

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
October 16, 2024, 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, Autumn Brady-Present
 Commissioner, Nathan McCoy-Present

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

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. Move New Business B ahead of IV. Correspondence

III. VISITORS- Tim Lee-WIXN, Danny Langloss-Dixon City Manager, Tim Shipman-Dixon Building Official

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Rodney Frey read a thank you letters from Dixon Police Department for the Cops N Bobbers program. Thank you card from Louise Reed and Family for the dedication ceremony at Larry & Louise Reed Basketball Courts at Vaile Park. Thank you card from the Dixon City Team for Duane Long's participation in the Comprehensive Plan Meeting. Thank you card from the Dixon Class of 64 & 65 to Michelle Lawson and the staff for all the help with organizing their class reunion at

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Woodcote. The committee also gave a \$10 gift card to all staff at the park district.

Thank

you card from Robin Canode, Dixon in Bloom for the generous donation the park district gave the group.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Approve

A. Motion to Approve September 11, 2024 Regular Board Minutes by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Nathan McCoy. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. Motion to Approve September 6, 2024 Board Retreat Minutes by Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Approve

A. Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for September, 2024

Duane Long reported everything is on track financially. We have not received the grant money from Vaile Park Basketball Courts or the final reimbursement from the Meadows Grant. Tyler's maintenance budget is \$10,000 less from last year. We are looking at carrying a balanced budget.

Motion to Approve Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for September 2024 by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.

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Motion Carried.

B. Review Income/Expenses on 2023A Promissory Note

Michelle Lawson reported the note will be paid in full on November 1, 2024.

No Action Taken

VII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners-

1. Anthony Venier-The park drive through was a great event. The Vaile basketball courts are awesome. Anthony has aerial footage of the riverbank and ideas for what we can add in the future to beautify the space.
2. Nathan McCoy-Dixon Fire Fighters donated \$2,500 for the AED machine. Nate told the board how the machine will work. Duane Long will install it at the pickleball courts. Nate's hope for the future is to purchase more machines for other parks.
3. Autumn Brady-Autumn met with Kyle from the Young American Foundation on programs for our youth. Autumn attended a leadership conference recommended by Kyle. Autumn enjoyed the drive through event at the Meadows and talking to community members. There is a community member that asked about adding a skate park to the kids of Dixon.
4. Keith Aurand-The Meadows drive through had the most attendees to date. 38 cars, 6 bikes, 3 UTV's, and 3 pedestrians were recorded at the event. Most people said they heard of our social media posts. Keith would like to be sure we post on our LED boards for the future as well. Keith asked if next year we could use the bike path for traffic flow and add a coffee or food vendor truck to the event. Keith asked the board if we can continue to look into programs for Seniors at Triangle Park. Keith will head up the project.
5. Rodney Frey-Shout out to the staff for the Larry & Louise basketball court dedication event. It was phenomenal. Rodney attended the Fall Fantasy

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Festival at Lowell Park and reported there were a lot of vendors and people. He was concerned with the vehicles that park across the street in the subdivision and the possible safety issue. There was a shuttle bus service used by most. Jake from LARP hosted the event and he contacted Duane Long on the success of the event and will be in touch for plans for next year.

- B. **Executive Director**-Duane Long reported to the Board the following items he was working on from the last board meeting. 1. The trilock estimate for Lowell Park river bank is \$12,500 for materials for 75x15 feet. The park district can do the labor for this. 2. The geese situation at Page Park will cost \$2000 for the assessment of the geese issue. Then there will be more steps involved to working on the problem. 3. The estimate on repaving the bike trail for 3.5 miles is \$606, 140. There are ITEP grants for trails and this would cost the park district \$121,228 if they were to apply and get approved for the grant. 4. Duane Long will be meeting with Congressman Darin LaHood on October 18th to discuss Aquatics.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Executive Session Minutes for Public Access

Motion to Release Executive Session Minutes for Public Access excluding June 19, 2024 because of personnel mentioned in the minutes by Keith Aurand; Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

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- B. Review/Amend/Approve Annexation Request City of Dixon-Tim Shipman & Danny Langloss
Danny Langloss, City Manager discussed the history of annexing The Meadows Park property from Lee County into the Dixon city limits. The city of Dixon has contributed financially to projects on the Meadows property. In a partnership with the City of Dixon and Dixon Park District there is currently an agreement that the city public safety will respond to any safety concerns at the Meadows property in place of Lee County emergency. Tim Shipman, Dixon Building Official said there has been prior talks of annexing the Meadows to the city, but other projects have put this on a back burner. Dunae Long told the board that our partnership with the city is beneficial to the park district and we will receive \$4 million dollars of work in Page Park through the City;s Project Rock grant. This project will begin in 2025.
Keith Aurand asked if this included Lowell park and Danny Langloss said it does not due to no contiguous boundaries to the Meadows.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion to go into Executive Session by Keith Aurand, seconded by Anthony Venier to meet in executive session to discuss personnel issue at 7:21 PM
Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.
Motion Carried.

Take action to come out of closed session

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:30 PM by Anthony Venier, seconded by Nathan McCoy.

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Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.
Motion Carried.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Anthony Venier to Adjourn, seconded by Nathan McCoy to Adjourn.

Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:31PM

Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Autumn Brady

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
Nathan McCoy

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