

**KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 8, 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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Arrival Time if Present after Roll Call</i>
Joellen Vohlken	x		
William Schneck	x		
Amanda Wilkie	x		
Lynn Ulmer	x		

Others Present

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD
Cortney Huber	Recording Secretary
Jeff Liedel	WGEL
Nick Suess	

Citizen Input: N/A

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

to: ***Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated May 11, 2026.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
William Schneck	x					
Joellen Vohlken	x					
Lynn Ulmer	x				Motion	
Amanda Wilkie	x				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	4				x	

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

to: Approve the Warrant #652 and unpaid bills dated June 8, 2026.

Vote:	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
	William Schneck	x					
	Joellen Vohlken	x					
	Lynn Ulmer	x					
	Amanda Wilkie	x				Approved	Not Approved
	<i>Total</i>	4				x	

Huber informed the Board that two additional checks had been received after the warrant was completed. One for Four Seasons Distributors for concession items for the pool and one for South Central FS for diesel.

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

to: Appoint Nick Suess to Fill the Vacancy on the Board.

Vote:	<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
	William Schneck	x					
	Joellen Vohlken	x					
	Lynn Ulmer	x					
	Amanda Wilkie	x				Approved	Not Approved
	<i>Total</i>	4				x	

Sauerwein stated that the District received one letter of interest from Nick Suess to fill the vacancy on the Board. Nick Suess took the Oath of Office and was sworn in as an official Board Member.

Directors Report:

Office, Bathroom Facility, and ADA Ramp Construction

Construction activities associated with the office renovation, restroom facility, and ADA improvements are complete. Robinson Construction has completed his work on the office project, and the final payment request is included on the warrant. Harris Construction has completed the restroom facility, which is now fully operational. The City has installed the new water meter pit. The first activity scheduled in the tumbling area will begin on June 15, Art Adventures. Sauerwein stated we're still working on getting the barn quilt class scheduled, but, we're excited everything is finally done.

Pool

The swimming pool is now open for the season. Pass sales continue to exceed expectations, with 56 passes sold to date, compared to 74 total passes sold during the entire 2025 season. Additionally, eight private pool parties have been scheduled.

In response to a question raised at last month's meeting regarding water aerobics, Curry had already secured an instructor for the program. Registration is currently open through the District's website.

Sauerwein stated there were some questions about why the pool is not open for more evening swim anymore. Sauerwein explained that it is open on Friday nights. The pool hasn't been open Monday through Thursday for evening swim in probably 20 years. J. Barth was the pool manager when we stopped doing that, and we did study that. We were only averaging about six people for evening night swim. Sauerwein stated that the splash pad and wading pool are open from 5 to 6 pm every day that we have lap swim. Staff are going to look at some pop-up nights for evening swim, if they are received well we can offer them again next year. The Board has discussion on the economics of keeping the pool open during time slots with little or no attendance.

Ball Season

The 2026 ball season officially began on June 3.

Dewey Street

The City has made the area from the Jaycee Pavillion to the south of the maintenance shed no parking on both sides of the road. They have posted the "no parking" signs.

Solar Proposals – District Office and William S. Wait Park

All required documentation for the proposed solar installations at the District Office and William S. Wait Park was submitted to the Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) program on May 22. Ameren has approved the installation. LMD has advised that notification regarding acceptance into the program is expected within approximately 30 to 40 days.

Debit Certificate for Solar

Included in the Board packet is the planning information provided by Spear Financial regarding a proposed debt certificate to finance the solar installations at both William S. Wait Park and the District Office. The financing mechanism would provide the District with necessary cash flow until incentives and rebates are received.

Formal consideration and adoption of the debt certificate is anticipated at the July Board meeting. He noted that issuance of the debt certificate will not be necessary if the District is not accepted into the Illinois Solar for All program.

Marketing Proposal and Jaycee OSLAD

The launch of summer programming and facility operations has temporarily delayed planned outreach efforts related to corporate partnerships and sponsorship opportunities. Staff will be scheduling a public input meeting in the near future to gather community feedback regarding the proposed playground design associated with the Jaycee OSLAD Project.

The District was recently notified that the OSLAD application deadline has been moved from September 30 to August 31, shortening the preparation timeline by one month. Complicating matters further, the final OSLAD manual and updated distressed community guidelines have not yet been released. The Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) has been contacted in an effort to obtain additional information regarding the anticipated release schedule. Sauerwein stated that with the shortened timeline completing the application this year will be very difficult. The project may need to be postponed until next year's cycle.

A significant positive development for the project is the District's partnership with Site Design Group, a Chicago-based landscape architecture firm. Following attendance at their conference

presentation, *Designing for Everyone: Universal Accessibility and Inclusive Play in Illinois Parks*, discussions were initiated with Principal Rob Reuland regarding the Jaycee Park project. As a result of these conversations, Site Design Group has agreed to provide the District with a site development plan and grant assistance on a pro bono basis through its summer internship program. The District will also be assigned one of the firm's project managers to assist throughout the planning process. Board members are encouraged to visit www.site-design.com to review examples of the firm's work and innovative park development projects.

The Board has discussion on the application timeline and allowing more time for fund raising. Sauerwein stated that fund raising from the public shows support for the project.

2025 Audit

The 2025 audit work will be completed soon. Sauerwein has submitted all the required information to the accountants. Sauerwein stated that the Annual Treasurer's report will need to be submitted before the end of June.

Directors Contract

Pursuant to the terms of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement:

"It shall be Employee's responsibility to advise the Board of the pending expiration of this Agreement not less than 180 days and no more than 210 days before expiration and, again, not less than 90 days and no more than 120 days before expiration."

As of the June 8, 2026 Board Meeting, 206 days remain until the expiration of the current Employment Agreement.

New Business: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

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

to: *Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:31pm.*

All present signified with Aye.