

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, May 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

President Seth Landwehr called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2026. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Seth Landwehr, Vice President Rick Schwab, and Commissioners Les Newton, Steve Deatherage, and Jody Pullium. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Police Chief Dale Orr, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session held May 18, 2026, by Landwehr, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to Report

Recognition of Visitors

Staff from Channel 22 were present along with the Campground / Marina Manager Amanda Hill.

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report 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 Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. 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 Weigle reported that progress has been made on the Neumann Park Project since the last meeting. Work continues on the multi-purpose gym, including the completion of support framing for basketball hoops and modifications to the lobby area, such as the removal of windows and repositioning of a door.

He also discussed the proposed changes to campground and marina operations, including potential adjustments to the season dates and the implementation of a 14-day maximum stay beginning with the 2027 season. The Campground / Marina Manager was present to answer the Commissioners' questions and to provide input on the future of the facility.

Fon du Lac Farm Park has experienced increased attendance due to school visits, and park hours will transition Tuesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., following Memorial Day weekend. Discussions were also had regarding the appointment of a new Superintendent of Recreation and the designation of a Park Board representative to the IRVSRA board.

Additionally, a proposal was presented by Byron Paulson, Preservation Specialist with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, to register Neumann Park Hill Prairie as a Land and Water Preserve, which would help protect native grasses. Director Weigle also brought forward discussion regarding metal detecting in the parks, and the Commissioners determined that enforcement will be handled at the discretion of the Police Department.

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Superintendent Mingus reported several ongoing projects, including assisting contractors with gym renovations, completing improvements at Farm Park and the disc golf course, and performing routine park maintenance such as mowing, trimming, and mulching. Staff are also handling landscaping tasks, including planting flowers, and completing seeding work around the splash pad area.

Personnel

Nothing to Report

Land Development

Nothing to Report

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle reported that the Girls Fastpitch Softball program has 178 participants, an increase from last year, with practices beginning in mid-May and games starting June 3 at EastSide Centre. The COED Adult Slow-Pitch Softball season began May 7 after an earlier rain delay. Summer camp registration opened in late April, with the program running from June 1 through August 7. The Rainbow Junction preschool program concluded its school year with a field trip to Farm Park. The Youth Dance Program Showcase, held May 1–2, drew strong attendance and positive feedback, with the summer dance series beginning in June and the next season starting in September.

Director of Golf Steven Blackburn reported a strong start to the season across all facilities. At Quail Meadows and The Covey, operations have been successful despite challenging weather, with facility updates such as the Pro Shop reorganization and transition to Coke products improving guest service and flow. Early guest feedback has been very positive, particularly regarding course quality. Fon du Lac Golf Course is now fully open following spring preparations and is performing exceptionally well, with course conditions meeting new 2026 standards. The Quail Driving Range has also opened successfully, experiencing strong traffic and consistent use. Overall, the maintenance team's continued efforts have kept all courses in excellent condition, contributing significantly to high customer satisfaction and maintaining momentum from early-season maintenance initiatives.

Chief Orr presented an overview of the calls at the Campground/Marina over the last few years. The department also participated in the Fon du Lac Library's Big Rig Petting Zoo event, which was highly successful and well attended, with staff bringing the Humvee and Hovercraft for public interaction; appreciation was extended to Sgt. Powell and Officer Steiner for their volunteer efforts. Additionally, background investigations are underway for three finalists for a full-time position, with a hiring decision and training anticipated before the June board meeting. Planning is progressing for the annual Red, White and Boom event, with no issues identified at this time. Finally, Sgt. Powell recently completed de-escalation instructor training and a Lead Homicide Investigators course and is expected to attend additional supervisory and investigative training in the future.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 051826-PM amending Title 6 of the Fon Du Lac Park District's Policy Manual by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Old Business

Director Weigle reported that he has been in contact with the Crumley family regarding the property adjacent to the Spring Creek Preserve and plans to schedule a meeting with them in July.

New Business

Nothing to Review

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Executive Session

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Motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm by Landwehr, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Seth Landwehr, President

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Rick Schwab, Vice President