

**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, September 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Bird Park Fieldhouse, Kankakee, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hollis and roll call was taken.

The following Commissioners were present and constitute a quorum:

Mullady  
Gathing  
Hollis  
Cooper  
Skelly

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

Press present: None

Public present: John Willard, a couple others did not sign in.

Commissioner Skelly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Hollis asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Collins presented a trophy to the Kankakee Fire Department for their win in the first annual Police vs. Fire Tug of War. The trophy will go to the winner each year with a plaque noting the winner of that year's event.

Collins presented a plaque to John Willard and the students at KCC for their hard work at the Old Fair Park Football Field. Mr. Willard gave a brief presentation of what the students will get upon completion of the program and introduced 3 of the programs students.

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

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Skelly	Aye

On motion by Commissioner Mullady, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, and carried the following actions were taken:

- (A) Minutes of the August 22, 2011 meeting.
- (B) Financial Statements for August 2011.

## (C) Bills Payable.

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Skelly	Aye

Collins presented the Pump Track proposal. The Pump Track will be built by volunteers and at no cost to the district. PDRMA had a couple concerns and they were addressed. This was presented and approved at Committee. Commissioner Skelly asked if the location was final as he had some resident concerns. Collins noted that he received an email as well. Most residents want it moved closer to the road instead of resident homes due to parking.

On motion by Commissioner Gathing, seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the Pump Track:

On roll call the vote was as follows:

Mullady	Aye
Cooper	Aye
Hollis	Aye
Gathing	Aye
Skelly	Aye

Vaughn presented her board report. Stave Black the new facility manger in place. Purdue has started games. Numbers are not too high so we will amp up marketing. Rudolf on Ice will be the theme of the Ice show in December. The Fall Gathering underway. All ice arena repairs are complete and up and running.

Collins presented Reardanz board report. Starting on Monday, Reardanz will be out on medical leave. He will be off and on for a couple months.

Meredith presented his board report. Total cash on hand is good; most tax money has been received. Funds are doing ok. Splash Valley did take a loss this year mostly due to staffing costs and a water leak. They hurt us and we should pick up some season pass sales for next year. Ice Valley is starting at a loss this year, which is normal. Staff is working hard to generate revenue. Capital projects and bond are both being looked at. Annual rollover is going to be the recommendation for this year. There are a lot of ideas and things coming up so hopefully we can prioritize and push a couple things back a while. We need to make sure all our current projects can be taken care of first. Bond paperwork will be at next committee meeting. Commissioner Hollis asked about the water bill. Collins explained that the leak is being fixed in the next week or two and will take care of the problem for next year. Water was leaking into the sewer.

Collins presented his board report. Einfeldt will begin fixing drainage and crack issues at Splash Valley will begin on October 3. Many contractors were consulted; Einfeldt came in the least expensive. Mullady would like the Capital projects list prioritized and many of the projects put on the backburner brought out front again. Director's school went well. The farm lease will be going out for bid this spring. We are looking to up the cost per acre. Bill Spriggs was nominated for outstanding citizen of the year, finished as a runner up. He will be presented with an award

from IAPD. Met with Tim from PDRMA regarding multiple projects we have going on. Final plans are done for the concert venue. They will be taking the plans to a contractor for project cost and then to fundraising. Pembroke School is looking for a partnership. There is talks regarding annexing some areas into the park district. This would have to go to a vote as a referendum. Midwest Environmental Survey is underway. We should have a report within a couple weeks. No red flags yet. Skate Park grand opening has been pushed back due to the weather. The grand opening is now scheduled for October 8 at 11am or 12pm. Scuba instructor meeting, we are looking into a new scuba program for next year. Regatta is still up in the air, no new chairman as of yet. Additional conversation took place regarding the event and future plans.

Commissioner Hollis reported on the SRA. We discussed the possibility of adding another park district to the SRA. Many locations are interested. If able, we would like to add 2 more. The Halloween Dance is coming up at the end of October at the Civic.

Commissioner Gathing reported on the KCCVB. Last meeting brought local businesses in and informed them about the KCCVB and what they could offer.

Commissioner Gathing made a motion to name the Old Fair Park Football Field after Duane Tucker. Coghlan noted that we would have to move that to the next Committee Meeting.

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

All in favor – all ayes.

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Alfred JJ Hollis, President

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Lisa Cooper, Secretary