

Foss Park District
Special Meeting June 28, 2023

Call to order: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion

1. Beach Master plan

The Board discussed their different requests for the development of the Beach at Foss Park.

Commissioner King leaves the room at 5:01 pm and returns at 5:05 pm

Commissioner Hawthorn discussed adding a gazebo and making the current concession stand a meeting space.

Commissioner Neal discussed being careful with green space, building a potential parking lot along the driveway near the center shelter, building the shelves (tiers) into the bluff, tearing down the current concession stand to rebuild a new entertainment space, addition junction boxes for electric.

Commissioner Wyatt discussed parking along the road once the City has completed the rebuild of the road, new shelters, boat launch and trails (through a grant) and renovating the bathrooms. Commissioner King asked for outside shower on the bathrooms.

Commissioner Wyatt reminded the Board that there is approximately \$900,000 available for the work.

The final recommendations included: building of shelves (tiers) beginning the discussion with Mr. Shabica, electric junction boxes near the North and South shelters, update (demo/remodel) bathrooms, gazebo/shelters, demo/construction of concession stand.

Executive Session: 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(1) – employment

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

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES at 5:31 pm

Commissioner Wyatt reconvenes the Special Meeting at 5:41 pm.

Business

1. Approve going out for RFPs/Bids for any work necessary

Commissioner Neal motions to approve going out for RFPs/Bids for any work necessary. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approve any matter discussed in Executive Session

Commissioner King motions to approve any matter – termination of employee discussed in Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

MOTION CARRIES

Citizens Comments

Brian Oglesby: Mr. Oglesby discussed the sizes of jackets for the Board of Commissioners.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourn with no objections at 5:46 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary