

DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 18, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Ron Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:02PM
Roll Call: President Ron Pritchard - present
Commissioner Jerry Pauser - present
Commissioner Rodney Frey - present
Commissioner Anthony Venier - present
Commissioner/Board Secretary, Keith Aurand - absent
Staff Present: Duane Long, Executive Director
Seth Nicklaus, Recreation Director
Tyler Hodapp, Maintenance Director
Nichole Goy, Office Manager
Cindy Jankiewicz, Nature Center Director

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - Starting with visitors/audit.

Question by Walter Parsons regarding new facility and whether there were surveys conducted, and who will be able to use. Long offered to send him the survey info and meet with him if he desires. Long explained why a pool is not a financially viable option for DPD to pursue at this time.

III. VISITORS - Sign-in sheet on file

IV. CORRESPONDENCE - Thank You card from Grot was read aloud by Pritchard.

V. BOARD MINUTES

- A. Motion by Frey, second by Venier, to approve the July 21, 2021 regular session minutes. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Frey; second by Venier, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 21, 2021. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Frey; second by Venier, to approve the regular session minutes of August 5, 2021. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Motion carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS - Review/Amend/Accept -

- A. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for July 2021
Motion by Venier; second by Pauser, to approve the financial reports. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Motion carried.
- B. Review annual financial audit - presentation by Lindsey Fish/Sikich, LLP - see report on file. It is her opinion that we are operating on a balanced budget. Amend page 29, 43. Nichole to email Lindsey's contact info to Board. Pauser requested that Nichole

use his personal email rather than the assigned Commissioner email. Motion by – Frey; second by Venier, to approve audit with amendments. Vote by roll call: Pritchard – yes; Pauser – yes; Frey – yes; Venier – yes.

VII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners

1. President Pritchard – Felt that the tour was very good. Complimented staff for the parks’ appearances and programs. Thanked all directors for being at the meeting and providing feedback.
2. Commissioner Pauser – He has a video of the woodchipper and would like to send the video to Amy. Reported good feedback about the sunflower field, and would love to see it again next year.
3. Commissioner Frey – Spoke with Seth about doing a skate night at the roller hockey rink to get some use of that facility. Skates can be rented, maybe Kona Ice to sell treats.
4. Commissioner Venier – Enjoyed the tour of the parks earlier this month. He would like to do that once every year to see all the new updates. Softball is going well. Happy that flag football is beginning soon and thinks it will be popular. Feels police presence (or at least driving by) might be needed for those who get out of hand. Saw a lot of activity at Lowell Park over the weekend and the park looks good. Reports good feedback from the community on the new facility and other updates.
5. Commissioner Aurand – absent.

B. Executive Director

The Board reviewed Long’s report as printed.

Long reported we are getting estimates for a canoe launch at Lowell Park as well as the roads at Lowell Park. The grant we could get would be a 50% match so we must have the funds in place before applying. Looking at estimates and grants for lights for the softball fields. The YMCA agreed to \$8,500/year for the soccer fields. The new contract has been signed and is on file. Looking into a solar panel field for income, which would be located behind the new facility. Pros are: no neighbors will be bothered; prison grid is already set up; access roads are already in place. The company will find an investor for us to help facilitate. Cons: the sunflower field will need to be moved to another location; solar cannot be placed on top of building because it is not income producing that way. Long feels that we need to utilize the acreage to generate income. We have no up-front costs in the first 20 years. After 20 years, we will need to maintain the panels. The typical lifespan on solar panels is 32 years. Frey would like all Board members to be invited to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project if we

get involved. Long reported that Habitat has plenty of volunteers at this time, but they know to contact him if they need help.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bond sale - tabled for next month.


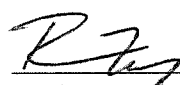
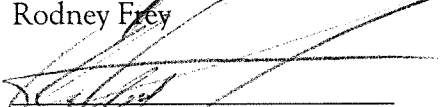
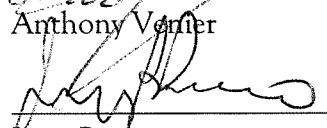
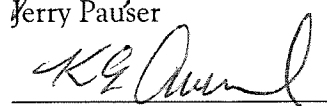
- B. New facility update - Long showed a video of new facility announcement on WQAD News. Long gave a couple of interviews for the new facility which will be on the news tonight. The quote came in within our budget. The price is guaranteed with no cost increase to DPD. If the cost goes down, the difference is split 50/50. This company recently built the new Lee County Jail and did a great job. The County got money back on the build. The Bond will be for \$1.8 million with payments delayed until 2023 which will allow for an \$80,000 cushion in the event additional expenses on our end come up. Foundation work to begin in October, with projected opening date June 2022.

Motion by Frey, second by Pauser, to approve building of new facility by Ringland-Johnson. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Motion carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Venier to adjourn; second by Frey. Vote by roll call: Pritchard - yes; Pauser - yes; Frey - yes; Venier - yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Signatures:  Date: 9-15-21
Ron Pritchard
 Date: 9/15/2021
Rodney Frey
 Date: 9-15-21
Anthony Venier
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Jerry Pauser
 Date: 9-15-21
Keith Aurand