

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
JANUARY 15, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ron Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 until 7:30 p.m.
Staff Present: Duane Long - Executive Director
Teresa Smith - Administrative Assistant
Aaron Gold - Speer Financial, Inc.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Ron Pritchard, the President, and the following Park Commissioners were physically present _ at said location: Ron Pritchard, Shane Miller, Rodney Frey and Keith Aurand.

The following Park Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: Steve Pritchard.

No Park Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Park Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: None

At 6:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$600,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: In past years the Park Board has approved a loan to provide funds for the Dixon Park District throughout the year for maintenance and improvements to the parks. The Park Board would like to issue bonds to finance park maintenance and improvements instead of pursuing a loan. Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Park Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following: None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I. None*

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following: None

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Park Commissioner S. Pritchard moved and Park Commissioner Miller seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following Park Commissioners voted AYE: Ron Pritchard, Shane Miller, Rodney Frey, Keith Aurand and Steve Pritchard

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners

III. CORRESPONDENCE

President Pritchard shared a card of appreciation from St. Anne School for the use of Lowell Park and the Ruth Edwards Nature Center for their annual Turkey Trot in November.

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - New Business item A- Jack Mabley Center will be discussed after the Visitors section. Old Business item A -Use of the Meadows Property will be discussed after the Jack Mabley Center.

V. VISITORS - Sign in sheet is on file.

A. Bond Issue - Aaron Gold with Speer Financial

Aaron Gold introduced himself to the Board as the Assistant Vice President of Speer Financial, a company that the Park District has been working with regarding the issuing of General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.
Gold shared written information and spoke with the Board about the purpose of the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jack Mabley Center
Steve Caudillo shared appreciation for the recent Park District purchase of the scoreboards for the Armory. Jack Mabley Center hosted a tournament at the Armory over the Thanksgiving weekend with 10 teams including 120 athletes participating in preparation for the Special Olympics.
Caudillo shared other programs that Jack Mabley offers to the residents including a Chicago Play Day with the Chicago Bears and a Special Olympics Camp in Byron.
- B. Alcohol Use at Meadows Park for Raynor garage Door Anniversary Celebration
Commissioner Frey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Aurand, to approve the use of alcohol in the Meadows field area behind the parking lot for the Raynor anniversary celebration in 2020.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - absent; motion carried
- C. Employee Job Description Requirement for CDL
Long indicated with the recent acquisition of the dump truck from the City of Dixon he would like to add a requirement for a Class B CDL to the job description for the full-time Maintenance Staff.
Commissioner Aurand made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Frey, to approve the addition of the Class B CDL to the job description for the full-time Maintenance Staff.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - absent; motion carried

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commissioner Aurand made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Frey, to approve the December 18, 2019 regular session minutes.
Vote by roll call: R. Pritchard - yes, Miller - yes, Frey - yes, Aurand - yes, and S. Pritchard - absent; motion carried

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

IX. REPORTS

- A. Commissioners
1. President R. Pritchard - None
 2. Commissioner Miller - None

3. Commissioner Frey - Expressed appreciation for all the time and effort from Duane and his wife Stacy Long that went into the holiday party.
4. Commissioner Aurand - None
5. Commissioner S. Pritchard - Absent

B. Executive Director

The Board reviewed Long's report as printed.

Long has gotten an estimate to install Tri-lock blocks to prevent erosion along the river bank at Lowell Park. A 20' x 100' section of Tri-lock would cost \$12,700 for the material. This topic can be further discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.

Long indicated the ice rink is planning to open on Monday if the weather stays cold.

Long is working to get an estimate on the cost to have Christmas lights with music available in the park.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Use of the Meadows Property

President Pritchard expressed appreciation to Clyde Seeley and Damian Considine for all the work they have done over the years on the Meadows property. Several community members voiced opinions regarding the use of the Meadows property that is currently used for the white-tail deer archery hunting program during the fall. The Meadows property is enjoyed for a variety of uses from January to September including hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Consensus of the Board is to continue with the white-tail deer archery season in the Meadows as it is and revisit the use of the Meadows for the white-tail deer archery season again in three years. Commissioner Aurand abstained from the consensus acknowledgement.

B. Community Center Update

Long continues to work with Greg Gates to prepare an IDNR grant application for \$2.5 million to cover expenses for the community center and is working on partnerships with the community center project.

C. Dixon Junior Dukes Lease

Long indicated at the December 2019 meeting when the Dixon Junior Dukes lease was discussed it was indicated the previous fee paid by Dixon Junior Dukes was \$2000 however the previous fee paid by the Dixon Junior Dukes should have been stated as \$1000.

Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Frey, to rescind the motion made at the December 18, 2019 Board meeting regarding keeping the Dixon Junior Dukes lease payment at \$2000 with no annual increase in the lease payment through 2025 and the Dixon Park District would regain the use of the back two fields for programs and modify the lease payment to \$1000 annually with no increases through 2025.

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

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

XI. ADJOURN

At 7:57 p.m. Commissioner Miller made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Aurand, to adjourn.

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

Signatures: _____ Date: _____
Ron Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
Shane Miller

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
Steve Pritchard