

**Foss Park District  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King (via telephone) and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: Commissioner Kingston Neal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** waived as recited in the Finance Committee Meeting

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. City of North Chicago – outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District property for Community Days (August 1-3, 2025): no discussion, City of North Chicago representatives not present.
2. Signal 88 security proposal: discussion of proposal. Commissioner Hawthorn mentioned the beach is getting busy and Commissioner King mentioned the vandalism happening in the parks. Commissioner Johnson asked if this would eliminate current park rangers. Commissioner Wyatt stated that would be evaluated.
3. September 2025 Committee and Regular Meeting: reschedule to September 24, 2025: Commissioner Wyatt asked Commissioners to update their calendars with the new date.
4. Utility vehicles: Mr. Monroe discussed utility vehicles for the golf course, grounds and recreation and the possibility of a lease.
5. RFP bridge and fence: discussion of RFP for bridge for the recently repaired culvert and privacy fence around the demolished pool area.
6. IT service provider: Mr. Haqq asked for more time to investigate the IT providers.

**COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

1. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated there is vandalism in the parks and Commissioner Hawthorn more cameras should be installed. Commissioner Wyatt stated an RFP will most likely be needed. Mr. Winter continued that the golf course is fully up and running.

2. *Business Office*

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

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Haqq report: Mr. Haqq reported the bond payment was made, the one day liquor license for July 27 will be applied for, and the auditors have set a schedule for review and a fiscal year 2025-26 draft budget was presented.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported the money for the EV chargers has been allocated and they are waiting to be contacted by ComEd.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall introduced the intern, is working on getting a Fellow, discussed the marine debris project, Sports Engine and upcoming events.

Commissioner Hawthorn stated the golf outing was awesome and all the events are exciting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Bryan Oglesby: Thanked Commissioner Hawthorn for all her work.

Ms. Diane: Thanked everyone and said the parks are looking good.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:52 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**June 18, 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 (via telephone), and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: Commissioner Kingston Neal

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** waived as recited in the Finance Committee Meeting

**1. MINUTES:** Commissioner Johnson motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (05/21/2025). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

**2. BILLS:** Commissioner Johnson motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (05/15/2025-06/13/2025): \$229,793.78, invoices due \$149,532.93, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$11,000.11 and first of the month bills (July) – approximate: \$28,336.09 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

**3. PAYROLL:** Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve monthly payroll of \$182,702.79 as presented. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

**4. PETTY CASH REPORTS:** Business Office \$20.39

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve petty cash Business Office \$20.39. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

**5. FINANCE REPORTS:** Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve finance reports and Commissioner reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

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: internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024)

Commissioner King motions to postpone internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024),

Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds and IT service provider. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval: Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds

\*see above

2. Approval: Signal 88 proposal

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve Signal 88 proposal. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: posting for inspection of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve posting for inspection of fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: IT service provider

\*see above

5. Approval: RFP for bridge

Commissioner Hawthorn motions to approve RFP for bridge. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

6. Approval: RFP for fence around pool area

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve RFP for fence around pool area. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

7. Approval: Utility vehicles

Commissioner King motions to approve Utility vehicles RFP. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

#### **9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ms. Donna Kalinoski: Ms. Kalinoski complimented the flowers and Commissioner Hawthorn for keeping citizens informed.

Commissioner Neal entered the room at 7:05 pm

Ms. Kalinoski stated she was waiting to hear back on a program to Ravinia.

Ms. Andrea Loftis: Ms. Loftis stated the Ravinia idea was submitted to the Recreation Department.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:08 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary