KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 12, 2026
Kingsbury Park District Office
712 Franklin Avenue
GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS

The regular Board Meeting of the Kingsbury Park District was called to order by President Joellen Vohlken at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Name	*Present*	*Absent*	*Arrival Time if Present after Roll Call*
Joellen Vohlken	X		
William Schneck	X		
Amanda Wilkie		X	Arrived at 6:02 pm
Lynn Ulmer	X		
Nick Suess	X		

Others Present

Name	*Title*
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD

Citizen Input: None

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	William Schneck

to: ***Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated September 12, 2026.***

Vote:

Name	*Yes*	*No*	*Absent*	*Abstain*		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck	X					
Amanda Wilkie			X			
Nick Suess	X				Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
Total	4	0	1		X	

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	William Schneck

to: Approve Warrant 656 and unpaid bills dated October 12, 2026.

Vote:

Name	*Yes*	*No*	*Absent*	*Abstain*		
Joellen Vohlken	X					
William Schneck	X					
Amanda Wilkie			X			
Nick Suess	X				Motion	
Lynn Ulmer	X				Approved	Not Approved
Total	4	0	1		X	

Not included in Warrant 656 but signed at the meeting: White Sanitation

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Directors Report:

Conference
The annual conference is scheduled for January 28–30, 2027. Staff have prepared a form requesting the information necessary to register Commissioners for the conference and hotel accommodations.

Financial Statement
Sauerwein included the September financial statement in the packets.

Levy and Budget
Sauerwein reported he has started preparing the District's levy and budget for the upcoming year. The levy will need to be approved and filed by the last Tuesday in December. Discussion was held on the Levy for the 2027 budget and whether there was a need to go above the 105%

triggering a Truth in Taxation hearing. Specific funds mentioned were the Audit Fund & Insurance fund which have had increasing costs.

Health Insurance
Jessica with ECG has started providing the District with health insurance renewal quotes for the upcoming year. Sauerwein will continue to review the available options as additional information is received.

IPARKS
Sauerwein stated he is currently working on the District's IPARKS property and liability insurance renewal for the upcoming year.

2027 Consolidated Election
The Kingsbury Park District will have three four-year Commissioner terms on the ballot for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election. Candidate packets are available at the District Office.

Pool Liner
After discussing the pool liner replacement project with Attorney McGinley, it appears that the project will need to go through the competitive bidding process.

Jaycee OSLAD
Staff has not met with Site Design since the last Board Meeting to review the updated estimated costs and potential changes that will need to be made to the project. Sauerwein intends to schedule a meeting with them in the future.
The District has received its first donation toward the Jaycee Park renovation project. Jo Branscome donated in memory of her father, Dave Korte, who recently passed away. Mr. Korte was a past President of the Greenville Jaycees Chapter. We greatly appreciate the donation and the recognition of Mr. Korte's service to the community.

Pickleball Courts
Sauerwein followed up again with Aaron Christ of Christ Brothers regarding the pickleball courts. Christ informed Sauerwein that the District is on their schedule for a site visit and that the District will be contacted once a date has been established.

Disc Golf Course
Mr. McCormack with Gateway Disc Golf has provided a proposal for potential improvements. Staff is still reviewing the proposal. Discussion was held on the possible relocation of holes to improve the course. Sauerwein commended maintenance staff on taking pride in the disc golf course and recognized their diligence in care for the course.

Dog Park – Facebook Comments
This comment was recently posted on the Greenville Illinois Facebook page regarding the Dog Park at William S. Wait Park. "*I'm not really sure who is not cleaning up after their dog at the dog park. but it's getting a little ridiculous. first off, your dogs dropping are so large, It has to be a big dog in the small dog area. frankly i'm tired of stepping around it right by the trash can and*

gate. seems to be someone who doesn't care and is extremely lazy or not sure you have to pick up after your dogs droppings. second while i'm on here leaving this message, i will add if your dog is so aggressive And you cannot handle that dog, You should not be coming to the dog park where other dogs and children are around the area, and your husband shouldn't be trying to intimidate women up there with their smaller dogs to leave. I will say this, if your dog attacks me or my dog, there will be serious repercussions. DO BETTER PEOPLE!!!"

The post raised concerns regarding dog waste not being picked up, large dogs being brought into the small-dog area, an allegedly aggressive dog, and an allegation that another patron was being intimidated by a dog owner.

The most significant concerns raised in the post are the allegations involving an aggressive dog and the alleged intimidation of another patron. However, the post did not provide a specific date or time for the reported incident.

