

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, May 20, 2024, 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, May 20, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners, Seth Landwehr and Rick Schwab. Commissioner Steve Deatherage was absent. Also present, Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Interim Chief of Police Dale Orr, Supt. of Parks Adam Mingus, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session minutes held on April 15,2024, by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

President Newton shared a message he had received from Bill Beckman, a retired East Peoria Community High School teacher, expressing his appreciation to the Park District for providing and maintaining the Bennett's Terraqueous Gardens for our community to enjoy.

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present.

Finance

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle informed the board that the Tennis Rehab Committee met on May 15th to discuss a response in regard to the cost split with District 309. The Park District is waiting to hear back from All Weather Courts with an estimated cost for future recoating of the courts before moving forward with negotiations. We hope to have a response for District 309 to review within the next week.

Preparations and groundwork for the Fitness Court and Studio will begin next week and with weather permitting the concrete is scheduled to be poured the last week of May. The equipment installation will take place in late June or early July and a ribbon cutting will be scheduled upon completion.

Nate Heinold, the Ledgestone Disc Golf President, met with the maintenance staff to map out the lower portion of the disc golf course. The course is scheduled to be completed by the August tournament.

Superintendent Mingus updated the board on the various projects happening throughout the parks including additional parking and sidewalks next to the Pickleball courts and subgrade preparations for the Fitness Court Project. The maintenance crew is also busy working on Farm Park renovations, rehabbing the benches along the River Trail, and landscaping at the various parks and facilities.

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Personnel

Discussion was had about updating section 4-3-15 of the Policy Manual to allow for a Donation of Sick Time Program. Formal action will be taken at the June meeting.

Land Development

Nothing to Review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Recreation - Director Weigle reported that the Slow-Pitch Softball season is underway but has experienced several rainouts. Girls Fast-Pitch Softball is about to begin and should have enough participants for 4 teams in both Bunny and Lil Lettes, 3 teams in Lassie and 1 team in the Junior division.

The Fondulac Flyers team did very well at the state meet finishing with 21 state champions and 3rd place overall. Marquis Williams was also named the USAT Northern Illinois Coach of the Year.

The Titanium Force Cheer teams did very well at Summit this year with the Black Smoke team winning 1st place. Tryouts for the new season will begin in the next few weeks.

Police - Interim Chief Orr reported that the last few weeks have been very busy with training and events. Nick Dardanes was sworn in as a new officer and will be filling a forty-hour work week. He came to us fully certified and is enjoying the conservation style police service. Shannon Parnell has been training on a part-time basis and is doing very well.

Interim Chief Orr, retired Chief Mike Johnson, and retired Lieutenant Jack Duke participated in an event honoring Dick Lohnes who is a 106-year-old World War 2 veteran. The F-150 truck and Humvee were a huge hit. The department also participated in the Big Rig Petting Zoo hosted by the Fondulac Library. The F-150 truck and the hovercraft were again very popular with families who waited in line for the opportunity to ask questions and sit inside the vehicles.

The department participated in a marine operator training hosted by the United States Coast Guard that took place at both the Peoria Central Fire House and on the river. The officers learned towing methods, troubleshooting watercraft issues, and sharpening their boat handling skills.

The Fon du Lac Park Police Department will be hosting its own 3-day Marine Certification Training at the end of May that will be conducted by retired Chief Mike Johnson. Participants from other local agencies will be joining our department for both classroom instruction and time out on the Illinois River to further the officers' hands-on skills. The hope is to have as many local agencies certified and trained to collaborate and respond to river rescue calls.

Commissioner Schwab and Director Weigle both publicly welcomed and thanked Interim Chief Orr for all the time and effort he has put in over the last few weeks.

Golf – Tom Wolff provided the board with a written report of the current events and projects happening at both golf courses.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 052024 – 1 authorizing the conveyance of personal property no longer needed or useful for Park purposes by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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Old Business

Nothing to review.

New Business

Nothing to review.

Executive Session

No Executive Session Held

Motion to adjourn at 4:28 pm by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jody Pullium, Vice President