. There are going to be years that it is really hot and you'll make a little more and another year it's cold. Commissioner Skelly stated we could ask other communities to assist us with the financial aspect of the pool. Commissioner Eads said if it wasn't for Mike and Rick this year, we wouldn't have been able to get the pool up and running. Commissioner Matthews asked what in the district makes the most money? Director Heitz said rentals and figure skating but that's part of Ice Valley. Commissioner Matthews asked what costs us the most? Director Heitz said utilities. Ice Valley is going to have Olivet and some other colleges for rentals. Expect a much better year. If you have any questions or comments, and we need to make a change in the budget, please send that to us by July 18<sup>th</sup> which is the Monday before the board meeting. Administrative staff will receive a 5% increase. Think it's warranted. They continue to keep us going and to take on additional responsibilities.

Upon roll call vote, the following Commissioner voted aye: D. Skelly and R. Eads. Nay: M. Matthews. Absent: B. Spriggs, D. Palmer.

#### **ADJOURN MEETING**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:21pm by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Matthews. Upon voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

#### **OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

1. Tentative Budget Ordinance 2.21 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard