

**Foss Park District  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Yetta Little.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Mr. John Price, Superintendent of District 187: golf outing

Mr. Price requested the waiving of fees for the school district outing. Commissioner Wyatt stated if the fees are not waived, a donation should be made.

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 6:10 pm

Commissioner Robinson stated the Golf Committee can meet and present a recommendation to the Board.

2. Mr. Ezzit Williams, Jr.: 14<sup>th</sup> Street property

Mr. Williams requested the Board donate the building on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. He would like to use it as a barber school. Alderman Evans spoke on Mr. Williams behalf as a recommendation.

3. P3 Group: lakefront project, general questions: discussion tabled.

**COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

1. *Business Office*

- a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: written report submitted.
- b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: written report submitted.

2. *Parks*

- a. Superintendent of Grounds report: Mr. Winter report: written report submitted.

3. *Golf*

- a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: written report submitted.

4. *Recreation*

- a. Superintendent of Recreation report: Ms. Johnson report: written report submitted.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

### **Executive Session**

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5): the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired – The P3 Group and 2525 Sherman

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity: employee #5200

Commissioner Wyatt motions to move to Executive Session. Second by Commissioner King.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Little.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:03 pm

Commissioner Wyatt motions to open the Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Little.

MOTION CARRIES at 8:07 pm

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner King motions to adjourn the Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Little.

MOTION CARRIES at 8:07 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 19, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kenneth Robinson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Yetta Little.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** waived as recited in Committee Meeting.

**1. MINUTES:** Commissioner Johnson motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (04/21/2021) minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Little.

MOTION CARRIES

**2. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

*FINANCE:* COMMISSIONER WYATT: as presented in Committee Meeting.

*GOLF:* COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: as presented in Committee Meeting.

*PARKS:* COMMISSIONER LITTLE: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

*RECREATION:* COMMISSIONER KING: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

Commissioner King motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (04/21/2021) minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Little.

MOTION CARRIES

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**4. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS:**

Absent: Yetta Little

**5. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Present: Johnny Johnson (full term) and Kingston Neal (full term).

**6. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRPERSON:**

Commissioner Wyatt motions to appoint Kari Cowart as acting chairperson. Second by Commissioner King.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

**7. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS:**

Election of President

Commissioner King motions to elect Commissioner Johnson as Board President. Commissioner Johnson declined.

Commissioner Johnson motions to elect Commissioner Robinson as Board President. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.  
No other nominations presented.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Appointment of Secretary

Commissioner Neal motions to appoint Kari Cowart as Board Secretary. Second by Commissioner King.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Election of Vice President

Commissioner Johnson motions to elect Commissioner Neal as Board Vice President. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.  
No other nominations presented.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Appointment of Treasurer

Commissioner Robinson appoints Commissioner Neal as Treasurer.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Commissioner Robinson appoints Brad Skof as the Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Appointment of Attorney

Commissioner Robinson appoints Ancel Glink, Matthew DiCianni, as Foss Park District attorney firm.

**8. ADOPTION OF RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND BINDING AGREEMENTS OF PRECEDING BOARD**

Commissioner Johnson motions to approved the adoption of rules, regulations, policies and binding agreements of preceding board. Second by Commissioner King.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

**9. ESTABLISH REGULAR MEETING PLACE, DATE AND TIME:** 1730 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064. Third Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Neal motions to establish regular meeting place, date and time as 1730 Lewis Avenue, North Chicago, IL 60064, third Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner Johnson leaves the room at 8:21 pm

**10. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:**

- Finance Committee                      Chair Neal/Vice Chair Wyatt
- Golf Committee                              Chair Johnson/Vice Chair King
- Parks Committee                              Chair Wyatt/Vice Chair Johnson
- Recreation Committee                      Chair King/Vice Chair Neal

**11. BILLS:** Commissioner Johnson motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (04/15/21-05/13/21): \$57,183.72, invoices due \$44,750.10. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner King motions to approved invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$3,555.94 and first of the month bills (June) – approximate: \$10,600.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

**12. PAYROLL:** Commissioner Neal motions to approve monthly payroll: \$68,593.67. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

**13. PETTY CASH REPORTS:** Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve all petty cash funds: \$72.82 (Business Office) and \$0.00 (Golf Course) as presented. Second by Commissioner King.

Aye: Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

**14. FINANCE REPORTS:** Commissioner Neal motions to approve finance reports as presented in the Board Packet. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 8:25 pm

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval: attendance for Commissioner Neal at virtual IAPD Commissioner Boot Camp: May 24, 2021 (6:00 – 9:00 pm) at an approximate cost of \$85.00 each  
Commissioner King motions to approve attendance for Commissioner Neal at virtual IAPD Commissioner Boot Camp: May 24, 2021 (6:00 – 9:00 pm) at an approximate cost of \$85.00 each.  
Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: attendance for Commissioner Wyatt and Commissioner Neal to attend Lake County Bar virtual Newly Elected Officials Seminar May 21, 2021 (9 am) at a cost of \$50.00 each  
Commissioner Johnson motions to approve attendance for Commissioner Wyatt and Commissioner Neal to attend Lake County Bar virtual Newly Elected Officials Seminar May 21, 2021 (9 am) at a cost of \$50.00 each. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: purchase 1Exmark 72in Lazer Z Diesel Zero Turn Mower (#LZS80TDYM724WO) from Grower Equipment & Supply Co at an approximate cost of \$17,599.00  
Commissioner King motions to approve purchase 1Exmark 72in Lazer Z Diesel Zero Turn Mower (#LZS80TDYM724WO) from Grower Equipment & Supply Co at an approximate cost of \$17,599.00.  
Second by Commissioner Johnson.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
4. Approval: accept purchase price of 2525 Sherman Avenue property by Ten X as discussed in Executive Session  
Commissioner Wyatt motions to DECLINE offer purchase price of 2525 Sherman Avenue property by Ten X as discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Johnson.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
5. Approval: accept proposed budget of Foss Park lakefront development plan as presented by P3 Group and discussed in Executive Session  
Commissioner King motions to DECLINE proposed budget of Foss Park lakefront development plan as presented by P3 Group and discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Johnson.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
6. Approval: general contractors for Foss Park lakefront development as discussed in Executive Session  
Commissioner Wyatt motions to postpone general contractors for Foss Park lakefront development as discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner King.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

7. Approval: hourly wage increase for employee #5200 as discussed in Executive Session  
Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve hourly wage increase for employee #5200 as discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Johnson.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES
8. Approval: participation in Partners in the Park golf outing June 30 at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Waukegan, IL.  
Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve participation in Partners in the Park golf outing June 30 at Bonnie Brook Golf Course, Waukegan, IL. Second by Commissioner King.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

**16. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**17. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wyatt motions to adjourn Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner King.  
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES at 8:37 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary