



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District

Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2026

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Commissioner Skelly. Those present for roll call were Commissioners A. Gear, J. Frey, D. Skelly, N. Eisengart (in person or by electronic means). Others present (in person or via Teams): Ross Bruni, Executive Director; Rick Collins, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds; Melissa Woodard, Superintendent of Business; Attorney Patrick Miller; Ariana Padilla.

Not present: Rachael Click, Superintendent of Recreation

Public Present: Ken Lewellen, Victoria Strole, Chris Kime

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Lewellen gave a brief update on the Historical Society.

COMMUNICATIONS

NA

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to combine approval of April 27, 2027 Board Meeting Minutes and May 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Gear.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

FINANCIALS

Executive Director Bruni and Superintendent of Business Woodard brief update on end of fiscal year.

Motion was made to combine approval of April Financials and bills payable, and May Financials and bills payable was made by Commissioner Gear, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Mayor R.J. Bailey Park Renovation Project

Mussel survey came back good. Hopefully the canoe launch construction will begin soon.

Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement

Insurance wordage provided by PDRMA was included in the packet. Waiting for response back. Tabled.

Update on KCC Sign

Minimum of 3 ads per month and can discuss additions. KCC passed both agreements last week.

A motion to approve the KCC Digital Sign Agreement was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Eisengart.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Discussion on vacant Board Position

Will interview all of them. 15-20 minutes per person on June 29 & 30th.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Approval of Tentative Budget Ordinance #2.50 for Fiscal year June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027

A motion to approve the tentative budget ordinance #2.50 for fiscal year June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027 was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Discussion and approval of amended Purchasing Policy

A motion to approve the amended purchasing policy was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Gear.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Discussion and approval of KCC Ice Valley Contract Extension

A motion to approve the amended purchasing policy was made by Commissioner Eisengart, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement Local #751 Laborers' International Union of North America

A motion to approve Local #751 Collective Bargaining Agreement was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey. Discussion: It's a 3 year term. Executive Director Bruni recapped the changes.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Approval of updated KVPD Logo

A motion to approve the KVPD updated logo was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Gear. Tabled until next month.

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds Rick Collins:

- Juneteenth Event at Pioneer last weekend
- Started the volleyball construction at Beckman Park.
- Collaborated with MCA and United Way to build the butterfly enclosure and attended the event.
- Worked with the City to repair the sidewalks at the Civic.
- 7 new staff so far for summer.

Superintendent of Business Melissa Woodard:

- Report given during financials.

Superintendent of Recreation Rachael Click:

- Included in the packet.

Executive Director Ross Bruni:

- Have a call with PDRMA regarding storm damage.
- Budget is completed.
- Working with insurance and the bank.
- Got \$150,000 from the County for the East Wall repair.
- 854 Splash Passes sold so far.
- Ice Valley will be closing the first weekend of July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historical Society - Commissioner Frey:

- Gave an update on events.
- Commissioner Gear would like KVPD to notify the museum when there are rentals at the Civic so they can keep parking open. Will have Amy send the weekly happenings.

SRA - Executive Director Bruni:

- Last meeting held at KVPD.
- Waiting on Bourbonnais to get the intergovernmental agreement back.
- Summer programming kicked off.

KRS - Commissioners Gear & Skelly, & Executive Director Bruni:

- Brief update on construction.
- Had the call with RBI on the updated packet and information. Not much more of a timeline but \$10-15 million for Legion Park.
- Fundraiser on August 8th.

Building Commission Report - Commissioner Skelly:

- No meeting.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

- Commissioner Skelly said Steve Hunter reached out regarding park sign. Also, why the south side of Pioneer Park wasn't blacktopped. Asked if we could talk to the trucking company to see if they would help pay for our parking.

Executive Session

NA

ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gear. Board was adjourned at 5:52pm.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board Meeting Minutes (April 27, 2026)
2. Special Meeting Minutes (May 11, 2026)
3. Presentation and Approval of April & May Financials and Payable Bills
4. Mayor Bailey Project Update
5. Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement
6. Update on KCC Digital Sign Agreement

7. Vacant Board Position
8. Tentative Budget Ordinance #2.50
9. Purchasing Policy
10. KCC Ice Valley Contract Extension
11. Local #751 Collective Bargaining Agreement
12. Updated KVPD Logo
13. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report
14. Superintendent of Business Report
15. Superintendent of Recreation Report
16. Executive Director Report
17. Committee Reports
18. Commissioner Forum

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard