

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Vice President Seth Landwehr, Commissioners Steve Deatherage and Les Newton. Commissioner Schwab 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 from the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session held on October 21, 2024, by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

None to Review

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Reports and place it on file by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director’s Report:

Director Weigle reported that the tennis court project is complete and that the high school is excited to start using the courts this coming Spring. The windscreen for the tennis courts, dasher boards for the roller rink, and finishing touches by the maintenance crew will also be completed in the Spring.

The Witches Walk Halloween Event had another very successful year with an average of 1,300 attendees each night. Director Weigle publicly thanked the staff, volunteers, and police department for helping to make this event such a success.

Director Weigle presented the board members with a proposal from Marilyn Leyland who wishes to donate a parcel of land located at 705 Fondulac Drive to the Park District. This property is mostly on the hillside and the family has no plans to build on this property. The consensus of the board is to move forward with the donation of this property and Attorney Joseph will proceed with preparing the needed paperwork.

Superintendent of Parks Report: Superintendent Mingus reported on the upcoming updates at the Campground and Marina including updating the electrical sites and additional water hydrants in Cone Park. Dredging work was also done near green 8 at Quail Meadows resulting in the recovery of thousands of lost golf balls. The maintenance crew continues to conduct the annual maintenance, cleaning, and winterization of the parks and facilities.

Personnel

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Land Development

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Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director / Superintendent of Recreation Report: Director Weigle gave a brief overview of the current sports programs and enrollment.

Chief of Police Report: Chief Orr reported that his department was awarded the Axon Taser 10 grant and expects delivery by February of 2025. The department plans to apply for future grants as both Chief Orr and Officer Neal will be attending a 2-day grant writing training seminar in December. The attendees who successfully complete this training will leave with a grant ready to submit.

The department is conducting and will participate in various training courses in the coming months. Officer Powell is currently working to get the Fon du Lac Park District employees up to date with mandated training such as CPR, AED, and First Aid. Chief Orr and Brealyn Bailliez have started training with the Director of Records from EPPD to allow for the FPPD to record, process, and maintain all records in house and help cut down on long-term additional costs. The department also plans to participate in an upcoming Cold Water & Ice Rescue class along with other area first responders.

River 2 and River 3 have been removed from the river for annual maintenance but can still be utilized, along with the hovercraft, in the event of a river emergency during the winter months. The department expects to bring on an experienced EPPD officer part-time in the coming weeks. He will bring with him a wide range of experience and skills. Preparations have also started for the Festival of Lights and Winter Wonderland patrols.

Director of Golf Report: Tom Wolff provided the board members with a written report that gave an overview of the various updates and activities at Quail Meadows.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Jody Pullium, President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Seth Landwehr, Vice President