

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, August 19, 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, August 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Steve Deatherage and Les Newton. Vice President Seth Landwehr arrived at 4:06 pm. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, 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 July 15, 2024, by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 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 Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director's Report: Director Weigle reported that the Park maintenance crew is continuing their work on the Tennis Court / Roller Rink project. The asphalt company is currently scheduled for October 14th and 15th to overlay the courts. The asphalt must cure for at least 15 days before the coatings and paint can be applied. Pat Judge with All Weather Courts is projecting that the coating will be applied in May of 2025 as the temperature during the coating process must stay above 50 degrees.

The Fitness Court/Studio launch date is set for September 10th at 10:00 a.m. There will be representatives from the National Fitness Campaign and Blue Cross Blue Shield for this event. There will be fitness ambassadors from Farrell's Body Shaping to demonstrate how to use the equipment and will participate in a relay challenge. The Jazzercise group will also perform a routine to showcase the Studio portion of the project.

The Cole Hollow Monster Disc Golf Course is now open to the public. Due to time constraints and delays from the July 15th storms, Ledgestone decided to use an alternate course for the August Tournament.

The Farm Park started its fall hours this past week and will now only be open Thursday through Sunday until the season ends on Labor Day. This season Farm Park has had over twenty-two thousand visitors and sold over thirty-two thousand feed cones. Preparations for the annual Witches Walk, which is scheduled for October 18, 19, 25, and 26 will begin as soon as the Park closes for the season.

The Park District has launched its new website. The new website is easier to navigate and includes an interactive map of the parks and facilities. The Director hopes to do a short presentation at the next board meeting.

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Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Mingus reported that damage from the July 15th storm ended up being a week long cleanup effort for the maintenance crew. The Park District had extensive damage from fallen trees and limbs throughout the Parks.

The maintenance crew has been working on various projects at the Disc Golf Course including mulching, installing benches, and digging in a more traversable walking path. The Park District has gained access to free mulch and the maintenance crew plans to mulch the entire course as time and weather allows.

The roller hockey demolition, drainage, and installation of the base materials is complete. The demolition of the first set of tennis courts has started. Additional rental equipment was needed due to there being an unexpected thirteen additional inches of asphalt beneath the surface of the tennis courts. Once the existing material is removed, the drainage and base materials will be put in place.

Motion to approve the agreement between the Fon du Lac Park District and All Weather Courts Recreational Surfacing for the Tennis Court and Roller Hockey Rink Rehab Projects by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Motion to approve Resolution R2024-1 providing for the approval of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant application submission and funding by Landwehr, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director / Superintendent of Recreation Report: Director Weigle reported that the slow-pitch season has approximately two months left and has experienced some rain delays. Fall soccer started with 218 participants. This is the most participants that we have had since 2019 and 60 more than last year. Basketball registration is now open with a discounted rate for early registration. The new tumbling session has started and are again expecting over eight hundred participants. The Latchkey Program currently has 110 participants signed up and expects to provide this service to at least 60 kids on average per day. Rainbow registration has started and the program is nearly full already and has already surpassed last years registration numbers.

Interim Chief of Police Report: Interim Chief Orr provided the board with a written report of the calls and events for their review.

Director of Golf Report: The aerification, topdressing, and overseeding have been completed at Quail Meadows Golf Course. The work was done earlier this year than in years past due to the greens suffering from the excessive heat early in the season.

The board was also presented with a quote from Clesens to update the irrigation system at Fon du Lac Golf Course. The existing system is around 17 years old and is currently inoperable, requiring all watering of the course to be done by hand. Director Wolff plans to move forward with this project as soon as possible and anticipates the project to take 3-4 weeks to complete.

Old Business

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OSLAD Grant Community Input: Director Weigle informed those who were present that the OSLAD Grant Committee met on August 13, 2024, to discuss the application process and to review the drawings and overall layout and accessibility of the proposed upgrades. The needed Title Insurance has been acquired and the Park District will begin collecting all the necessary data for submitting the application. The community feedback for this project has already been very positive.

Director Weigle also notified the board members of an inquiry from the City of East Peoria regarding the expansion of the 520 Cafe parking lot. The expansion of the proposed parking area would take away from the green space that is currently part of the Martha Cunningham Park near the corner of Bloomington Road and Kerfoot. After some discussion the consensus was that the Park District intends to keep this area as a green space for public use.

Executive Session

No executive session

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Jody Pullium, President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Seth Landwehr, Vice President