

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, July 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

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, July 20, 2026. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Rick Schwab, Vice President Steve Deatherage, Commissioners Seth Landwehr, Les Newton and Jody Pullium. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Police Chief Dale Orr, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director of Golf Steven Blackburn, Superintendent of Recreation Brealyn Whitaker, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held June 15, 2026, by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage, 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

Emily Wright, 205 Baylor St. East Peoria, IL 61611, presented a proposal to amend the absentee rules for Summer Camp. Officer Steiner and Channel 22 were 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: 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 Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Helping Hands Reports by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle reported that the Neumann Park project is approximately 90% complete, with only a few remaining items awaiting completion. Attendance at the Farm Park continues to be strong, with free admission Tuesdays averaging around 1,000 visitors. An additional Evening at the Farm event is planned in August featuring food vendors and the Splash Pad. He also noted that crack filling and seal coating were completed on the Doering Park walking path and that the campground's primitive camping area has reopened following the river's return below flood stage.

Superintendent Mingus reported the maintenance staff focused on several maintenance and improvement projects during the reporting period, including HVAC repairs, storm damage cleanup, splash pad startup and programming, drainage improvements at the Neumann Park playground, and installation of signage at Neumann Park.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

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Programs, Facilities and Policy

Superintendent Whitaker reported the recreation programs continue to operate successfully despite occasional weather disruptions. Softball leagues have accommodated rain-related cancellations with makeup games. Summer Camp remains active with multiple field trips and activities, and registration has opened for the 2026-2027 Latchkey and Rainbow Junction programs. The Youth Dance Program will resume in September, and the Tumbling Program's open gyms continue to be popular. Upcoming community events include the Midweek Lunch Meet-Up and Foam Fiesta in August

Golf Director Blackburn reported the golf operations at Quail Meadows and Fon du Lac remained strong throughout June, with steady public play, leagues, and events. The Clarkson Memorial Outing, the largest event of the year, was successfully hosted with strong participation and positive results. Despite extreme summer heat, course conditions remained excellent and received favorable feedback from golfers. The pro shop also experienced strong sales, particularly in golf equipment, contributing to a successful month overall.

Chief Orr introduced Lena Steiner as our newest full-time officer. Officer Steiner has transitioned to solo patrol and continues to perform exceptionally well while completing additional instructor certifications. The Greater Peoria Red, White and Boom event was conducted successfully without any significant incidents. The department is coordinating with Illinois Conservation Police for the annual White Trash Bash and has prepared boats and rescue equipment for the event. Movie Night in the Park was well attended and generated positive feedback regarding both police engagement and the District's summer programming. The FPPD will also participate in National Night Out Against Crime in El Paso to strengthen community outreach and gather ideas for future local events.

Motion to approve the proposed names for the new Splash Pad area and Neumann Park Pavilions, by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and action on behalf of the Fon du Lac Park District is probable or imminent, for considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and for the purpose of discussing the purchase, sale or lease of real estate at 4:30 p.m. by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to Regular Session at 4:54 p.m. by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call : 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn by Schwab, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: _____
President

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Vice President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Secretary