

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Budget: as discussed at Budget & Appropriation Hearing
2. 3rd Ward event: citizen comments
3. Power at North and South Shelters: Ms. Cowart stated the power is working at the North and South Shelters.
4. Movie in the Parks: Commissioner Wyatt recommended company, Epic Screens, to purchase equipment.
5. Beach funds/Foss Park Phase 1 & 2: Commissioner Wyatt discussed email sent to Board. Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification on the Beach Master Plan and Commissioner Hawthorn discussed parking. Commissioner Neal recommended a meeting with sole discussion of Beach Master Plan. Board discussed Special Meeting for June 28 at 5 pm.
6. Kenneth Smith fishing program: Alderman Smith requested \$500 donation and use of vans for kids fishing event on July 1. The funds will help cover the participation cost, bait and lunch.
7. Baxter Credit Union: Mr. Skof requested the opening of a Baxter Credit Union account for the Foss Park District.

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.

2. *Parks*

- a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter reported electricity is working at North and South shelters in Foss Park and he is hoping it rains soon. Commissioner Hawthorn commended staff for their hard work in getting the parks ready for summer. Commissioner Johnson noted that the grass is getting long under the bleachers and benches. Commissioner Wyatt asked Commissioner Johnson and Mr. Winter to work on new water line.

2. *Golf*

- a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Ms. Phillips reported parts are in for golf carts and will be worked on this week, the ladies clinic is going very well this summer and golf outings are in progress.

3. *Recreation*

- a. Superintendent of Recreation report: summary of submitted written report. Commissioner Johnson stated Mr. Elmer Smith needs formal recognition at the Community Recreation Center for his work with the Foss Park District. Commissioner King agreed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bryan Oglesby: Mr. Oglesby was impressed with how the parks are looking and commended the Board.

Alderman Bobby Allen: Alderman Allen inquired why Alderman had to pay for the use of Foss Park District facilities.

Alderman Carl Evans: Alderman Evans presented a music event that he would like to host at the Community Recreation Center and he wants to collaborate with the Foss Park District on events.

Commissioner Wyatt asked Ms. Cowart to contact Attorney Mack regarding City officials use of the Community Recreation Center.

Board discussion on events proposed correctly to the Board and the legality of Alderman using facilities at no charge.

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.

Commissioner Wyatt stated the Executive Session is no longer necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourn with no objections at 6:57 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Budget & Appropriation Hearing.

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to postpone approval of Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (05/17/2023) and Special Meeting (06/12/2023). Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (05/13/2023-06/15/2023): \$92,063.77, invoices due \$80,593.83, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$10,578.65 and first of the month bills (July) – approximate: \$10,850.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$99,097.80 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 7:03 pm

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve \$63.55 (Business Office) as presented. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal 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 Neal.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal 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 Neal motions to approve Commissioner Reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Annual budget and appropriation ordinance fiscal year 2023/24

Commissioner King motions to approve Annual budget and appropriation ordinance fiscal year 2023/24. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: 3rd Ward Event

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve 3rd Ward Event. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Power at North and South Shelters
Commissioner King motions to postpone to a later date Power at North and South Shelters and Beach funds/Foss Park Phase 1 & 2. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: Movie in the Parks
Commissioner King motions to approve movie in the parks equipment purchase from Epic Screens. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

5. Approval: Beach funds/Foss Park Phase 1 & 2: see above

6. Approval: Kenneth Smith fishing program
Commissioner King motions to approve Kenneth Smith fishing program of \$500 donation and use of vehicles, if available. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

7. Approval: Baxter Credit Union
Commissioner King motions to approve opening of account at Baxter Credit Union. Second by Commissioner Neal.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.
Nay: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None. MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourn with no objections at 7:07 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary