

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS  
June 15, 2022, 6:00PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. President Ron Pritchard called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Roll Call: President Ron Pritchard-Present  
Vice President Rodney Frey-Present  
Board Secretary, Keith Aurand-Present  
Commissioner Jerry Pauser-Present  
Commissioner Anthony Venier-Present

Staff Present: Duane Long, Executive Director  
Michelle Lawson, Office Administrator

**II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**III. VISITORS-** Tim Lee-WIXN, Mari Sippear

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE-** Read aloud by Ron Pritchard.

Thank you card from American Legion Post 12 for our donation to them in honor of Doug Near.

**V. BOARD MINUTES-**Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve May Regular Board Minutes  
And Executive Board Minutes by Rodney Frey;  
Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes;  
Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes;  
Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

**VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept**

A. Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for May, 2022

-Duane Long reports the budget is looking very good right now. Fuel Cost is a concern just like nationwide. Next month is a busy Month financially for the Park District, but will steady in slow months.

Motion by Jerry Pauser to approve May Financial Reports seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

**VII. REPORTS**

A. Commissioners

1. Ron Pritchard-He Commends the department heads for their board reports. He said they are the best he has seen and they are very helpful when the directors cannot be at meetings to answer questions. He has spoken with the recreation director about the increase in dogs in parks that are prohibited. He suggested more signs to say No Dogs in playground areas and areas where children are prominent. Lowell Park clean up day has been changed to June 25, 2022, 9-12. Lunch will be provided after the clean-up. He is looking into paying 2 workers overtime to run the chipper machine on clean-up day. This will be in place of driving across town to dump the brush collected.

2. Jerry Pauser-asked to have arrow signs for the bike path to be placed on the July agenda for approval. He showed the Board an example of the signs they are wanting to purchase through the bike club. There will be no cost to the Park District.

3. Rodney Frey-None

4. Keith Aurand-Asked about issues Maintenance is having with the new drinking fountains. Tyler has ordered parts for the problem and will be fixing the fountains as soon as parts come in. The fountains are still operational for the public. Shout out to Tyler for going above and beyond in his position as maintenance director.

5. Anthony Venier-He and a group have been trimming and blowing the trails regularly. Softball fields are in solid shape. He is pleased with the new umpires being reliable. He is looking into safety towers for areas of parks in town that may need them. The EMS devices will be arriving soon.

B. Executive Director-Solar contract is signed and we will know in February the results of the grant. The commercial is in process. The parade float is almost complete. Staff and their families will walk along the float and hand out popsicles and Facility handouts. We will have a new sign put up on Washington Ave. to indicate the direction of our parks in that area. The parking lot at Washington Ave. will get expanded and resurfaced with grant money. Fall is the estimated start date of the paving project.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Facility Update-Duane Long explained the Grand Opening is delayed until the middle of August due to installation of the gym floor. No date will be set until a completion date is given to us by Ringland-Johnson. The office will still move to the new facility on schedule. Extra costs for any changes in the facility are not the responsibility of the Park District.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Prevailing Wage Ordinance #626-Review/Amend/Approve**

Motion by Keith Aurand to approve prevailing wage ordinance #626, seconded by Rodney Frey. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-No; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None**

**XI. ADJOURN**

Motion by Anthony Venier to Adjourn, seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ron Pritchard

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rodney Frey

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Venier

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Pauser

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Aurand