

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, November 20, 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, November 20, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, along with Commissioners Rick Schwab and Seth Landwehr. Commissioner Deatherage was absent. Also present was Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Director of Golf Tom Wolff, Police Chief Chance Barlow, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 16, 2023, by Newton, seconded by Pullium, 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 Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. 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

Motion to approve the purchase of two 2024 F-350 work trucks for a total of \$127,116.00 by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the purchase of two 2023 F-550 dump trucks for a total of \$206,296 before trade value is applied by Schwab, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 F-150 police truck for a total of \$50,026 by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director's Report:

Director Weigle informed the board that work continues at Brady Park for the disc golf course. Currently 90% of the fairways are finished and the Park District plans to be part of the Ledgestone Open Disc Golf Tournament being held the first week of August.

Witch's Walk was a huge success with over 5,500 visitors attending the four-day event. Director Weigle wanted to thank all of the staff and volunteers for their hard work making it a record setting year for this event.

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Superintendent Mingus updated the board as to the various projects happening in the parks including the mulching and winterization of parks, the updates to the roof and siding of the Barn and Forge at the Farm Park, updates to the electrical hookups at the campground, preparations being made for snow removal, and the concrete work being done at Quail Meadows.

Director Weigle presented the board with a brochure and informational video that provided details for a possible future outdoor fitness court development project. The courts would provide for various fitness stations along with an area for outdoor fitness classes. The proposed fitness court construction would begin in 2024 near the Administration Building next to the Caboose and would be finished in 2025. Blue Cross / Blue Shield of Illinois is offering up to \$50,000 of grant money per applicant to help offset the cost of the project. Sponsors and donations could also help offset the cost of the overall construction.

After discussion, the board decided unanimously to have Director Weigle move forward with the proposed fitness court project and start the grant application process.

Personnel

Nothing to Review

Land Development

Nothing to Review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle gave an update on the Travel Lite Soccer and Softball seasons. The basketball season is in full swing, and the Park District is looking into an agreement with Robien Grade School for the use of their gym to help provide additional gym space for the basketball program. The tumbling program will also be hosting a trampoline and tumbling invitational on January 27th and 28th and registration is already almost full.

Golf Director Wolff gave an update on the end of season noting that the mild weather provided a positive impact on the end of year revenues. The new golf simulators have had great reviews from the public and an increase in events for both the Covey and banquet room are expected during the winter months.

Chief Barlow gave a brief update of the calls and events since the last board meeting. He also informed the board that the department would be out on the water for the new bridge placement in December.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

Executive Session:

No executive session

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jody Pullium, Vice President