

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KENILWORTH PARK DISTRICT BOARD HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
419 RICHMOND ROAD, AT 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008.**

Park District President Thomas Feeney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the Secretary called the roll as follows:

Present:	Thomas Feeney	President
	Heidi Higgins	Commissioner
	Chip Kenyon	Commissioner
	Jason Hanold	Commissioner
Absent:	Richard Peterson	Commissioner
Others Present:	Brad Burke	Secretary
	Lou Maggi	Superintendent
	Kevin Flannery	350 Melrose Avenue

The minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were placed before the Board. President Feeney made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion. The minutes as presented were unanimously approved.

Secretary Burke reported on the monthly bills pointing out a couple of checks written for tree removal and fertilizer, fall planting supplies and the NSSRA second installment. He stated that all were in order. President Feeney questioned the check for U.S. Bank. Secretary Burke stated that was for expenditures purchased via the Park District credit card and indicated future reports would detail the purchases made on the purchasing card. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to approve the bills. Commissioner Hanold seconded the motion, and the bills were unanimously approved.

Next, Commissioner Hanold mentioned that he and Commissioner Higgins were working on the basketball program and that information would be going out soon. A discussion followed on how the teams were put together. Commissioner Higgins stated that the P.E. teachers from the school evaluate the players and will pass that information on and the Commissioners will put together teams. A discussion followed about the cost of the program and it was agreed to keep the cost at \$85.00 which is the same as last year. President Feeney asked if coach Doll would be returning. Commissioner Higgins stated he was.

Commissioner Kenyon opened discussion on Townley Field. He asked Superintendent Maggi if he had any information on field lights. Superintendent Maggi stated he had received one estimate from a lighting contractor. He reported that the estimate was for \$430,000. He stated that prices would most likely be lower once the District goes out for bid on the project. Commissioner Kenyon questioned why the cost was so high. Superintendent Maggi said that the price included 12, 30-35 foot high poles, all the underground wiring and a new electrical supply source coming from the transformer in the park and not from the Village House. Commissioner Kenyon suggested we do what has to be done to go out for bid.

Commissioner Kenyon continued discussion on the use of Townley Field and of the poor shape of the field. He was concerned the District was liable for any injuries received by players, especially since the Commissioners are on record stating the field is in terrible shape. Secretary Burke said he will check with our insurance provider but thought that the waiver signed by players should be sufficient. Commissioner Higgins suggested maybe less play should be on the field instead of more programs. Commissioner Higgins asked if we have heard back from the MWRD. Secretary Burke said we have not gotten an answer yet. Commissioner Higgins said the question on the spring ballot will decide if the community wants to go ahead with a synthetic turf. Commissioner Hanold asked when the Board needs to decide the wording of the question for the ballot. It was decided it should be discussed in the December meeting and voted on in the January meeting.

Commissioner Kenyon again mentioned that a Field Turf surface would be much safer than a natural turf especially in poor weather conditions. A discussion followed about how hot the field surface can get. Kevin Flannery stated he read a report that surface temperatures could be as high as double the air temperature. He also mentioned that the report shows that NFL players would prefer to play on natural grass and when asked by Commissioner Kenyon why so many teams were putting in synthetic fields his response was they were easier to maintain. Commissioner Kenyon said he read a report that temperatures would only be 10-15 degrees higher and that different field surfaces, such as Mondo which uses a different fill, could be looked at.

Commissioner Hanold stated that it is important to have a safe field that will support the amount of play for our community.

Secretary Burke reported the auditors will be in town next week to begin the annual audit.

President Feeney mentioned that the Park District needs to start soon to find a replacement for Little Springs Director Mark Drelicharz. The Board will look at resumes and talk to Allison Lopuszynski for suggestions.

Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Kenyon seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Maggi