

**Foss Park District  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2016**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Commissioner Susan Dixon, Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Donna King.

Board members absent: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Commissioner Scholarship Recipients: Ms. Cowart stated the two applications were submitted to the Board for review and approval.

Commissioner Baldwin enters the room at 6:03 pm

2. Recipient of 2016 President Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition – Angela Smith: Commissioner Dixon read statement from President Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition that Ms. Smith was named a recipient for the 2016 award.

Commissioner Wyatt enters the room at 6:04 pm and Commissioner King turns the meeting over to him.

3. FP lakefront report: Commissioner Dixon commented on bringing awareness to the lakefront and that there is barely a beach with any sand. Ms. Smith stated the park district is waiting to hear back from the IDNR on a grant for beach restoration.

4. Estimates for Hamlet Park Pavement: Commissioner Dixon asked for estimates on the pavement repair. Mr. Winter stated he received one estimate, but feels the job may be too small for companies to be interested, but will keep trying. Commissioner Wyatt asked to include other park projects as well.

5. Overall report of parks: Commissioner Dixon stated the past year has been good for the parks with the addition of signs and flowers. She also stated the tennis day will be held in June.

6. Hyperactive Gaming: Mr. Jones presented a copy of a contract for the board to review. He stated all equipment is new and service is impeccable. Mr. Jones continued that Hyperactive Gaming license is not revoked, that it is in limbo, and the next meeting for the Gaming Board is April 21. Commissioner Dixon asked if the company would be willing to help sponsor youth athletic programs and Mr. Jones replied that all sponsorship must be in compliance with gaming rules.

7. Budget Approval/Budget Meeting: Mr. Skof stated the operating budget can be approved and the actual extension has replaced the numbers in the draft. He continued that an appropriation ordinance does need to be done. Commissioner Wyatt asked if that changed the revenue projections. Mr. Skof stated detailed conversations have been had with department heads.

8. Sprint Broadband Amendment: Ms. Cowart stated the amendments are with Sprint and Adam Simon, Foss Park District attorney has asked the board to determine a minimum guaranteed rent term and the first right refusal adjustment.

9. Possible termination of video gaming contract – end of term use agreement: Ms. Cowart stated that if a new gaming company wanted to be used, Tap Room Gaming must be notified to ensure the following of the contract.

## **COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. *Business Office***

a. Operations: Ms. Cowart stated Ms. Richards is still working on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street property and asks the board reconsiders the price. Commissioner Dixon stated she thought the board did lower the price. Ms. Cowart stated she will check. Ms. Cowart stated the auditors will be doing the fieldwork July 18 – 22 for this year's audit. She continued that the PADS contract was submitted in the packet for review and approval. Ms. Cowart stated an email with the estimate for the striping of the parking lot was sent to the Commissioners. Commissioner Baldwin asked about the intergovernmental agreement regarding patching the holes in the parking lot and Ms. Cowart stated she would contact the City. Commissioner Baldwin also asked about fixing the handicap parking at the golf course. Mr. Winter stated he would contact the contractor.

Mr. Skof reported that last year DCEO (Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity) offered lighting grants for organizations and submitted a cost to the park district. He continued they have sent a new updated pricing for this year. Commissioner Baldwin asked how the state can be offering grants based on the budget crisis. Commissioner Wyatt asked if the park district received any state grants and Mr. Skof stated there are two outstanding grants for Boak and Angel Parks. He stated he continues to file the necessary reports for the Splashpad grant.

### **2. *Parks***

a. Operations: None at this time.

### **3. *Golf***

a. Operations: Mr. Monroe reported free lessons for women and children will begin in May every Monday from 6 – 7 pm. He continued the auditor conducted the initial inventory check and will do the final check on April 29. He also stated he will print the commissioner passes as well. Mr. Monroe continued that Mr. Monroe stated customers are upset the Foss Card does not have free rounds; however, over 400 free rounds were given out in the past. He continued that staff would like to close the Clubhouse at 9 pm on Fridays and Saturdays and rent the space out for small gatherings. Commissioner Baldwin inquired about the cancelling of the jazz band. Commissioner Johnson says there is a following, but money is not being brought in. Mr. Monroe stated to help efforts other areas can be cut back. Commissioner Wyatt stated the bands should be promoted on Facebook and through social media.

