

**KINGSBURY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 08, 2025
Kingsbury Park District Office
712 Franklin Avenue
GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS**

The regular Board Meeting of the Kingsbury Park District was called to order by Vice President Joellen Vohlken at 6:01 pm.

Roll Call

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

Others Present

<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>
Jerry Sauerwein	Director of KPD
Carrie Dunn	Recording Secretary

Sauerwein noted that Vice President Vohlken would conduct the meeting as President Smith was having some issues with her voice.

Citizen Input: None

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Barb Smith

to: ***Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting dated July 14, 2025.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck					X	
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer	X				Motion	
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	4	-	-	1	X	-

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

to: ***Approve Warrant #642 and unpaid bills dated August 11, 2025 and warrant #643 and unpaid bills dated September 08, 2025.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck	X					
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer	X				Motion	
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	5	-	-	-	X	-

A motion was made by	Lynn Ulmer
And seconded by	Joellen Vohlken

to: ***Approve the KPD Nature Preserve Trail Use & Rules and Regulations Policy and fees of \$20 in-district and \$40 out of district usage fees.***

Vote:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Abstain</i>		
Barb Smith	X					
William Schneck	X					
Joellen Vohlken	X					
Lynn Ulmer	X				Motion	
Amanda Wilkie	X				Approved	Not Approved
<i>Total</i>	5	-	-	-	X	-

The Board discussed a proposal from Greenville University to develop horseback trails on the south side of the nature preserve, which is currently inaccessible to the public for horseback riding. Discussion on the feasibility of constructing horse trails on the south side, with concerns

about the terrain and existing trails. Proper horse trail construction is costly and requires expertise. Concerns were raised about the University's ability to maintain the trails and the potential impact on the Park District's resources.

Directors Report:

Director Sauerwein covered the following items with board members:

Financial Reports

The July 31, 2025 Financial Statement was included in this month's meeting packet for the Board's review.

Office, Bathroom Facility, and ADA Ramp Construction

Robinson Construction has framed both the ramp and the new bathroom facility. Delivery of the LP SmartSide is still pending. Neely Electric has completed the rough-in electrical work and will return to finish once the interior walls are in place.

Dewey Street Construction Project

The City obtained its permit for the water line during the week of September 2nd. Crews are currently flushing the line, and reconnection to the system is expected by September 12th. Road construction cannot begin until this water line project is complete. The District had the meter upgraded due it currently being a residential size. The tap would have needed to be upgraded at some point so it made sense to do it when they were doing the water line upgrades. The original plan was to do the upgrade with an OSLAD grant but it did not make sense to wait and have to tear up the new road later.

OSLAD Grant – Dog Park Development

The fence at the dog park has been installed, though corrections are needed on the curved top rail sections. Anthony Supply has inspected the issue and will work with District Staff and Westendorf Construction to address it. All agility equipment was completely installed on August 29. The dog park is officially open.

The District has already seen an issue with dog owners not picking up after their dogs. The City has an ordinance on leashing all dogs and not picking up the dog waste would fall under littering. We have installed a camera near the park, but we are still making modifications to make it operational. The line needs a booster installed since it is more than 328 form the switch. If this continues to be an issue the District may have to put up additional signs stating it is under surveillance and if your caught not cleaning up after your dog you can be ticketed and banned from the dog park.

TIF District Extension

On August 19th, Sauerwein attended the annual TIF Joint Review Board meeting. Information provided by the City at that meeting was given to the Committee Members. The City also reported that its consultant will be arranging meetings with the individual taxing bodies to discuss extending the remaining three TIF Districts.

Property Tax

The second installment of property tax payments is due September 10th. The District receive funds approximately ten days following that deadline.

Pickleball Courts

Several rust-like stains have appeared on the pickleball courts. AWC has explained that these are caused by iron pyrite in the asphalt, which oxidizes when wet. This occurrence is common and can be treated during resurfacing. Additionally, a few areas of the acrylic coating show minor

chipping. AWC has been contacted about these concerns and has agreed to inspect the courts when they are in the area.

Directors Contract

In accordance with Sauerwein's employment contract, he is required to notify the Board of the pending expiration of the 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 upcoming meeting on September 8, there are 115 days remaining before the contract expires. This report serves as the second required notification.

Jaycee Park

There is one traveling team, the Greenville Jr. High Blue Jays and Bond County Challenger Baseball currently using the Jaycee ball fields. Challenger Baseball is a league that works with children with disabilities.

Recreation Report – September 2025

Kayla Curry provided the following Recreation report to board members in their packets.

Flag Football

- The season is underway with 2 Jr. Pee wee teams and 2 Pee wee teams.
- Games are held on Tuesday nights at 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM at Patriot's Park.
- The season runs for 6 weeks, with 4 weeks remaining.
- Referees are Ella Kleiner and Hank Bradshaw.
- We encourage everyone to come out and catch a game—these young athletes are a lot of fun to watch!

Barn Quilt Classes

- Classes are back and more popular than ever!
- Our first session sold out in less than 24 hours online.
- A huge thank you to Joellen Vohlken for volunteering her time and talent to lead these creative, multi-age classes.

New Program: Dance

- With the closure of Fusion Dance Center, KPD has consulted with former owner Heather Edwards to continue providing dance opportunities for youth.
- Classes are geared toward ages 3–4 and 5–6.
- We are thrilled to have Kara Zbinden, a former Fusion instructor, leading the program.
- Registration is now open online.
- Classes will be held at the Patriot's Park Meeting Room.

Pool Manual

- Pool Manager Jaylynn Legault and Curry spent several hours reviewing the pool manual and policies post-season while the 2025 season is fresh in their minds.
- A list of needs/wants for the 2026 season to continue improving operations has been started.

A motion was made by	Amanda Wilkie
And seconded by	Barb Smith

to: *Adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:36 pm.*

All present signified with Aye.