

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024**

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 Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Jon Shabica: Mr. Shabica presented a summary of the beach and recommended the weed removal and sand placement of approximately 1100 tons of sand to which the work can be done by a local contractor.
2. J & J Homes LLC – garden: Mr. Boyson would like to install a community garden in Angel Park with the assistance of Growing Healthy Veterans. Ms. Cowart will meet with Mr. Boyson to discuss the details.
3. Community Recreation Center roof quotes: Mr. Skof presented roof quotes obtained through the state program and Commissioner Neal requested the project be put out for bid.
4. OSLAD resolution: Ms. Cowart stated the resolution is a requirement from the State of Illinois to apply for OSLAD.
5. Golf Course dress code: postponed
6. Legat Architects: Commissioner Wyatt stated the architects were for building expansion. Commissioner Neal questioned the details of the project and stated a comprehensive plan is necessary. Commissioner Johnson questioned the cost.
7. Brush removal at beach: Commissioner Wyatt stated the brush needs removal and Commissioner Neal agreed. Ms. Cowart stated Mr. Coleman can remove the brush and Mr. Winter will research weed kill that can be applied safely.
8. Chairs for parks: Commissioner Hawthorn requested the large Adirondack chairs for the parks for next year.
9. Growing Health Veterans
10. Board/staff retreat: Ms. Cowart asked for details on staff participation so they can prepare accordingly. Commissioner Neal stated staff should be available Friday night and Saturday to discuss all topics.
11. Annual Legislative Conference (CBCF) <https://www.cbcfinc.org/events/annual-legislative-conference/>: Commissioner Johnson questioned Commissioner attendance at numerous conferences. Commissioner Hawthorn stated that education is important and Commissioners should be attending.

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 stated health insurance information for staff will be submitted by the broker.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated the golf course is winding down and the South Shelter at Foss Park has no electricity. He continued an electrician stated there are two private power lines in the park that are causing a problem.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported there are many outings scheduled to wind down the season and reported numbers on fish fry. Commissioner Hawthorn questioned if flyers were distributed and Mr. Monroe stated there were 2500 made and distributed.

Commissioner Johnson leaves the room at 6:57 pm

Commissioner Wyatt asked about Direct Fairways. Mr. Monroe confirmed that is a company associated with the Golf Course scorecards.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall submitted written report and followed up on training component.

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 7:00 pm

Ms. Hall summarized the playground equipment submitted for Angel Park and presented carnival recap.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Gerald Coleman: Mr. Coleman liked the garden idea and Ms. Griffin is a staple in the community. He continued that Commissioners should not have contact with staff.
2. Wesley Hanna: Mr. Hanna stated Commissioners should not be in day to day operations and asked where the discipline is for Board members.
3. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards stated there needs to be a change and Commissioners are in the building too much.
4. Carl Evans: Alderman Evans welcomed Ms. Hall and asked Commissioners to tell the truth and not fall for political things.
5. Arielle Jones: Ms. Jones spoke about her day camp experience regarding trips and Ms. Hall will follow up with her.
6. Aaron Coleman: Mr. Coleman spoke about Ms. Griffin's importance and no one should be judged on one incident.
7. Ellen Ewing: Ms. Ewing stated GHV will work with the daycare on the garden.
8. Michael Bone: Mr. Bone spoke about Ms. Griffin and doing what is right and Commissioners should do what is right and quit pointing fingers.
9. Austin Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked for reconsideration for Ms. Griffin and she is a pillar in the community.
10. Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked the Board to reconsider the decision on Ms. Griffin as it would be an injustice to have this happens.
11. Shanelle Gary: Ms. Gary stated that Ms. Griffin saved her and it is not right to allow Commissioners to act out.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:42 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Donna King

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

1. MINUTES: Commissioner Neal motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (07/17/2024) and Special Meeting and Executive Session (07/31/2024). Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (07/12/2024-07/08/15/2024): \$291,046.69, invoices due \$75,571.23, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$6,494.79 and first of the month bills (September) – approximate: \$28,899.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve monthly payroll of \$118,152.81 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve petty cash Business Office \$78.11 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

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.

Commissioner Neal motions to approve finance reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Resolution #2024-0821

Commissioner Neal motions to approve Resolution #2024-0821. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: Community Recreation Center roof quote

Commissioner Johnson motions to postpone items #2-#6. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: J & J Homes LLC – garden

*see above

4. Approval: Golf Course dress code

*see above

5. Approval: Legat Architects

*see above

6. Approval: Brush removal at beach

*see above

7. ~~Approval: Chairs for parks~~

8. Approval: Commissioners attendance Annual Legislative Conference (CBCF) September 10-16, 2024 in Washington DC at an approximate cost of \$4,000 per person

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Nay: Commissioner Johnson

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:52 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary