

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, July 21, 2025,
at 4:00 PM**

President Seth Landwehr called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:05 pm on Monday, July 21, 2025. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Seth Landwehr, Vice President Rick Schwab, Commissioners Jody Pullium, Steve Deatherage and Les Newton. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Police Chief Dale Orr, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director of Golf Steven Blackburn, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting and Executive Session held June 6, 2025, by Landwehr, seconded by Schwab, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held June 16, 2025, by Landwehr, seconded by Newton, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

The Women's Golf League sent a thank you card for the donation made for their annual outing.

Recognition of Visitors

Michael Johnson, Thomas Wolff, Officer Michael Powell along with his niece, mother and wife Heather Powell. Channel 22 was also 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 Report: Director Weigle reported that a pre-construction meeting for the Neumann Park Project was held in late June. The Park District has completed its commitments related to demolition and infrastructure. Construction is scheduled to begin in early August.

Mike Renders generously donated funds for the installation of a memorial bench in honor of Rosemary Render, which has been placed at Lookout 1.

Beginning August 14, the Farm Park will adjust its schedule to Thursday through Sunday. The final day of operation for the season will be Labor Day.

The Park District will host the Surf's Up Foam Fest Summer End Send-Off on Saturday, August 16. This event is partially sponsored by local businesses and will feature foam cannons, inflatable slides, balloon art, face painting, and crafts.

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Superintendent Report: Superintendent Mingus reported that the campground shower house recently received a much-needed makeover. The exterior was patched, repainted, and now looks brand new.

The maintenance crew completed several projects at Quail Meadows, including field tile repairs, a culvert replacement, and improvements to the cart paths with new rock.

Repairs were made to a collapsed culvert under the pavement on Fondulac Drive. We extend our sincere thanks to the City of East Peoria for their assistance with traffic flagging and the repair process.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Ledgestone Disc Golf Tournament. These include mulching, mowing, trimming, and the creation of a new, more accessible path at the end of the course.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Recreation Programs Report: Director Weigle reported that fast pitch softball season has concluded, while the slow pitch season is set to wrap up in just a few weeks. Due to its growing popularity, the fall session of Sports for Tots has been expanded to include ten additional classes, with a focus on developing soccer and flag football skills.

Soccer camp kicks off on July 21st and currently has nearly 30 participants registered. The camp will emphasize skill-building through engaging drills and activities.

The Summer Dance Program is quickly reaching capacity and will feature themed dance sessions designed to inspire creativity and movement.

Police Report: Reported that the Red, White, and Boom 4th of July event was a tremendous success. The department provided coverage both on the river and in the parks, assisting with crowd control and traffic direction.

During the event, a distress call was received reporting that a swimmer had gone underwater and had not resurfaced. Officer Powell, along with East Peoria Paramedics and other responding agencies, immediately proceeded to the scene.

After the initial response, the other agencies returned to their assigned posts. Officer Powell remained in the area and continued the search. The individual was eventually located and promptly transported for medical attention.

In recognition of his efforts, Chief Orr presented Officer Powell with a Letter of Commendation, expressing gratitude for his dedication to duty and service to the community.

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Golf Report: Golf Director Blackburn reported that things are going well at both courses. The cart paths have received some much-needed maintenance, and the golf course maintenance team has been working on the cleanup and maintenance of the grounds at both courses.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Tom Wolff was presented with a retirement plaque and proclamation honoring his years of dedicated service to the Fon du Lac Park District. He stated that the time went by fast but that he had a good run, and he very much enjoyed working with everyone over the years.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: _____
President

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Vice President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Secretary