

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, October 16, 2023, at 4:00 PM**

President Les Newton called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners Rick Schwab, and Steve Deatherage. Commissioner Landwehr was absent. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Director of Golf Tom Wolff, Superintendent of Parks Jeff Theissen and Adam Mingus, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held September 18, 2023, by Newton, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present.

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and place it on file by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Bills between Meetings and the Bills to be paid by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Helping Hands Reports by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Discussion was had to meet as a Committee of the Whole to review the proposed 2024 budget on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Building and Grounds

Director's Report:

Director Weigle updated the board on many different projects. The new simulators are now installed at Quail Meadows and they offer extra games in addition to golf. Fon du Lac Golf Course will close as of October 15th to allow for winterization. Director Weigle noted that Don Strenstrom, a long-time employee at Fon du Lac, is retiring after 20 years of service.

The City of East Peoria will begin setting up the displays at Veterans Park starting October 16th. This is earlier than usual due to new city staff.

Witches Walk express tickets are being sold at the Administration building for October 20, 21, 27, 28. The Festival of Lights will again be providing both the Energizer Bunny and Duck floats.

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Superintendent Theissen updated the board with the various projects happening in the parks including the winterization of restrooms, removal of several backflow preventers, Witches Walk setup, campground electrical updates, Admin Building heat and air installation, and the Disc Golf Course improvements. A maintenance entrance was cleared to access the lower portion of the Disc Golf Course. The tee pads and holes have been marked and basket placement should begin next week.

Director Weigle and the Board recognized Superintendent Theissen for his years of service as this was his last meeting before retiring on October 31, 2023.

Personnel

Nothing to Review

Land Development

Nothing to Review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle gave a brief overview of the current outdoor recreational activities. The slow-pitch softball and travel soccer seasons are coming to an end. Registration for youth basketball is officially open for the 2023 season. Also starting new in 2024 the Park District will be offering Recreational Dance classes including tap, jazz, and ballet.

Director Weigle also presented the Board with the proposed 2024 program and facility fee changes.

Motion to approve the proposed program and facility fee changes as presented by Director Weigle by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Golf Director Wolff informed the board that the new simulators had been installed and would soon be open to the public. There is also a new PA / sound system that was recently installed that feature both indoor and outdoor sound systems.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 101623 – PM1 amending Title 6 of the Fon du Lac Park District Policy Manual by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

Executive Session:

No executive session

Motion to adjourn by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jody Pullium, Vice President