

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, April 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

President Steve Deatherage called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 17th, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Steve Deatherage, Vice President Les Newton, Commissioners Jody Pullium, Rick Schwab and Seth Landwehr. Also present, Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Chief Chance Barlow, Supt. of Parks Jeff Theissen, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on March 20, 2023 and continued on March 27, 2023 by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

The board was presented with a thanking the Fon du Lac Park Police Department for the donation of used tasers.

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present along with Sam Lahood, Maurice Wantiez and Shontah Means.

Shontah Means expressed her concern about a recent incident that she experienced while in the parks.

Finance

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

Motion to approve the Bills between meetings and the bills to be paid by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance #041723-E2 allowing for the purchase of a Mini Excavator by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle updated the board on both the Pickle Ball Courts and the progress being made on the Spring Creek Bridge project. The bridge is set and as soon as the approaches are complete the bridge can open to the public.

Director Weigle also updated the board about a proposal from Bob Stasz for the development of a disc golf course. Director Weigle indicated that the park currently owns land near Brady Park that could accommodate a disc golf course. Bob Stasz indicated that it is possible that fundraising and business sponsorships could help fund the course.

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Attorney Rick Joseph briefed the board on the requirements of a Decennial Committee that needs to be formed and members appointed by June 10th. This committee must include the current board members, the director, and two residents of Fon du Lac Park. This committee will meet a minimum of three times for the purpose of compiling information and providing a report on local governmental cooperation.

Personnel

Motion to approve Nathan Hruska as a full-time officer by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call. 5 ayes

Land Development

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 041723-L1 allowing for the annexation of land which has been previously annexed to the corporate limits of the City of East Peoria, Tazewell County, Illinois by Landwehr, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call. 5 ayes

Motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-1 providing for support of Community Park and Recreation Planning by Landwehr, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call. 5 ayes

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle updated the board on the current and upcoming Rec programs. Slow pitch has started, soccer is going well, and Summer Camp registration will open soon.

Chief Barlow gave a brief update of the department's activity and calls since the last board meeting. He also informed the board that we got our boat back and we will have two boats in service. Chief Barlow thanked the board for voting to hire an additional full-time officer.

Old Business

Nothing to review

Motion for a recess of the regular meeting at 4:41. P.M by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

New Business

Motion to continue the regular meeting at 4:49 P.M. by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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Community Input Meeting for OSLAD Grant Application

Sam Lahood presented the board and community members with the three updated park plans that would be part of the ten year master plan. The three plans include future updates to Neumann Park, the proposed Kenny Couri Memorial Park, and Veterans Park.

The board was informed that it has been decided that the first grant application would be for the upgrades to Neumann Park. The Grant Planning Committee will begin to meet and work on developing a plan and collect community input to help make the grant application more successful. Approximately 10% of the grant application is based off community input.

After talking with the IDNR Sam Lahood and Director Weigle informed the board and community members that it is estimated that the IDNR will match up to a maximum of \$600,000 per application. The IDNR also confirmed that we the park is considered a first-time applicant and priority is given to first time applicants.

After the application is submitted it takes six to eight months for confirmation of the grant approval. Once awarded there is a three year time frame to complete the project. If awarded, the engineering and bid process would be the first step in moving forward with the project.

Commissioner Schwab inquired about current employees performing work to reduce costs. Direct Weigle informed him that using current employees to do things such as demolition and trenching water lines is allowed to reduce the cost.

Motion to adjourn at 5:26 P.M. by Pullium, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Steve Deatherage, President

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Les Newton, Vice President