

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
June 14, 2023, 6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Rodney Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

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

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

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. None

III. VISITORS- Tim Lee-WIXN-6:05PM

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Rodney Frey read four Thank you cards. Lee County Sheriff's Office thank the Park District for a donation to their new K-9 dog Henry. Discover Dixon thanked the Park District for all their support For the Rock river Madness event at Lowell Park. Ladies Who Lunch thanked the Park District for renting the Woodcote Cottage to them for their lunch get together. The Lee County Health Department thanked the Park District for the use of the Trinity Community Room for their employee appreciation luncheon.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept Regular Board Minutes for May

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

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- B. Review/Amend/Accept Executive Board Minutes for May**
Motion to Approve May Executive Board Minutes by
Minutes will be amended to remove Ron Pritchard's name as President and replaced with current President, Rodney Frey.
Motion to Approve May Executive Board Minutes by
Keith Aurand; Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: 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, 2023-No comments on the May Financials.**
Motion to Approve May Financial Reports by
Jerry Pauser; Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes.
Motion Carried.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Commissioners**
1. Jerry Pauser-The Lions Club reached out to Mr. Pauser and asked if the graffiti on the posts could be sended out or painted over at the Llons Shelter at John Dixon Park.
 2. Rodney Frey-Rock River Disc Golf is requesting benches for Page Park. They need three benches. They can be movable benches not permanent.
 3. Keith Aurand-The feedback on the goose poop at the BandShell is all positive. The spray is working at this time. Keith thanked Jana, Michelle, and Tyler for all the work they have done on the Primitive Camping project. Tyler has set up all three sites. Jana and Michelle have worked on paperwork. Keith reported the bike trails signs and kiosks are impressive. He would like to advocate for a pavilion at the bike path intersection. He suggested finding sponsors for the pavilion and also to add fencing to hide the porta johns the Park District rents.
 4. Anthony Venier-Anthony reported a good start to the softball season. The new lights look great. He was asked by a community member about the park sign that used to stand at Grace Johnston park. Can the sign

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that was taken down be replaced. This sign is an honor to Grace Johnston. The viewing platform at Lowell will be put on hold until financials are solid to proceed.

B. Executive Director-Duane Long was absent due to illness. Michelle Lawson read a statement prepared by Mr. Long.

Financial report: There is no tax money yet. Waiting for grant funding to come in. As far as expenses, everything is right on schedule for this time of year. We will be making some payments for the solar system in July and playground payment in September.

Board Report: Solar system is getting installed right now. should be up and running in a month. What a great project for the park district. Parade float is built and ready to go, theme, ITS A SURPRISE, we will be giving away 3,000 popsicles this year. The canoe launch went out for bid last Thursday, looking to get that completed by mid August.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. NONE

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Prevailing Wage Ordinance #632-Review/Amend/Approve**

Motion by Keith Aurand to approve prevailing wage ordinance #632, seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. **Review/Amend/Approve Boat House/Slip Fee Structure for 2024**

Michelle Lawson reported an increase of \$12.03 on boathouse taxes from 2023. Motion to Approve Boat House/Slip Fee Structure for 2024 by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

C. **Review Qualifications and Information on Becoming A Park Board Commissioner**

The Commissioners reviewed the information. No action required.

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D. Review/Amend/Approve Primitive Camping Rules, Regulations and Fees

The Commissioners liked the flier presented. Amendments to change wording on the check in and check out process. A porta potty will be added to the Meadows. Primitive camping will begin June 30, 2023.

Motion to Approve Primitive Camping Rules, Regulations and Fees with amendments by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Jerry Pauser. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Jerry Pauser-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes. Motion Carried.

E. Review/Approve Ordinance #633 providing for the issuance of a Taxable Promissory Note, Series 2023A, of the District in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for the purpose of paying necessary corporate expenditures, providing for the security and payment of said note, and authorizing the sale of said note to the purchaser thereof.

Anthony Venier is requesting to speak with with Mr. Long to get more information and requesting a special meeting if needed. Mr Long was contacted by phone and we will come in and answer any questions. Mr Long discussed the financials and he is working with our financials officers and how to avoid the delay between funding and billing.

Motion to Approve Ordinance #633 providing for the issuance of a Taxable Promissory Note, Series 2023A, of the District in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, for the purpose of paying necessary corporate expenditures, providing for the security and payment of said note, and authorizing the sale of said note to the purchaser thereof by Jerry Pauser; Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: 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 to Adjourn.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

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Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Jerry Pauser

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

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