

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, May 15, 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, May 15, 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, Supt. of Parks Jeff Theissen, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 17, 2023 by Deatherage, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present along with Bob Statz.

Bob Statz presented the board with his ideas for both a nine and eighteen hole disc golf course. Austin Engineering provided conceptual drawings for the board to review.

Finance

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

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

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

Motion to approve Ordinance #041723-E4 allowing for the borrowing of \$100,528 for two new police trucks by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Erin Glover informed the board that the current recreational software used in the office is being switched over from RecPro to DaySmart.

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle updated the board on the progress of the pickle ball courts. Now that the concrete has been poured the contractor can begin installing the seating, shade structures, and landscaping.

The Spring Creek Bridge has been placed and the entrance from Spring Creek Road is now open.

The Farm Park will now be open Tuesday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting Memorial Day and the pond renovations are almost complete.

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Superintendent Theissen informed the board about the clean up after a recent storm, having worked together with the Township to fix a drainage issue on Grosenbach Road, and getting all the mulching done around the parks.

Personnel

Nothing to Report

Land Development

Nothing to Report

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-2 for the forming of a committee on local government efficiency by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Director Weigle updated the board on the recent success of the Titanium Force Cheer teams at Summit. The SR4 team again took first place for the 3rd year in a row. He also informed the board that softball has around 100 participants signed up and that Summer Camp filled up in less than a day. The park will accommodate approximately 130 summer camp participants this year.

Tom Wolff presented the board with a proposal to purchase and install new golf simulators in the fall of 2023. Discussion was had regarding the price to upgrade our current simulators vs. purchasing new. The new simulators would provide not only golf but other family-friendly games as well. The consensus is that by upgrading to the new simulators it would boost facility rentals and simulator use throughout the year.

Director Weigle briefly went over the police updates for the month. The park is seeing an increase in calls and is still experiencing staffing issues. The two full-time officers are trying to be more flexible with their schedules to accommodate the part-time officers.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Director Weigle gave an update on the OSLAD grant process. The committee met to discuss the findings of the online survey and how to incorporate those findings for the grant application. It was decided that it would be beneficial to expand the walking trail, add more shade structures, and include a community gardening area. The master plan will also be updated and presented to the board as part of the grant application process.

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, 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 and for the purpose of discussing the purchase, sale or lease of real estate at 5:15 p.m. by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 5:40 pm by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn at 5:40 pm by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Steve Deatherage, President

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Les Newton, Vice President