



Kankakee Valley

PARK DISTRICT

Kankakee Valley Park District

Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026

The Board Meeting was called to order at 5:06pm by Commissioner Skelly. Those present for roll call were Commissioners V. Forquer (after oath of office), 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; Rachael Click, Superintendent of Recreation; Attorney David Freeman (Arrived 5:21pm); Ariana Padilla.

Not present: A. Gear.

Public Present: Michael Prude, Mark A. Jones, Ron Jackson, Bryant Tanzy, Jeff Bonty, Vicki Forquer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alderman Prude – Concerns regarding the lights at Pioneer. Asking for them to be turned on until at least 9pm.

Mark Jones – Concerns about the lights at Pioneer. Would like the lights on longer.

Bryant Tanzy – Started a petition to leave the lights on at Pioneer. Would like to play basketball at night.

COMMUNICATIONS

NA

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to combine approval of June 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and June 15, June 29, and June 20, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: III

Nays: 0

FINANCIALS

Melissa Woodard gave brief recap on June 2026. Numbers are where anticipated for the first month of the fiscal year.

Motion was made to combine approval of June Financials and bills payable was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Eisengart.

Ayes: III

Nays: 0

Appointment of Vicki Forquer to the KVPD Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term that will be up for election at the consolidated election in April 2027

A motion to amend the agenda, moving up on the appointment of Vicki Forquer to the KVPD Board of Commissioners to fill the unexpired term that will be up for election at the consolidated election in April 2027 was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Skelly.

Ayes: III

Nays: 0

Commissioner Skelly and Vicki Forquer recited the oath of office.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Mayor R.J. Bailey Park Renovation Project

Executive Director Bruni gave an update as there are several things left on the punch list. Issue with spawning fish so we can't get in the water until August.

Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement

Executive Director Bruni said we got the returned agreement from the museum. It was an old version. David Freeman spoke to their attorney. Some disconnect between the versions. Recommend to table for one more month.

Discussion and Approval on updated KVPD logo

A motion to approve the updated KVPD logo was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

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 budget and appropriation ordinance #2.50 for fiscal year June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027 was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey. Discussion: Executive Director went through a brief recap of the budget.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Appointment of Commissioner Angelina Gear as additional KVPD Bank signatory for Midland States Bank

A motion to approve Angelina Gear as additional KVPD Bank signatory for Midland States Bank was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Resolution Authorizing Change of Authorized Signatories on the Card Connect Account from Dayna Heitz to Ross Bruni

A motion to approve resolution authorizing change of authorized signatories on the Card Connect account from Dayna Heitz to Ross Bruni was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey. Discussion: Have to do this to change the bank account for the harbor meter credit card revenue.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Discussion and approval 2026 Kankakee River Valley Regatta Agreement

A motion to approve the 2026 Kankakee River Valley Regatta Agreement was made by Commissioner Eisengart, seconded by Commissioner Frey. Discussion: Executive Director Bruni said we didn't have an agreement last year. Still a couple edits.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Discussion and approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between KVPD and the City of Kankakee to extend the land application of leaves at River Road Property

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between KVPD and the City of Kankakee to extend the land application of leaves at River Road Property was made by Commissioner Frey, seconded by Commissioner Eisengart. Discussion: Executive Director Bruni said the terms stay the same.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Quote from Paving Pros LLC in the amount not to exceed \$46,000 to install parking lot and accessible path at Pioneer Park

A motion to approve a quote from Paving Pros LLC in the amount not to exceed \$46,000 to install parking lot and accessible path at Pioneer Park was made by Commissioner Skelly, seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

Approval to accept a quote from Great Southern Recreation for Playground Equipment for Heil Park in the amount not to exceed \$49,500

A motion to approve a quote from Great Southern Recreation for Playground Equipment for Heil Park in the amount not to exceed \$49,500 was made by Commissioner Eisengart, seconded by Commissioner Vorquer. Discussion: Executive Director Bruni said after the storm in the spring, the play equipment was damaged. It's from 1999. They no longer make those pieces and it was due for replacement shortly. Will get about \$6000 from insurance to put towards it.

Ayes: IIII

Nays: 0

STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds Rick Collins:

- Currently removed the ice at Ice Valley. Giving the building a upgrade with n ewpaint and carpet downstairs.
- Set up for Splash Valley for the concert.
- Have started the volleyball court at Beckman and should be done in August.
- The pathways have been sprayed to eliminate the weeds.
- Executive Director Bruni said we did have a community member reach out about spraying. The City reached out to the individual and Ross did too. We showed the product we used and issue has been resolved.

Superintendent of Business Melissa Woodard:

Included in the financials.

Superintendent of Recreation Rachael Click:

- Very busy June.
- Brief recap of summer programs and facilities.

Executive Director Ross Bruni:

- Marketing report - did start doing TikTok posts and have gotten great response.

- Splash Valley – year over year analysis. Season passes 1044 for the year. Last year 822. Daily admissions were down in June because of the weather and more members. Concessions is doing great this year.
- Did our IT audit. Provided a lot of great information about where we are and where we have weaknesses. Very detailed report on our IT equipment as a whole. Lots of equipment is due for replacement. Short and long term benefits for savings.
- Provided information regarding the fall rollover bond from Speer financial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historical Society - Commissioner Frey:

- No solid numbers on events. Next event is August 18th. Historical theater walking tour.

SRA - Executive Director Bruni:

- Did receive Bourbonnais markups on the agreement. Agreement is still tabled and will be revisited at the August meeting.

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

- Budget was approved. Rock the River event is August 8th.

Building Commission Report - Commissioner Skelly:

- No meeting this month.

COMMISSIONERS FORUM

Commissioner Skelly said this is the first time the park district has heard about the lights issue at Pioneer. Consensus from the board is to leave the lights on until 10pm. No parking on the grass or alcohol.

Commissioner Skelly would like the District to work with the school district to give season passes to Splash Valley to students that can't afford it.

Commissioner Forquer thanked the District for the partnership with Merchant Street Music Fest.

Executive Session

NA

ADJOURN MEETING

Commissioner Eisengart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frey. Board was adjourned at 6:12pm.

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

1. Board Meeting Minutes (June 22, 2026)
2. Special Meeting Minutes (June 15, 2026)
3. Special Meeting Minutes (June 29, 2026)
4. Special Meeting Minutes (June 30, 2026)
5. Financials June 2026
6. Bills Payable June 2026
7. Update on Mayor RJ Bailey Park project
8. Update on Kankakee County Museum Agreement
9. Updated KVPD logo
10. Tentative Budget Ordinance #2.50
11. Purchasing Policy
12. Appointment of Vicki Forquer to KVPD Board
13. Appointment of Angelina Gear as Midland Bank signatory
14. Card Connect change of signatories
15. River Valley Regatta Agreement
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17. Paving Pros Quote for Pioneer Park
18. Great Southern Recreation Quote for Heil Park
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Respectfully submitted: Melissa Woodard