

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois  
Held Monday, July 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM**

President Rick Schwab called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, July 19, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Rick Schwab, Vice President Steve Deatherage, Commissioners Mike Kumer, Les Newton and Jody Pullium. Also present Assistant Director Craig Weigle, Attorney Rick Joseph and Secretary Ginny Friedrich.

**Minutes of Meetings**

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 21, 2021 by Schwab, seconded by Kumer. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Correspondence**

Nothing to review

**Recognition of Visitors**

Staff from Channel 22 was present.

**Finance**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and place on file by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Bills between Meetings and the Bills to be paid by Newton, by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Newton, seconded by Kumer. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Helping Hands Reports by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Friedrich reviewed the request to transfer the Working Cash Fund interest to the Police Fund, stating the transfer was usually done on an annual basis for the previous year to help support other funds that may be struggling but had not been done in 2019.

Motion to approve the Working Cash Interest transfer for the years 2019 & 2020 to the Police Fund for a total of the 2 years combined \$6,083.60 by Newton, seconded by Kumer. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Building and Grounds**

Director Johnson stated someone had been digging holes in the surface of the Native American mounds located at in Spring Creek Nature Preserve and they have now installed wireless, motion activated cameras. Johnson stated signage will be added and a buffer zone around the mounds will be cleared so visitors know where they are allowed to be and a small gravel access road will also created so police and maintenance staff can access the area easier.

Director Johnson stated that as the water receded from the Campground, several sites electrical service was not working. Johnson stated this was due to sections of underground old aluminum wire had deteriorated to the point of causing power surges and the maintenance staff was currently getting cost estimates to repair the damaged line.

Director Johnson reminded the Board, that Lt. Frost would be retiring August 13<sup>th</sup> and he would be stepping down from the Director's position and resuming his duties as the full-time Police Chief.

**Personnel**

Nothing to Review

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**Land Development**

Nothing to Review

**Programs, Facilities and Policy**

Assistant Director Weigle stated Rick Joseph had reviewed SolarStone Development's Solar Energy Facility Lease and Easement Agreement and had forwarded their representative Rick's suggested revisions and that he would review it with the Board as they get closer of an agreement that works.

Assistant Weigle stated that due to multiple vandalism to the and Cooper North Port-a-Johns, the company that provides them has removed them but is willing to sell the District one for the Bunnell Field area with the District responsible for the maintenance. Weigle stated the plan is to put up an enclosure with a lockable gate to help eliminate the vandalism.

Assistant Weigle stated the Farm Park had opened to the public June 26<sup>th</sup> and on good weather days the attendance is ranging from 600-800 people. Weigle stated they had received many compliments about the ponds, new playground and the new animals.

Assistant Weigle stated he and Mike Johnson currently shared the responsibility of the Park Superintendent's position and that he would like to start a search to fill the Superintendent's position. Weigle reviewed the job description stating the position had been vacant since 2017 and the budget was able to absorb the expense.

**Old Business**

Nothing to review

**New Business**

Nothing to review

**Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and action on behalf of the Fon du Lac Park District is probable or imminent and for considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity at 4:54 by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 5:50 pm by Kumer, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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Virginia Friedrich, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Schwab, President

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Steve Deatherage, Vice President