

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016**

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

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Susan Dixon, Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to accept Commissioner King to attend the meeting via teleconference due to medical reasons. Second by Commissioner Wyatt. Voice vote: aye – all, nay – none. Motion carries. Commissioner King did not join the meeting via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Keri-Lyn Krafthefer – tax rate objections: Ms. Krafthefer explained that Ancel Glink was hired in 2008 to defend the tax objection cases and there are challenges filed by taxpayers. She stated that many have been withdrawn and that these challenges include other districts, schools, etc. Ms. Krafthefer listed three particular challenges: 2010 police fund, 2011 police fund/special recreation and 2014. She stated that the courts are very behind in dealing with the challenges and thought it was a good idea she was asked to come to the meeting to explain since there are new board members. Commissioner Dixon stated she noticed on the invoices had tax objections and wanted to know what that exactly was.
2. CTX Ability Sports: Ms. Smith stated the inclusion baseball clinic has been scheduled for this summer and a soccer clinic will also be included. She continued that she is recommending the board to pay for the travel and hotel for the family that is helping with the program by using their 501(c)3. Commissioner Johnson asked for what that cost would be because the district can do own clinic. Ms. Smith stated roughly \$1,800.00 for airfare and hotel and that the park district would pay more than that for the former professional baseball players to come to the clinic. Commissioner Dixon asked the day of the clinic and about volunteers. Ms. Smith stated the clinic is scheduled for July 23rd and volunteers come with the program. She continued that around 50 kids participated last year and there were 12 former Major League Baseball players that participated. Ms. Smith stated the clinic will be from 2 – 5 pm with a gathering at the golf course afterward. Commissioner Baldwin stated Ms. Smith should a different hotel than the Ramada.
3. Concession stand to open Memorial Day weekend at Lake Front: Commissioner Dixon stated that she requested the concession stand at Foss Park be opened this summer and stated it will open Memorial Day weekend on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am – 7 pm, subject to demand.
4. Estimates for Hamlet Park Pavement: Commissioner Dixon asked that Mr. Winter look into estimates for repair work on the pavement at Hamlet Park.
5. Twin City/Tennis Court Repairs: Ms. Cowart stated she is getting more pictures and new sketches for the USTA to forward to their engineer.
6. Report on the Parks: Commissioner Dixon stated she will give that report in the Regular Meeting.
7. Breaker Report: Commissioner Dixon stated the item can be stricken.
8. Policy regarding campaign sign placement on Park District property: Commissioner Wyatt stated he is working on an ordinance to ban the placement of campaign signs on park district property and will have that for approval before the November election.

9. Gold Rush Gaming: Mr. Pat Paese presented information on Gold Rush Gaming to replace current machines at the Golf Course. Mr. Paese stated new machines with new games would be installed with a chance of 20-25% increase in revenue and distributed written information. Commissioner Johnson asked how long it would take to change out the machines and Mr. Paese stated one day.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. Business Office

a. Operations: Ms. Skof reminded the board economic interest forms need to be completed. He continued that at the state conference he met with Local Government Health to compare insurance rates, which included dental and eye insurance. Mr. Skof reported he and the recreation staff attended another webinar for recreation software. Commissioner Wyatt asked if the software can integrate with the financial software. Mr. Skof stated Rec Ware had a \$900 integration fee, but the others did not. Mr. Skof stated the draft of the budget is ready for public display for 30 day inspection and he will post it on March 17. He continued a budget meeting can be scheduled during that time to discuss the budget. Commissioner Johnson stated he is not available April 5 – 13.

Ms. Cowart reported on the Legislative Breakfast was informative and brought back information to the commissioners on how to become a Master Board Member. She continued Community Days is scheduled for August 5 – 7 and the draft of the intergovernmental agreement with the City of North Chicago will be sent to the attorney for review. Ms. Cowart stated the review of the Sprint Broadband Amendments with recommendations have been sent back to Sprint. She continued the Lake County Housing Authority Black Tie Gala is scheduled for June 17 and April is child abuse prevention month and Blue Kids will be purchased for the Community Center and the Golf Course. Ms. Cowart reminded commissioners that registration is open for the Legislative Conference May 3 & 4 and the first IAPD summer golf tour date is May 9.

2. Parks

a. Operations: None at this time.

3. Golf

a. Operations: Mr. Monroe stated the golf shows are done and he had emailed inventory from those shows. He continued the targeted opening date for the course is March 25 and carts will be delivered March 21 – 22. Mr. Monroe stated he met with the Brat Man to offer hot food on the course through the cart. He continued the Brat Man will be at the course with his product for golfers to sample on May 1.

Mr. Herring stated voting will be at the pavilion for the primary election and the overhead door on the lower level of the Clubhouse needs repair. He stated the motor is 20 years old and the springs and cylinders need repair. Commissioner Wyatt asked Mr. Monroe for a profit vs loss report for the golf shows. Mr. Monroe stated he will email it out.

4. Recreation

a. Operations: Ms. Smith submitted a written report with a review Latchkey, in which she complimented Kendra Blanchard on getting the kids prepared for the Black History Program. She continued that Frankye Brooks did a good job on planning the Black History Program. Ms. Smith stated the Food Bank and Easter Egg Hunt are scheduled for March 19 and Spring Break Fun Week will be March 23 – April 1. She continued the senior report was submitted with her written report. Ms. Smith reported the soccer inclusion clinic with

Chicago Fire is scheduled for June 9; baseball for 5 – 9 year olds and soccer for 5 – 14 year olds will begin in April. She continued CTX Ability Sports connected her with Topsy Elves and received hoodies and body wash to distribute to the community. Ms. Smith reported the trip to Washington DC was good with legislatures regarding the lakefront project and she has been involved working with the City that is working with EJ&E Railroad about a mural near the lakefront.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mark Dixon: Mr. Dixon stated he used to work for the park district and he would like the board together to work as a team. He continued that he coached and mentored here, he beat his case and everyone needs to get together to make it work.

Tony Jones: Mr. Jones stated it was good to see the board table full again. He distributed written information regarding HyperActive Gaming and would like to present to the board next month.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart
Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:24 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Susan Dixon, Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King.

Commissioner Wyatt motioned to accept Commissioner King to attend the meeting via teleconference due to medical reasons. Second by Commissioner Dixon. Voice vote: aye – all, nay – none. Motion carries.

Commissioner King did not join the meeting via teleconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: waived as recited in Committee Meeting.

1. MINUTES: Committee & Regular Meeting (02/17/2016).

Commissioner Wyatt asked if there were any modifications to the minutes as presented. Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Wyatt asked for voice vote.

Aye – all. Nay – none. Motion carries.

2. BILLS: Monthly bills – invoices due \$45,987.04/invoices paid \$86,803.77.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the monthly bills invoices due \$45,987.04/invoices paid \$86,803.77 as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

Motion carries.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the first of the month bills (April) in the approximate amount of \$13,820.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

Motion carries.

3. PAYROLL: Monthly payroll - \$82,180.55.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the monthly payroll in the amount of \$82,180.55 as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

Motion carries.

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: All petty cash funds - \$35.99.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the petty cash reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

Motion carries.

5. FINANCE REPORTS: As presented in the Board Packet.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the finance reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner King.

Motion carries.

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER BALDWIN – none at this time.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON – Commissioner Johnson reported the target opening date is March 25. He continued that he questions everything that needs to be done to rehire seasonal employees and feels it may be too much money on the same returning staff.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER DIXON – none at this time.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER WYATT – none at this time.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. James Morris – no update at this time.
2. Amendments to Sprint Broadband contracts – drafts have been sent back to Sprint Broadband with recommendations.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax rate objections – no action needed.
2. CTX Ability Sports
Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve payment for lodging and airfare for CTX Ability Sports for the baseball inclusion clinic. Second by Commissioner Dixon.
Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: Commissioner Johnson.
Abstain: None.
Absent: Commissioner King.
Motion carries.
3. Concession stand to open Memorial Day weekend at Lake Front – no action needed.
4. Estimates for Hamlet Park Pavement – no action needed.
5. Twin City/Tennis Court Repairs – no action needed.
6. Report on the Parks – no action needed.

7. Breaker Report – item stricken.
8. Policy regarding campaign sign placement on Park District property – no action at this time.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Donna Kalinoski: Ms. Kalinoski stated she was happy the microphones have been tested and are working and had concerns about all the political signs that were in front of the Community Center. She continued that the handicapped parking signs need to be replaced and the parking spaces repainted and AARP used to come to the Community Center to file taxes for seniors for free and they no longer do. Commissioner Wyatt stated they were also at the library at one time, but the turnout was low. Commissioner Dixon stated the Homestead Exemption is scheduled for March 23 at the Community Center.

Tony Jones: Mr. Jones stated agreed with about the parking spaces and that the board should be careful with adjusting hiring policies as to ensure everyone is treated the same.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to move to Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Wyatt asked for voice vote.

Aye – all. Nay – none.

Motion carries at 7:41 pm.

11. POSSIBLE VOTE ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt opened Regular Session at 8:33 pm are asked for roll call.

Board members present: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin, Commissioner Susan Dixon, Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King.

Commissioner Dixon motioned to move to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Wyatt asked for voice vote.

Aye – all. Nay – none.

Motion carries at 8:33 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart

Board Secretary