

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
July 20, 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-Absent-Arrived at 6:15PM

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Read aloud by Ron Pritchard.

Thank you card from Harry and Romelle Sikula. Thanking our maintenance team for removing a downed tree from their property.

Thank you card from Kathy Cecchetti and Rosebrook for the loaning of our picnic tables and fencing for their music event.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve June Regular Board Minutes by Keith Aurand;

Seconded by Rodney Frey. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes;

Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Absent;

Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

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

Duane Long reports the financials are good. There may be extra money in the museum account due to the retirement of the Natural Resource Director. This position will be filled in the late fall. We have a person already in place to continue the burn at Meadows and Lowell Park.

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

VII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners

1. Ron Pritchard-Asked about the sign progress for the parks regarding the dogs in parks that are prohibited. Lowell Park clean up day was postponed due to heavy rain. The make-up date is TBD. Asked Commissioners to make every attempt to attend. Stated he was very impressed with the employees of the Park District from the top on down.

2. Jerry Pauser-None

3. Rodney Frey-Huge kudos to the employees from the top on down.

Complimented staff involved in the 4th of July parade. Duane-for float plans, Michelle for set-up, Lucas for marketing, all staff that participated did a great job. Congratulations on a 1st place float in the Petunia Festival parade. Maintenance is continuing to do a great job cleaning parks.

4. Keith Aurand-Asked the Commissioners to consider numbering the bike trails with signs for better safety. Create a map for First Responders to get to park users in the event of an emergency. Duane recommended working with Teresa Smith to add to the signs she is currently working on. Thank you to park staff and maintenance for a great job.

5. Anthony Venier-Spoke of the commercial Lucas shot at the bike trail. Social media posts are looking great. SPARK Camp was a well run event. Very impressed with the pickleball facilities. He has spoken with Seth about camp ideas.

B. Executive Director-The Park District commercial will be released in a couple of weeks. Seventy-five percent of his time has been related to the completion and opening of the new Facility.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Facility Update-Grand Opening

No date set yet. Looking at the middle of August with the day and time TBA. SVB courts are done and need 2 weeks to cure.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Review/Amend/Approve Boat House/Slip Fee Structure For 2023**-The fees will increase for the boat houses based on the taxes paid by the Park District on the property. The increase for 2023 will be \$57.52 for each boat house lease. Boat slips are not taxed and will not increase.

Motion by Jerry Pauser to increase Boat House Fees by \$57.52 for 2023 seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Absent; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. **Review Petunia Festival**-Everything went great. The grounds were Cleaned up well. Tyler is working with the Petunia Festival to get The ruts were repaired in our park. We foresee no changes to next year's contract.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Keith Aurand to Adjourn, seconded by Rodney Frey.

Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes;
Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Signatures:

Ron Pritchard

Date: _____

Rodney Frey

Date: _____

Anthony Venier

Date: _____

Jerry Pauser

Date: _____

Keith Aurand

Date: _____