Because of the seriousness of these allegations, Sauerwein reviewed available security camera footage covering the previous 17 days. Sauerwein reported the following: "I am familiar with the individual who made the Facebook post and was able to identify her in the footage. During the period reviewed, I observed only one interaction between her and other dog park patrons. She was leaving the small-dog area while a couple was arriving with two dogs and entering the large-dog area. Based upon the available video, the interaction did not appear confrontational or negative. I found no video evidence during the period reviewed that substantiated an incident involving harassment or intimidation.

I also reviewed the footage for evidence of an ongoing problem with patrons using the incorrect side of the Dog Park based upon the size of their dogs. I did not observe this to be a significant or recurring issue. There were occasions when an individual with both a large and a small dog placed both dogs together on one side of the park. I have also observed groups of patrons meeting at various times for what appear to be informal dog play groups. During these gatherings, multiple dogs of different sizes may be together on the same side of the park while their owners socialize.

I also spoke with maintenance staff regarding the concern about patrons failing to clean up after their dogs. Both employees indicated that they occasionally encounter dog waste that has not been picked up; however, neither indicated that this has developed into a significant or recurring maintenance problem.

Sauerwein informed the board this particular individual has previously made comments on Facebook concerning the District and District staff that, based upon our records and knowledge of the circumstances, contained information that was inaccurate or could not be substantiated. Two previous posts were subsequently removed from the Facebook page, either by the individual or by the page administrators. The District also has a threatening voicemail from this individual from April that has been retained.

At this time, based upon my review of the available security footage and discussions with maintenance staff, I have not found evidence of a recurring problem involving aggressive dogs, patron intimidation, improper use of the designated dog areas, or failure to clean up after dogs." Staff will continue to monitor the Dog Park and address specific incidents if they are reported with sufficient information to allow the District to investigate them.

Miles for Marshall
Miles for Marshall held another successful 5K trail run benefiting childhood cancer efforts at Patriots Park on September 26.

Directors Contract
In accordance with his employment contract, Sauerwein has fulfilled the requirement to notify the Board of the pending expiration of the agreement. As of the October 12 Board Meeting, there will be 81 days remaining before the current contract expires.

The board proposed no changes to the Director's evaluation forms and set a completion date to be returned to Schneck by November 2, 2026.

Recreation Report – October 2026

Kayla Curry, CPRP – Recreation Programmer

Youth Programs

Youth Kickball
Our first Youth Kickball season has been going great! We have 28 participants split between the Kickin' Comets and Cosmic Crushers. It has been fun to see this new program come together, and the kids have done a great job learning the game and having fun.

Flag Football
Flag Football is continuing through its fall season after getting off to a delayed start due to the extreme heat. We will use October 13 as our makeup date for the week that was postponed and the season will be complete. Curry reported that she and Sauerwein have been refereeing the games due to not having any applicants for this season. Staff began working with the GU Women's Flag Football team midway through the season and are working on developing a partnership with them for future seasons to referee our games as their season is in the spring.

Ballet & Beyond
Ballet & Beyond is back for another session. The program expanded this fall to include an age 7–8 class, in addition to our ages 3–4 and 5–6 groups. It has been exciting to continue growing this program and offer another recreation opportunity for our younger participants. Kara Zbinden is our instructor.

Tumbling
Still flipping. We added a Thursday night class that started last week.

Adult & Community Programs

Dink After Dark – Glow Pickleball
Registration is open for our new Dink After Dark glow pickleball event on October 30 from 7:00–10:00 p.m. at Wait Park. This is an 18+ recreational event rather than a tournament, with teams getting multiple games throughout the evening.

Registration is $50 per team and includes an event shirt for both players. The courts will be transformed using black lights, fluorescent court markings and neon elements. Registration closes October 18, with a waitlist available if the event fills.

Recreation Space

With renovations completed Curry has continued working on ways to better utilize the Rec Space throughout the fall and winter months. In addition to bringing tumbling back, we are preparing for indoor birthday party rentals. Information will be released to the public soon regarding our indoor rentals.

Our new Rec Space birthday party rental will provide families with a 2½-hour indoor rental option that includes tables, chairs and KPD recreation equipment.

Administrative / Recreation Updates

Curry is currently working on the 2026 Recreation Report, which will provide an overview of this year's programs, participation numbers, events and other recreation highlights.

New Business: None

Unfinished Business: None

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Amanda Wilkie

to: ***Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:53 pm.***

All present signified with Aye.