### **4. *Recreation***

a. Operations: Ms. Smith reported on: Latchkey, seniors, special events (Easter Egg Hunt, Mother/Son Dance, Cinco de Mayo, Mobile Food pantry, Flying 4 Kids, baseball and soccer inclusion clinics). She continued that Rock Chevrolet and Jelly Belly are helping sponsor the inclusion clinics. Ms. Smith continued the tennis play day is set for June 18 on the high school courts and hoodies will be distributed on May 21. She stated aerobicize is still going and the park district received \$1,000 for Power Play.

Mr. Bone reported baseball and soccer started and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team has tremendously improved, but the older program was cut. He continued that he is working with the maintenance department on the back field for football.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Pat Paese: Mr. Paese stated Gold Rush Gaming has the top location in the area and there advertising is done within the guidelines of the law. He stated he has submitted information to the board in the past for their review.

Gerald Coleman: Mr. Coleman stated he was looking at vendors to help sponsor uniforms for the basketball team that would belong to the park district. He stated basketball is a year round sport that gives kids something to do.

Jim Hentchal: Mr. Hentchal stated the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team has dramatically improved and when he is looking for teams to fill a tournament, he knows he can call the park district. He continued the kids should all be in the same uniforms.

Charles January: Mr. January stated he has known Commissioner Dixon for many years and does not understand the conviction and that there is an appeals process. He continued she was voted in by the citizens to serve on the board.

Kathy January: Ms. January stated she would like to remind the entity that the park district is under the City of North Chicago and there is no ordinance to remove an elected official. She also stated the agenda could be violating the Open Meetings Act with an item as "possible" vote.

Ken Robinson: Mr. Robinson asked about approval for the operating budget, if the audit from last year is available on the website and the possible termination of the video gaming contract. Mr. Skof stated the audit on the website.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Wyatt adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart  
Board Secretary

**Foss Park District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Board members present: Commissioner Susan Dixon, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Jimmy Baldwin.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Commissioner Baldwin enters the room at 7:33 pm

**1. MINUTES:** Committee & Regular Meeting (03/16/2016), Special Meeting (03/21/2016).

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Commissioner asked why Executive Session minutes were not listed. Commissioner Wyatt stated it was a clerical error.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

**2. BILLS:** Monthly bills – invoices paid (03/18/16 – 04/15/2016) \$19,337.85 and invoices due \$56,017.76.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the monthly bills invoices paid (03/18/16 – 04/15/2016) \$19,337.85 and invoices due \$56,017.76 as presented. Second by Commissioner Dixon.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the first of the month bills (April) in the approximate amount of \$31,222.40 as presented. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

Commissioner Baldwin stated the item should be May bills.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to amend the first of the month bills item to May in the approximate amount of \$31,222.40 as presented. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

**3. PAYROLL:** Monthly payroll - \$81,722.57.

Commissioner Dixon motioned to approve the monthly payroll in the amount of \$81,722.57 as presented. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

**4. PETTY CASH REPORTS:** All petty cash funds - \$17.34 Business Office/\$367.89 Golf Course.

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

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

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

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

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

**6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

*FINANCE:* COMMISSIONER BALDWIN – presented in Committee Meeting.

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

*PARKS:* COMMISSIONER DIXON – Commissioner Dixon read statement on Ms. Smith's award from the President's Council on Fitness and stated the park district is waiting to hear on the Coastal grant. She continued that estimates will be done for the concrete work at Hamlet and Twin City Parks and she appreciates Ms. Smith driving around and checking the parks to let her know what needs to be done. Commissioner Dixon stated she is proud of her work the past year in parks that included new signs and flowers and that the parks are looking nice.

*RECREATION:* COMMISSIONER WYATT – none at this time.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. James Morris – postpone at this time.
2. Amendments to Sprint Broadband contracts: minimum guaranteed rent term and first right refusal adjustment per attorney recommendations .

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the request of 10 – 15 year guarantee rent term and right of refusal recommendations. Second by Commissioner King.

Commissioner Wyatt stated he is recusing himself from the vote.

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

Nay: None.

Recuse: Commissioner Wyatt.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Commissioner Scholarship Recipients.**

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the Jauzlyn Hardy and Breanna Montgomery as Commissioner Scholarship Recipients. Second by Commissioner Baldwin. Commissioner Wyatt called for a voice vote.

Aye: All.

Nay: None.

Motion carries.

### **2. Golf Course Early Order Approval: Arthur Clesen (\$20,784.00), BTSI (\$7,379.00), Chicagoland Turf (\$29,075.32), Matrix (\$12,000.00), ProGro (\$7,265.25) and Reinders (\$9,586.00).**

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve Golf Course Early Order Approval: Arthur Clesen (\$20,784.00), BTSI (\$7,379.00), Chicagoland Turf (\$29,075.32), Matrix (\$12,000.00), ProGro (\$7,265.25), and Reinders (\$9,586.00). Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

### **3. PADS Contract: May 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016.**

Commissioner King motioned to approve the PADS Contract: May 1, 2016 – September 30, 2016. Second by Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Dixon asked how much they were paying per night. Ms. Cowart stated \$50.00 per night.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: Commissioner Johnson.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

### **4. Approval of Operating Budget.**

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve the operating budget as presented. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: Commissioner Wyatt.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries.

5. Approval of Budget & Appropriation Hearing date and time.  
Commissioner King motioned to approve of Budget & Appropriation Hearing on May 18, 2016 at 5:50 pm.  
Second by Commissioner Baldwin.  
Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.  
Motion carries.
6. Approval of Recreation Software – postpone.
7. Possible termination of video gaming contract – end of term use agreement.  
Commissioner Baldwin motioned to approve of end of term use agreement with current gaming company.  
Second by Commissioner King.  
Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.  
Motion carries.
8. Pre-employment testing for part time seasonal workers – postpone.
9. Sign Policy – regarding campaign placement on Foss Park District property – postpone.
10. American Building Services, Inc. – Community Center back door (\$881.28) & women’s bathroom door (\$1,152.58).  
Commissioner King motioned to approve of estimates American Building Services, Inc. – Community Center back door (\$881.28) & women’s bathroom door (\$1,152.58). Second by Commissioner Johnson.  
Aye: Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King and Commissioner Wyatt.  
Nay: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.  
Motion carries.
11. Resolution regarding Board Committees and Financial Accounts – postpone.

## **9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Charles January: Mr. January stated it’s been months since the President has been present at a meeting, there is corruption in the park district and City and in the past there was a President that did not live in the City. He continued that athletics need more participation and the pool should be reconsidered.

Kathy January: Ms. January stated she was an alderman for the City and that the park district is a huge stakeholder under the City and this is a home ruled municipality and there are no agreements to remove elected officials. She continued that the “possible” vote item on the agenda is in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Bernard Semasko: Mr. Semasko stated the park district has no home rule and the City cannot control the park district. He continued that Commissioner Dixon was convicted of a crime.

Commissioner Wyatt stated that municipal government does have home rule, however, Illinois park districts are not eligible for home rule because they have their own rules that govern them.

Commissioner Johnson stated the past board member owned property in the City.

Commissioner Dixon stated she has people angry at her because she reported the truth in regards to missing money and people turned up in the investigation. She continued that people tried to prevent her from voting.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting 5ILCS 120/(2)(11).

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 Johnson motioned to move to Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Baldwin.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion carries at 8:03 pm.

Commissioner Baldwin motioned to move to Regular Session. Second by Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Wyatt called for a voice vote.

Aye: All.

Nay: None.

Motion carries at 9:09 pm.

**11. POSSIBLE VOTE ON EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Aye – all. Nay – none.

Motion carries at 9:10 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart

Board Secretary