

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
DECEMBER 18, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ron Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Roll Call: President Ron Pritchard - present
Vice President - Shane Miller - present
Commissioner - Rodney Frey - present
Commissioner and Board Secretary - Keith Aurand - present
Commissioner - Steve Pritchard - present via phone
Staff Present: Duane Long - Executive Director
Teresa Smith - Administrative Assistant

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A card of appreciation was received from Teresa Smith to express gratitude for the gift of flowers with the recent death of her brother in November.

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

IV. VISITORS - Sign in sheet is on file.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Frey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the November 20, 2019 regular session minutes and the December 2, 2019 Special Board Meeting minutes.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Aurand to accept all financial documents for November 2019 as printed.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried

VII. REPORTS

- A. Commissioners
1. President R. Pritchard - The Shop with a Cop event last weekend was once again a great event for children in the community. Appreciation was expressed for everyone who assisted with the event and for the \$250.00 donation from the Dixon Park District for the Shop with a Cop event.
 2. Commissioner Miller - Several positive comments about the Dixon Park District have been shared by people in the community. Constituents are expressing to Miller that they support the new direction for the with Dixon Park District.

3. Commissioner Frey - Raynor Garage Doors will be celebrating 75 years of doing business in Dixon in 2020. Commissioner Frey is on the planning committee for the event and would like to determine if the Board would approve the use of alcohol at Meadows Park if Raynor Garage Doors wanted to host the 75th anniversary celebration at the Meadows. Consensus of the Board is to have Commissioner Frey let the Raynor anniversary celebration committee know the Board supports the use of alcohol at the Meadows for the 75th anniversary celebration. Final approval of alcohol at the Meadows for the Raynor anniversary event will be on the January 2020 Dixon Park District Board Meeting agenda.
 4. Commissioner Aurand - Long indicated ComEd will be installing a light at the Washington Avenue parking lot for the Lowell Park Bike Trail. The light will be installed in 2020.
Offering memorial options such as benches, playground equipment, and shelters to community members who want to donate to the Dixon Park District may be helpful to people wanting to make a donation to the Park District.
A potential idea for implementation would be for installation of remote cabins at Lowell Park or the Meadows.
 5. Commissioner S. Pritchard - Shared that the ducks at Page Park are looking rough.
- B. Executive Director
The Board reviewed Long's report as printed.
Long indicated he is working with Greg Gates regarding a grant for \$2.5 million for the Community Center.
Long is also working on the budget for the upcoming year.
The ice rink at Page Park has been flooded and will open once the weather consistently stays cold. A video of the ice rink showing the ice skate rentals and the warming hut was shared with the Board.
In November Michele Rehbein resigned from her position as the Nature Center Director. One of the seasonal workers, Madison Cromwell was interested in this position so it has been offered to her as an interim position.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Center Update
Long indicated Darin from Ballard*King is planning to get the feasibility study report back to the Dixon Park District in January 2020.
Long is working on the information that will be shared with the community regarding the upcoming referendum to expand the Dixon Park District boundaries.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Use of Meadows Park Property
Use of the Meadows property for walkers during the deer hunting season and options for this program were discussed. This item will be added to the January 2020 Board meeting agenda.

B. Dixon Junior Tackle Lease

The current lease between the Dixon Park District and Dixon Junior Dukes is for \$2350 with a 5% increase annually until 2025. Dixon Junior Dukes is requesting an addendum to the lease that would allow them to pay the Dixon Park District less but also give the Park District more access to the use of the Dixon Junior Dukes playing fields and their complex. Amending the lease would benefit both Dixon Junior Dukes and the Dixon Park District.

Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Steve Pritchard to accept the requested lease changes with an annual lease payment of \$2000 with no annual increase in the lease payment through 2025 and the Dixon Park District would regain the use of the back 2 fields for programs and events.

Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XI. ADJOURN

At 7:54 p.m. Commissioner Frey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to adjourn.

Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - yes; motion carried.

Signatures: _____ Date: _____
Ron Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
Shane Miller

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
Steve Pritchard