

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve Commissioner Johnson to attend via teleconference. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES at 6:01 pm

Commissioner Wyatt motions to suspend normal business for the Donald Stallworth III presentation. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner King read resolution for Mr. Stallworth and presented plaque. Ms. Stallworth spoke about son along with Mr. Stallworth's former high school principal.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Andrew Gadsden: discussion included the Board meeting with Mr. Gadsden for presentation of idea. Commissioner Wyatt stated he would let Mr. Gadsden know.
2. Golf course – bridge on hole 9: Superintendent of Grounds. Mr. Winter stated he believes the bridge will need to be engineered. Commissioner Neal stated that the design is engineered by the Spancrete company and after the contractor provides the specifications. Mr. Winter stated he will follow up with the company.
3. New rental rates for Community Recreation Center and parks (email March 31)
4. Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity grant (Senator Johnson): Executive Director. Ms. Cowart provided a list of items for the grant and would like to add the security cameras in the parks since the restoration of the floor in the Robert Smith Room is less than anticipated.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: submitted written report with updates through emails.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: summary of submitted written report. Commissioner Wyatt inquired about the credit cards if the casino is impacting video gaming and the equalized assessed value. Mr. Skof stated he is working on the credit card and that his opinion is the casino is not affecting Foss Park District gaming as the participants are two distinct types of gamblers. Mr. Skof stated the EAV is \$296 million.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter reported park cleanup has begun and is looking to have Foss Park completed by the May 12 Beach Bash.

2. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe stated the course is open daily, based on weather. He continued that he is receiving proposals for the repair of the basement from the water damage.

3. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation report: summary of submitted written report. Commissioner Wyatt requested the flyers electronically so he can share them on his social media.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Janice Hays: Ms. Hays stated she does not want to work with the SOCA event and feels the park district should not be partnering with them. She is also holding a golf outing at Foss Park Golf Course as a fundraiser.

Clyde McLemore: Mr. McLemore stated he was extremely dissatisfied in his experience with his rental of the Community Recreation Center for his Women’s History Brunch.

Executive Session

5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1): the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of the public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. (Staff organizational chart with staff consideration).

Commissioner Wyatt motions to move to 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 at 7:24 pm

Commissioner Wyatt motions to open the Committee 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 7:50pm

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt motions to adjourn the Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:51pm

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve Commissioner Johnson to attend via teleconference. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES at 6:01 pm

1. MINUTES: Commissioner Wyatt motions to postpone approval of Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (03/15/2023). Second by Commissioner King.

Voice vote - Aye: All Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (03/09/2023-04/13/2023): \$14,369.89, invoices due \$32,433.85, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$16,862.37 and first of the month bills (May) – approximate: \$11,400.00 as presented. 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. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$73,291.96 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve \$42.79 (Business Office) as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports as presented in the Board Packet. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

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

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

PARKS: COMMISSIONER LITTLE: as presented in Committee Meeting.

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

Commissioner King motions to approve Commissioner Reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Postpone: Total Paving sealcoating quote: \$13,250.00: February 2023 Special Meeting
Commissioner Neal motions to postpone Total Paving sealcoating quote: \$13,250.00: February 2023 Special Meeting

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity grant items as presented
Commissioner King motions to approve Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity grant items as presented with addition of parks security camera systems. 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: rental rates for Community Recreation Center and parks effective May 1, 2023
Commissioner Wyatt motions to approve rental rates for Community Recreation Center and parks effective May 1, 2023. Second by Commissioner King.
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Commissioner Wyatt and Commissioner King attendance at 2023 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL May 1-4, 2023 at an approximate cost of \$2,200.00
Commissioner Neal motions to approve Commissioner Wyatt and Commissioner King attendance at 2023 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL May 1-4, 2023 at an approximate cost of \$2,200.00 and Executive Director and Business Manager attendance at 2023 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL May 1-4, 2023. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.
Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: Executive Director and Business Manager attendance at 2023 IAPD Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL May 1-4, 2023
See above

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt motions to adjourn. Second by Commissioner King.
Voice vote - Aye: All Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES at 7:57 pm

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary