

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025**

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

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to move to allow Commissioner King to participate via teleconference due to medical reasons. Second by Commissioner Wyatt.

Commissioner Neal asked what the issue was as he saw her earlier in the day. Commissioner Wyatt stated the only information he had was the email received.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Neal

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner King

MOTION FAILS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Phone and IT proposals: Mr. Skof presented proposals. Commissioner Wyatt requested copies of the complete services and recommends going with separate companies for phone and internet.
2. IAPD Legislative Reception and Conference: April 29-30, 2025 Springfield, IL: Commissioner Wyatt stated this is the annual opportunity to lobby representatives in Springfield.
3. Planning Resources Inc.: Comprehensive Master Plan: Commissioner Wyatt asked if there were any questions on Mr. Garrison's proposal.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart reviewed submitted written report.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof reviewed submitted written report. Commissioner Wyatt asked if Konica Minolta was the most cost effective proposal.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated a new Parks Foreman has been hired, the tennis court nets are up and swings will be up by the end of the week. Mr. Winter also stated the Golf Course is being cleaned up in preparation of opening. Commissioner Hawthorn asked when the big chairs would be installed and Mr. Winter stated most likely the beginning of May once placement is determined.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported EV chargers and solar update with Vet Energy Team, golf show report and waiting on the return of carts.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall reported on White Crane, yoga and chair aerobic classes, food program for seniors, casino trip, egg hunt for children and adults, steppers class and marital arts class.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards expressed displeasure with the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Donna King enters the room at 6:22 pm

Mr. Edwards continued that the district is run like a circus and Commissioners need to stay out of operations.

Mr. Thomas Coleman: Mr. Coleman expressed displeasure with his rental at the Golf Course pavilion on the lack of cleanliness of the facility, the patio doors remained lock throughout his event, but the bartenders were very good.

Ms. Shanelle Garrett: Ms. Garrett stated her concerns are strong and there needs to be order in the district and that she is running for commissioners. Commissioner Hawthorn stated there does need to be order but sometimes being a commissioner is not as easy as it appears.

Mr. Bryan Oglesby: Mr. Oglesby stated he is not happy with the youth golf program that will be happening and commissioners are held accountable for the district.

Executive Session

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 6:37 pm

Committee Meeting reconvenes at 6:44 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:45 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2025**

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, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (02/19/2025) and Special Meeting and Executive Session (03/06/2025). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (02/14/2025-03/13/2025): \$262,611.73, invoices due \$40,759.36, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$8,203.44 and first of the month bills (April) – approximate: \$30,379.00 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

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$76,946.84 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

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve Business Office petty cash of \$84.99 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

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports and 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

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: phone system and internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024)

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve L6 proposal phone system upgrade as presented (November 2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider: Release of Executive Session Minutes calendar year 2024

Meeting Commissioner King motions to not release the Executive Session Minutes calendar year 2024. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: Commissioners and staff attendance at IAPD Legislative Reception and Conference April 29-30, 2025 Springfield, IL, at an approximate cost of \$1,300.00 each

Meeting Commissioner King motions to approve Commissioners and staff attendance at IAPD Legislative Reception and Conference April 29-30, 2025 Springfield, IL, at an approximate cost of \$1,300.00 each. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Thomas Coleman: Mr. Coleman stated there are classes available on how to be professional and raise expectations of the district. He again stated his dissatisfaction with the cleanliness of the Golf Course Pavilion prior to his rental and he understands it is not easy to sit in the commissioner seats.

Commissioner Hawthorn stated training works when the person wants to apply what is learned.

Mr. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards stated the commissioners do not need to travel for training and that learning can take place on Zoom and he plans to investigate the commissioners' actions.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:13 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary