

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, June 19, 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, June 19, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Steve Deatherage, Vice President Les Newton, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Jody Pullium and Seth Landwehr. Also present Attorney Kate Carter, Police Chief Chance Barlow, Director of Golf Tom Wolff, Superintendent of Parks Jeff Theissen, Director Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held May 15, 2023 by Deatherage, seconded by Schwab, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held May 15, 2023 by Deatherage, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to Adjourn Regular Session for Reorganization of the Board at 4:03 p.m. by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Rick Schwab as President Pro Tempore by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Les Newton as President of the Board by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Jodi Pullium as Vice President of the Board by Deatherage, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Erin Glover as Treasurer of the Board by Landwehr, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Erin Glover as Secretary to the Board by Landwehr, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Rick Joseph and Miller, Hall and Triggs as Attorney/Law Firm for the District by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to hire the following Administrative Staff: Craig Weigle Executive Director, Chance Barlow Chief of Police, Thomas Wolff Director of Golf, and Erin Glover as Business Manager by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to Regular Session at 4:08 pm by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence
Nothing to review

Recognition of Visitors
Bob Stasz, Amanda Stasz, Buffie Griffin, along with Channel 22.

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

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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

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle updated the board on the progress of the Pickleball courts. The finishing work is being done and the courts are expected to open very soon.

Director Weigle presented the board with his plan to move forward with both a nine and eighteen-hole disc golf course. Work on the nine-hole course would begin this fall followed by the 18-hole course possibly starting in January or February of 2024. Mr. and Mrs. Stasz, along with Director Weigle gave an outline of the possible fundraising and advertising that can be done to help offset the cost of the courses. Buffie Griffin was present on behalf of her son to confirm that the benches throughout the course would be built and provided to the park as an Eagle Scout project. After discussion, the consensus of the board was to move forward with the disc golf courses.

Superintendent Theissen updated the board on the current maintenance being done around the parks including tree trimming throughout the various trail systems, boardwalk repairs, and the fixing of drainage issues.

Superintendent Theissen also informed the board of his plans to retire in October of 2023. Director Weigle publicly recognized him for his hard work and dedication to the park over the years.

Director Weigle presented the Master Plan that was recently updated as part of the OSLAD grant process.

Motion to approve the Fon du Lac Park District Master Plan by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion Carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Personnel

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle gave a brief overview of the current recreational programs including the Summer Camp activities, the softball season, and the upcoming soccer season and registration. The competitive tumbling team is participating in both the USTA and USAT nationals. There will also be a tumbling camp hosted at our tumbling gym in July for national level athletes.

Chief Barlow updated the board on the various calls and training that were conducted since the last meeting.

Tom Wolf briefed the board on the current activities at the golf courses. The lack of rain has had an impact on the mowing of the courses. The plans to replace the existing golf simulators at Quail Meadows were again presented to the board and discussion was had to move forward with the project.

Motion to purchase 3 new Full Swing Golf Simulator for a total cost of \$220,950 by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

President Newton appointed the following Committee Assignments

- Finance - Newton
- Building & Grounds - Deatherage
- Personnel - Pullium
- Land Development – Seth Landwehr
- Programs, Facilities, Policies – Schwab
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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 by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to the Regular Session at 5:06 pm by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: ayes

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jodi Pullium, Vice President