

**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 18, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bird Park Fieldhouse, Kankakee, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mullady and roll call was taken.

The following Commissioners were present and constitute a quorum:

Mullady  
Collins  
Grill  
Gathing  
Hollis

Staff attending the meeting was Jim Romanek, Renee Chavez, John Bessette, John Coghlan, Jennifer Ledden, Brandon Meredith.

Members of the public present: Several members of the public we present

Press present: None

Commissioner Grill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Mullady asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Romanek noted the communications items.

On a motion by Commissioner Grill, seconded by Commissioner Gathing to remove the financial statements from the agenda:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Grill	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

On motion by Commissioner Grill, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to receive items A and C of the Consent Agenda:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Grill	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

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

- (A) Minutes of the April 20, 2009 Meeting.
- (C) Bills Payable.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Grill	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

Commissioner Gathing thanked Commissioner Grill for his time served on the board. Commissioner Mullady thanked him as well. Commissioner Grill thanked them for their comments.

Commissioner Roy Collins, Commissioner Alfred JJ Hollis and Commissioner Rhonda Porter-McBride took the Oath of Office led by Coghlan and were seated.

Romanek presented the Agreement to Employ Legal Council. We will be retaining the same firm; Ackman, Meyer, Marek and Boyd. The agreement was approved at committee. Staff recommends approval.

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the Agreement to Employ Legal Council:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Porter-McBride	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

Romenak presented a Lease Proposal with Peoples Bank. The lease would be used to purchase a New Holland B95B Tractor-Loader-Backhoe from Union Hill Sales and Service and Toro Groundmaster 4000-D Mower from Reinder's for the Maintenance Department. Both pieces of equipment are needed by the department. Staff recommends approving purchase of the equipment and financing it through the proposed lease agreement.

On motion by Commissioner Hollis, seconded by Commissioner Gathing to approve the lease agreement with Peoples Bank:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Porter-McBride	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

Bessette presented his staff report. He reported that the pools are being filled and should start being filtered in the next day or two. Most of the grates have arrived to make us compliant with the VGB Act in the pools. The remaining grates should be in tomorrow. The Lazy River will not be in compliance until fall due to the work that needs to be done. Bessette reported that the quarry is about 8 feet higher than we would like it. He is working with the fire department to get the water level lowered. Commissioner Mullady asked if there were any legal issues we needed to worry about with the DNR or EPA. Bessette stated that he has spoke with the DNR and they did not have any issue. He will check with the EPA.

Chavez reported on Splash Valley Season Pass sales and lifeguard certifications. McDonalds is distributing flyers for us and billboards are going up as well. Chavez informed the Commissioners about Splash Valley's Birthday Party on Memorial Day.

Meredith apologized for the financial statements being so late. He is working with the Auditors to speed them up a little. He noted that he is working on the 2010 Budget, and that the lease agreement should be finalized this week. Meredith further noted that with the assistance of the Auditors, he will be making an Audit of Advanced Arenas records.

Romanek presented his report. He made special note of a couple items on his report. He attended the Legislative Conference this year and really learned a lot. He was especially pleased that some of the Legislators took time from their busy schedule to sit down and talk to him without his having an appointment. He has been working with the Hispanic Soccer League to improve and expand the Soccer Fields at Splash Valley. The league is currently using Old Fair Park and has outgrown that facility. The Municipal Band will begin their Summer Concert Series on Thursday June 4 and will continue every Thursday thru August 6 at the Band Shell. The phone issues at Splash Valley are still unresolved. He has been talking with Call One to get the issue resolved quickly. Call One notified him just before the meeting that AT&T is admitting that the issue is their problem and will work to resolve it quickly. The first installment for the River Trail has been made and Phase I of the project should be starting in August. He has been working with Pat Polk to secure entertainment for the Power Boat Nationals. A couple groups have been booked and will be announced shortly.

Romanek reported that the KCCVB recently attended the Bears Convention. They have also decided not to relocate the offices at this time.

Romanek informed the Commissioners that we would need to appoint a replacement on the SRA Board. We have 2 votes on the board. He is one and former Commissioner Grill was the other. It does not need to be a board member or even a Staff Member. Former Commisisoner Grill asked that whoever takes that seat should be someone who cares about the agency and does not view it as just another meeting obligation. Commissioner Gathing made a motion to allow Romanek to appoint 2<sup>nd</sup> seat on that board. Commissioner Hollis volunteered to take the seat.

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Collins to appoint Commissioner Hollis to the SRA Board:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Porter-McBride	Aye
Gathing	Aye

Hollis

Aye

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Hollis and carried to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation pursuant to Section 2(C)(5).

All in favor – all ayes.

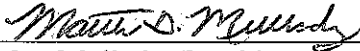
On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Hollis to come out of closed session:


On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Collins	Aye
Porter-McBride	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Hollis	Aye

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

All in favor – all ayes.

  
Matt Mullady, President

  
Alfred Hollis, Secretary