

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024**

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

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Kingston Neal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. North Chicago Community Days – alcohol: Mr. Hombre Darby of the City of North Chicago is requesting for the sale of alcohol on Foss Park District property during Community Days August 2-4, 2024. Mr. Darby stated that LaCanoa will be selling the alcohol and will make a donation similar to last year.

Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Johnny Johnson enter the room at 6:03 pm

2. Rescheduling June 2024 Committee and Regular Meeting due to Juneteenth Holiday: Commissioner Wyatt stated the June meeting falls on a holiday and proposed moving the June 2024 to June 18, 2024.

3. DJ at the golf course: Commissioner King stated there needs to be a form of entertainment at the Golf Course and should not be in competition with other venues. Commissioner Johnson stated that a DJ was tried in the past and unsuccessful that costs too much money. Commissioner Hawthorn feels a DJ is an excellent idea and Commissioner Wyatt stated he is open to different DJs that play newer music.

4. Additional \$50 gift card to the Black History Report writer: Commissioner King feels the additional card is appropriate and Commissioner Hawthorn asked to read the essay and this is a reward for his work. Commissioner Johnson stated he received the award already.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

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

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof submitted written report and the estimate for the van was approximately \$2,000. Commissioner Hawthorn asked about sign out sheets for vehicles and Commissioner Wyatt asked about the equipment at Boak Park. Mr. Skof stated the sheets are at the front desk and recommendations were submitted to insurance for the equipment.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter reported the training on use for the Turf Tank is the next day. Commissioner Neal asked if Total Paving has been contacted. Commissioner Hawthorn thanked Mr. Winter for all the work in the parks.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported online sales are picking up and there are some parties already scheduled for Saturday evenings which would prohibit a DJ. He continued seasonal staff interviews are continuing.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Johnson report: Ms. Cowart reviewed Ms. Johnson's written report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Brian Oglesby: Mr. Oglesby stated the new rug will be delivered and Antigua is having an attic sale – he just wants to save the district money.

Executive Session

·5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) 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: employee evaluation and possible wage increase

·5 ILCS 120/2 (from Ch. 102, par. 42 (c)(21)) Discussion of meeting minutes lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

·5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired

Commissioner King moves to go into Executive Session for 5 ILCS 120/2 (from Ch. 102, par. 42 (c)(21))

Discussion of meeting minutes lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Commissioner Neal seconds.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 6:32 pm

Commissioner Wyatt reconvenes the Committee Meeting at 6:39 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:39 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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 Committee Meeting.

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to approve Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (03/20/2024) and Special Meeting (04/08/2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn. With the amendment on item #6 adding the amount listed and who paid to and Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal vote was NAY.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (03/15/2024-04/12/2024): \$64,847.32, invoices due \$86,522.53, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$11,021.77 and first of the month bills (May) – approximate: \$28,899.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$80,230.17 as presented. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve petty cash Business Office \$13.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

5. FINANCE REPORTS & COMMISSIONER REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports and Commissioner Reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner King, 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 HAWTHORN: as presented in Committee Meeting.

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

*see above

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Electric and water in Foss Park (March 2024)

Commissioner King motions to postpone to May electric and water in Foss Park (March 2024) and release of Executive Session Minutes calendar year 2023 (March 2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Consider: Release of Executive Session Minutes calendar year 2023 (March 2024)

*see above

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Growing Healthy Veterans lease as presented

Commissioner King motions to approve Growing Healthy Veterans lease as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: reschedule June 2024 Committee and Regular Meeting
Commissioner King motions to approve reschedule June 2024 Committee and Regular Meeting to June 18, 2024. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds
Commissioner King motions to approve Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor (LaCanoa Waukegan) to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church – pastoral celebration
Commissioner King motions to postpone indefinitely First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church – pastoral celebration. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn. Commissioner Johnson stated it is not practice to donate to churches. Commissioner Wyatt stated the amount is within Foss Park District limits. Commissioner Neal cautioned that residents attend too many different churches to support all of them.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: Commissioner Johnson
Abstain: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIES

5. Approval: Activating Bill Bay on Old National Bank account
Commissioner King motions to approve activating Bill Bay on Old National Bank account. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Neal, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIES

6. Approval: DJ at the golf course
Commissioner King motions to approve DJ at the golf course. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn. Commissioner Neal stated there should be recusals from the vote.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal
Abstain: None
Absent: None
MOTION CARRIES

7. Approval: Additional \$50 gift card to Black History Report writer
Commissioner King motions to approve additional \$50 gift card to Black History Report writer. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.
Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt
Nay: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Ellen Ewing: Ms. Ewing thanked the Board for approving the Growing Healthy Veterans contract.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:11 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary