

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, September 18, 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, September 18, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Steve Deatherage and Seth Landwehr. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Police Chief Chance Barlow, Superintendent of Parks Jeff Theissen, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held August 21, 2023, by Newton, seconded by Pullium, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

Director Weigle provided the board with an email he received from Thomas Camp recognizing the Fon du Lac Park Police Department for their efforts in response to a crane fire on the river.

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: 5 ayes

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

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

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

Motion to approve the Financial Agreement with Joy Howard, WM Financial Strategies by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director's Report:

Director Weigle updated the board on the progress of the first phase of the disc golf course. Bob Statz and his volunteers have been out quite a bit working on both courses. The 9-hole course is around 75% complete with the baskets and tee-pads still to be placed. The layout and preparation of the 18-hole course has also started. Vice President Pullium inquired about a name for the course, but a name has not yet been discussed.

The Park District plans to host three invitational meets at the tumbling gym early next year and the gym is already booked again next year for the Labor Day weekend tumbling camps.

The Farm Park is officially closed for the season. The employees are currently setting up for Witches Walk. Other projects at the Farm Park are also in the works including updates to the fencing, water lines, and replacement of the barn siding and roof.

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The Fondulac Library donated \$500 to the Park District to plant Emerald Tulp trees up at Neumann Park. Representatives from both the Park District and Library met on September 8th for the planting of the trees.

The application for the OSLAD Grant was submitted on September 12th and we hope to know the outcome by late December.

Superintendent Theissen updated the board on the various maintenance projects being done by the maintenance crew around the parks including the bike trail drainage project, tree trimming, electrical updates to the campground, placement of the storage unit at the tumbling building, and preparations for both the CIRT Barn Dance and Witches Walk.

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 weather has been great for both the softball and soccer seasons. East Peoria Legacy Soccer has gone very well, and compliments have been received on the organization of the program.

The maintenance department has been working at Quail Meadows to prepare for the installation of the new golf simulators. The simulators are scheduled to be installed the week of September 25th. Quail Meadows continues to see a steady flow of outings and tournaments.

Chief Barlow updated the board on the various calls and events that were conducted since the last meeting. Vice President Pullium inquired about the welding repairs that were done on the Shark Boat. Chief Barlow advised Bessler Welding to weld it back together the best they can to get the boat back out on the water.

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: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jody Pullium, Vice President