

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

A regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Kankakee Valley Park District of Kankakee County, Illinois was held on Monday, May, 23, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bird Park Fieldhouse, Kankakee, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Collins and roll call was taken.

The following Commissioners were present and constitute a quorum:

Mullady
Collins
Gathing
Hollis
Cooper

Staff attending the meeting was John Coghlan, Kati Vaughn and Brandon Meredith and Jennifer Gaddis.

Press present: None

Public present: Carl Brown, Duane Tucker, Keith Cooper, many did not sign in.

Commissioner Hollis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Collins asked if there was any public comment.

Carl Brown had questions about what happened at Old Fair Park and expressed some concerns. Commissioner Gathing made some comments regarding the Hispanic Soccer League and parking issues at Old Fair Park.

Commissioner Hollis suggested marking parking areas with temporary fence. It should resolve the issue for a temporary solution.

Duane Tucker stated that he understood all the concerns and they were all being addressed. Safety is the first concern for all the coaches, participants and public.

Commissioner Collins shared communications. Commissioner Mullady added an item to Communications.

On motion by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to receive the Consent Agenda:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Collins	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye

On motion by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Gathing, and carried the following actions were taken:

- (A) Minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting.
- (B) Financial Statements for April 2011.
- (C) Bills Payable.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Collins	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye

Commissioner Collins introduced Keith Cooper from the Knights of Columbus Little League. Mr. Cooper is interested in re-naming the park after an individual who dedicated uncountable hours to the league and its participants. He has contacted all the family members of the gentleman who the field is named after currently and no one has any objections. Commissioner Gathing asked why they did not name the other field instead. Mr. Cooper stated that they did not want to take anything away from Mr. Longtin. Commissioner Collins stated that we would have to do some further research as to the current name of the park and would notify him of the results and what options we may have.

Commissioner Collins asked the Commissioners to re-evaluate allowing the Kankakee Chargers semi-pro football teams to play at Pace Field at River Road Park. PDRMA has reviewed the certificates of insurance as provided. They indicated that the insurance is sufficient. We will grant authorization for 1 season and re-evaluate for next year.

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to allow the Kankakee Chargers Semi-Pro Football Team to play for 1 season at Pace Field:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Collins	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye

Commissioner Collins presented the revisions to HR-13, Use of Park District Services, Facilities and Equipment. Commissioner Collins noted that the only changes are some verbage and including significant others in the policy. There was some concern about using term significant others. The concerns were addressed.

On motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to approve the changes to policy HR-13:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Collins	Aye
Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye

Vaughn presented the need for the district to conduct an ADA Standards Audit. Options Center for Independent Living is able to conduct the audit for a minimal donation.

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Gathing to approve the donation for Option Center for Independent Living to conduct a district wide ADA compliance audit:

Vaughn presented her report. Ice Valley staff is putting together a list of maintenance needs for when we close for the summer. Duck Race information was provided. Spring Softball is ending and Summer Softball is getting ready to begin.

Meredith presented his report. The cash position of the district has improved and is holding well for the end of the fiscal year. Some money is still going out for projects that have just been completed. The Capital Fund should hold well until we bond again. The Museum is having some cash flow issues due to some unemployment issues. Meredith will work with the Museum staff to resolve the issues. Splash Valley fund is still holding well. Ice Valley fund is still struggling a little.

Commissioner Collins presented his Interim Director report. He thanked staff for all the hard work. There are some changes being made in Maintenance. He worked with the City Police on a way to save some money on Splash Valley security. A report is coming on the issues with the Lazy River and he will keep the Commissioners updated as the information is available.

Commissions Hollis reported on the SRA. They are still waiting for a reply from the Momence Park District regarding joining the SRA.

Commissioner Gathing reported on the KCCVB. New officers will be seated in June.

Commissioner Mullady complimented staff of how well they are getting along with Jim Romenek's resignation. Staff morale is high. Commissioner Collins is working hard to keep everything afloat. He is pleased with the path the district is on and is proud of the direction we are heading.

Commissioner Collins informed the board of a police chase that ended in Bird Park a couple days ago and resulted in a search of the park for a weapon. No one was injured and the weapon was located.

On motion by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Mullady to adjourn the meeting:

All in favor – all ayes.

Roy Collins, President

Lisa Cooper, Secretary