

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, July 15, 2024,
at 4:00 PM**

President Pullium called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, July 15, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Vice President Seth Landwehr, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Steve Deatherage and Les Newton. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Interim Police Chief Dale Orr, Director of Golf Tom Wolff, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 17, 2024, by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held June 17, 2024, by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to review

Recognition of Visitors

Channell 22 was present

Finance

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

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

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director's Report: Director Weigle reported that East Peoria High School Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement to move forward with the Tennis Court Project. Demolition of the current tennis courts will begin in August with a completion date in March of 2025 with weather permitting. A joint statement regarding this project will be released in the coming weeks.

The Fitness Court equipment installation began on July 12th and once this work is complete it will be open for public use. The tentative date for the ribbon cutting is Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Ledgestone will be holding a grand opening tee time event at the Brady Park Cole Hollow Monster Disc Golf Course starting Friday, July 26, 2024, followed by the Ledgestone Open that will take place the weekend of August 2nd.

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Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Mingus reported that the disc golf course now has playable tee pads. The maintenance crew plans to install steppingstones and concrete blocks for creek crossing along with stairs for better accessibility in the coming weeks.

The roller hockey rink will be torn out the first week of August followed by the tennis courts. The materials will be hauled away to be used for erosion prevention.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director / Superintendent of Recreation Report: Director Weigle reported that the girls fast pitch had another successful season. Slow-pitch softball teams are currently experiencing weather related cancellations and will be scheduling make-up games. Fall soccer registration is open for the upcoming season with the first game scheduled for August 10th.

The Park District will be hosting a tumbling camp at the Springfield Road gym the second week of September. This camp brings in elite athletes and coaches from all over the country.

Interim Chief of Police Report: Interim Chief Orr reported that the Way Forward Act reporting along with both the JCIS and LESO audits have been submitted for approval and accepted.

The Red, White, and Boom event was a success. The department deployed both boats and were manned by Mike Johnson, Officers Dardanes and Powell, along with 2 East Peoria Fire Department Paramedics. The department also had officers present at Spindler Campground, Cooper South Park, and Fondulac Drive.

The department participated in multiple river rescue and recovery calls including the recovery of a stranded boat north of Henry, Illinois. Interim Chief Orr noted that the success of these calls and events is largely due to the department's strong relationship with EPPD, Peoria Fire Department and Dive Team, IDNR, the Coast Guard, and other area agencies.

Director of Golf Report: The new EZ-GO golf carts were delivered on July 8th and customers are very satisfied with the looks and speed of the new carts. The dredging project is complete but the material that was removed will need to dry for several months before it can be opened and used. Events and play at both courses are steady despite the heat.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business – OSLAD Grant Community Input

Director Weigle informed those who were present that the IDNR announced July 1, 2024, that there will be \$54 million set aside for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant Program FY 2025 applicants. The Park District plans to once again apply for the matching grant for up to \$600,000 to be used towards the previously proposed Neumann Park Improvement Project that will include a new shelter, restrooms, splash pad, additional parking, and lighting. Miller, Hall, and Triggs will help with acquiring the needed Title Insurance Policy that was missing for last year's application packet.

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Executive Session

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Motion to adjourn by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Jody Pullium, President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Seth Landwehr, Vice President