

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, September 16, 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, September 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Steve Deatherage and Les Newton. Vice President Seth Landwehr was absent. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Chief of Police Dale Orr, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held August 19, 2024, by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

Director Weigle presented a letter

Recognition of Visitors

Channell 22 was present

Amanda and Bob Statz – Director Weigle presented a Cole Hollow Monster Disc Golf Course t-shirt and plaque for all of Bob's volunteer efforts during the creation of the Disc Golf Course.

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

Motion to approve the Agreement with WA Financial for the 2025 bond issue by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Discussion was had to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to review the proposed 2025 budget.

Building and Grounds

Director's Report: Director Weigle reported on the following:

- **Tennis Court / Roller Hockey Rink Project:** The Park maintenance crew is currently on schedule to complete the demolition and install the new drainage and base materials.
- **Fitness Court Project:** The launch and ribbon cutting was a big success. Recognition was given to those who came out and participated in this event.
- **OSLAD GRANT:** The grant was officially submitted on September 12th. Director Weigle publicly thanked Erin Glover and Sam Lahood for their efforts during the application process.
- **Farm Park:** The Farm Park closed for the season on Labor Day. The end of season totals were 24,000 visitors and 35,000 feed cones sold. Preparations are already underway for the Witches Walk event in October.
- **Maintenance Backhoe:** The Park Superintendent is looking into trading in the 2013 backhoe for a newer model and will discuss in his report.

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Superintendent of Parks Report: Superintended Mingus explained to the board members that the current backhoe is a heavily used front-line piece equipment that is over 10 years old and in need of several thousand dollars' worth of repairs. Altorfer provided the Park District with a demo model to assist with daily operations and allowed the staff to familiarize themselves with the newer model tractor. The current backhoe would be traded in on the newer model that also has a 7-year warranty. After some discussion it was agreed to move forward with an official action item at the next board meeting.

Personnel

Motion to approve Dale Orr as Chief of Police by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Land Development

Nothing to Review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director / Superintendent of Recreation Report: Director Weigle gave a brief overview of the current sports programs followed by a short presentation of the new website.

Interim Chief of Police Report: Chief Orr reported that he has been working on updating the evidence procedural systems, supplies, equipment and inventory. The department also successfully responded to several maritime emergency and service calls over the last month and participated in two separate hovercraft trainings with other local departments.

Director of Golf Report: Tom Wolff provided the board with a written report of the current events and projects happening at both golf courses including the proposed 2025 fee changes for Banquet and Covey rentals.

Motion to approve the proposed fee changes for Banquet and Covey rentals by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

President Pullium swore in Dale Orr as the Chief of Police.

Executive Session

No executive session

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Jody Pullium, President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Seth Landwehr, Vice President