

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
October 19, 2022, 6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Cindy Jankiewicz, Nature Center Director

II. PUBLIC HEARING

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Dixon Park District, Lee County, Illinois, held at the Dixon Park District Office, 1312 Washington Avenue, Dixon, Illinois, in said Park District at 6:00 P.M., on the 19th day of October, 2022.

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The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:01 P.M., and upon the roll being called, Ron Pritchard, the President, and the following Park Commissioners were physically present at said location: Rodney Frey, Keith Aurand, Jerry Pauser, and Anthony Venier.

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: None

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 6:02 P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of

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Park Commissioners was a public hearing (the "Hearing") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$650,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds (the "Bonds") to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and 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: to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and 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.

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 ___Keith Aurand___ moved and Park Commissioner ___Anthony Venier___ 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: Keith Aurand, Anthony Venier, Ron Pritchard, Rodney Frey, Jerry Pauser.

The following Park Commissioners voted NAY: None

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally Adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

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IV. VISITORS- Tim Lee-WIXN

V. CORRESPONDENCE- Read aloud by Ron Pritchard.

Thank you card from Mabley Center for items the Park District donated to their program. Thank you letter from Cops N Bobbers for our support and generosity with their fishing program. 64 children participated in this year's event. Thank you from the Whiteside Area Career Center for the tour and program given to their CEO program.

VI. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve September Regular 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.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for September, 2022- Duane Long reported Building & Grounds is close to budget due to high gas prices and Breakdown of equipment. Maintenance will cut services to help Control the budget. All other financials are looking good. Motion by Anthony Venier to approve September Financial Reports seconded by Rodney Frey. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners

1. Ron Pritchard-Thank you to the Commissioners for working the Fall Color Drive at the Meadows on October 16, 2022. Tom Wadsworth would like to be added to the November board agenda to ask permission to add a monument to President's Park in honor of the lives lost in the 1873 Truesdale Bridge collapse.

2. Jerry Pauser-The local bike shop would like to rent 804 Palmyra St if available-No, the property will be out for bid and sold at the November meeting. The Fall Color Drive is a great event.

3. Rodney Frey-The new telescopes at Lowell Park are awesome. The painted trash cans are a great idea. These were created by our Nature Center Director.

4. Keith Aurand-Thank you to the Commissioners for their help at the Fall Color Drive. Approximately 37 cars, 3 horses, 1 ATV, and 1 walker. The public would like for the Meadows to stay open year round. Feedback on the removal of the pit toilets has been all positive.

5. Anthony Venier-He has two projects to propose. The device he had was not compatible to view, so we will put this on the November agenda. Scoreboards for Flag Football and Observation platform for Lowell Park.

B. Executive Director-He received a message from residents about the Bathrooms at Lowell Park needing upgrades. We will repair and Renovate both bathrooms. They both date back to the 1970's. The video board at 804 Palmyra will be moved to John Dixon Park soon. 804 Palmyra will be sold at the November board meeting. We Will be working on adding a gate at Lowell Park. Sterling Fence will They will do their best to add the gate to the lower park this year.

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Running on solar unless it is too shady. We will use electricity and Add solar next year. We will make the piping look like stone pillars At the front of Lowell Park. Window World will be doing an estimate On new windows at Woodcote.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Executive Session Minutes for Public Access

Michelle opened up the last 6 months of executive minutes. Motion by Keith Aurand to Open Executive Session Minutes for Public Access 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.

B. Review/Approve Solar Rooftop Contract for 1312 Washington Avenue

Attorneys have agreed upon the contract to put solar panels on The roof of 1312 Washington Avenue. We will get tax incentives For the next seven years. A copy of the contract was shown to The board. The panels should produce energy for 40 years. There is a possibility of a car charging station for our Facility in The future.

Motion by Rodney Frey to Review/Approve Solar Rooftop Contract for 1312 Washington Avenue, seconded by Jerry Pauser. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

XII. ADJOURN

Motion by Jerry Pauser to Adjourn, seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Ron Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Jerry Pauser

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

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