

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
December 14, 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
 Tyler Hodapp, Maintenance Director
 Seth Nicklaus, Recreation Director

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

III. VISITORS- Tim Lee-WIXN-6:14PM

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Read aloud by Ron Pritchard.

Thank you card from Kreider Services, Thank you card from Nancy Wadsworth for the Thanksgiving dinner we hosted for staff, Thank you Card from Alana tumleson and her lunch group and a \$50.00 donation To our kids programs.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve November 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-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

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VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

- A. Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for November, 2022- Duane Long reported we are Waiting for our final tax money to come in. The Capital Improvement Fund is down to \$15,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion by Anthony Venier to approve November Financial Reports 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.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Commissioners
1. Ron Pritchard-The members of the Bridge Monument Project Will meet after the 1st of the year to get plans started on the Project to be completed by May.
 2. Jerry Pauser-No Comments
 3. Rodney Frey-No Comments
 4. Keith Aurand-recap on the first Yeti Race held the first Saturday in December. The race went very well here at the new Facility especially parking for the event. The positive comments were really exciting to hear. He also added the new safety lights on the the bike paths are exceptional. The piers are up for the second overlook on the river. The project should be completed by the end of this year.
 5. Anthony Venier-Tim Grossnick is moving out of the area and Ryan Elemendorf and Scott Fenwick will take over the bike trails that Tim has overseen for several years. He will be greatly missed. He has contacted Jeff Smith regarding the Lowell Park overlook project. They will meet after the first of the year and get an assessment on the cost of the project. He will contact Greg Gates regarding grant options. Citizens are asking about indoor

pickleball options. They currently go to Westwood in Sterling to play. Seth Nicklaus reported we are looking into two options. Portable nets and reapplying tapes for the lines of the courts. The issue with this option is it is not recommended by the floor company to leave the tape on the floors for extended periods of time. The second option is next year adding lines to the courts when we refinish the floor. We are currently looking to set times in January with the portable nets.

- B. Executive Director-Reported the sign we transferred from 804 Palmyra to John Dixon Park is up and running. He is currently working on next year's budget. The new gate at Lowell Park should be coming in soon and will be completed. The quote for new windows at Woodcote is \$32,000 for each level of the cottage. Restrooms at Lowell Park are still in the remodeling process with new wiring, polished floors, new lights, new fans. A new steel roof, fresh coat of paint and new divider doors will be coming soon. We will be installing cameras at John Dixon Park. The City is looking at canoe ports by the dam. Our canoe grant is still in the process. It is an \$80,000 grant with no match money. Seth Nicklaus added to the report that through a comed grant we have all new LED lighting at Reynolds Field and Ballou Park. Al Morrison Baseball also took advantage of the grant and will have all new lighting at their fields as well. The Ice Rink will have LED lights put under the ice. Tyler Hodapp reported that maintenance have removed the sheds at Ballou Park and moved one to the Ice Rink. The ice rink will be ready next week. Hay bales have been placed at EC Smith for sledding. The washouts at the Meadows trail have been graveled and added concrete to help contain the washouts. Tyler feels we have a great relationship with the City of Dixon Water & Street Department to help with anything he needs.

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Review/Amend/Approve Ordinance #630 Abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate revenue Source), Series 2021C, and Taxable General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021D, of the District.**

Motion by Anthony Venier to Approve Ordinance #630 Abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate revenue Source), Series 2021C, and Taxable General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021D, of the District, 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.

B. **Review/Amend/Approve Employee Policy Manual**

Motion by Anthony Venier to Approve Employee Policy Manual, seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Ron Pritchard-Yes; Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

XI. 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 7:06 PM.

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Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Ron Pritchard

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Jerry Pauser

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

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