

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, November 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM**

Vice President Rick Schwab called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, November 17, 2025. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: Vice President Rick Schwab, Commissioners Jody Pullium, Steve Deatherage, and Les Newton. President Seth Landwehr was absent. Also, present Attorney Kate Carter, Golf Director Steven Blackburn, Police Chief Dale Orr, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session held October 20, 2025, by Schwab, seconded by Newton, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Committee Meeting held October 27, 2025, by Schwab, seconded by Newton, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to review

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was also 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 Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director Report: Director Weigle reported the Neumann Park Project continues to progress, with GA Rich completing the staking of splashpad plumbing and Aupperle initiating drilling for fixture footings. Work will proceed as weather conditions allow.

The Witches Walk Halloween event was highly successful, drawing approximately 4,200 visitors. Recognition was given to Park District staff and volunteers for their time and efforts.

The Campground and Marina will close December 1, for the season. Almost all offseason storage spaces are rented.

At Spring Creek Preserve, twenty-six new trees were planted in field 2 thanks to the generous donations from Mike McGraw and Bob Bartelt.

Regarding the Cheer and Tumbling Program, Titanium Force Cheer and Jon Williams Tumbling will relocate at the end of December. The Park District plans to introduce a recreational tumbling program in February at the Cimmeron location. Park Maintenance will undertake rehabilitation of the current cheer / tumble gym on Springfield Road during the winter to accommodate various future sports programs.

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Superintendent Report: Superintendent Mingus reported that the maintenance crew has been busy winterizing and preparing the fleet for snow removal.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Recreation Programs Report: Director Weigle gave an overview of the proposed Recreational fee changes and community events for 2026.

Golf Report: Golf Director Blackburn gave an overview of the proposed Golf fee changes for 2026.

Police Report: Chief Orr reported that the Witches Walk event was a tremendous success, receiving numerous compliments from attendees. Special recognition was given to Kylie Emmert, Kris Holcomb, Kylie Brown, Superintendent Mingus and his maintenance crews, along with all departments, for their collaboration in making this large event possible.

The Fon du Lac Park Police Department hosted the first Illinois Parks Law Enforcement Association (IPLEA) fall conference. The three-day event included training on death investigations, crime scene processing, blood spatter analysis, water rescue and recovery, railroad investigations, and human trafficking. Officers Powell, Waller, and the Chief attended and reported high satisfaction with the professionalism of the instructors. IPLEA expressed gratitude to the board, administration, and maintenance for their support and indicated plans to return annually.

River 3 has been removed from the water and winterized, and all watercrafts are now stored at Spindler Marina. Plans are in place for River 2 to be winterized by Police staff with guidance from a marine technician, reducing future costs. Cleaning, inventory, and repairs are underway, and the fleet will be prepped and prepared to redeploy for the 2026 season.

The City of East Peoria began laying electrical lines for Winter Wonderland on November 17, 2025, with FPPD providing overnight security. The opening date remains scheduled for November 28, 2025, weather permitting, and FPPD is prepared for the Festival of Lights season.

FPPD will operate the admissions booth for Winter Wonderland on December 24, 25, and 31. The department will receive 50% of admissions revenue for these nights, which is expected to significantly boost the operational budget for the next fiscal year.

Officer Powell and the Chief have been working extensively with Lexipol to create a comprehensive and current policy manual. Policies will be released in blocks over the coming weeks to allow staff time for review. The manual will align with federal and state laws, reduce liability, and establish best practices. Completion is expected by the end of the month.

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Recreation fee changes by Schwab, seconded by Pullium, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Community Events by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Golf fee changes by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: _____
President

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Vice President

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Secretary