

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
December 18, 2024, 6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Rodney Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Roll Call: President, Rodney Frey-Present
Vice President, Keith Aurand-Present
Secretary, Anthony Venier-Present
Commissioner, Autumn Brady-Present
Commissioner, Nathan McCoy-Present

Staff Present: Duane Long, Executive Director
Michelle Lawson, Office Administrator
Tyler Hodapp, Maintenance Director

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. None

III. VISITORS- Tim Lee-WIXN

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Rodney Frey read a thank you note from Dixon High School Boosters. DHS Boosters thanks the park district for the \$1,500 donation to the athletic Programs.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve November 20, 2024 Regular Board Minutes by Keith Aurand; Seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy. Motion Carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

A. **Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for November, 2024**

Duane Long reported the property tax payments have all been collected. Duane put notice to the accounts that he has the most change to. Account 619 has

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been negotiated to increase the donation another \$50,000 for this fiscal year and \$30,000 next fiscal year. Account 431-Comed is over budget due to billing issues with Comed. Comed is currently working on amending the billing issues. Account 332-Woodcote is on track with income. We will be putting in a new heating system and having the kitchen cabinets professionally painted. Account 04-518 has \$30,000 left and this account for maintenance is in a good position. We have No grant money received as of today. Account 03-604 birthday parties are on track for income in the budget. Property replacement tax estimates are released in July. Our budget is complete in April. It is difficult to estimate for the next fiscal year within these time lines. Next fiscal year we will budget zero in property replacement to help manage the budget in the future.

Motion to Approve November, 2024 Financial Reports by
Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes;
Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy.
Motion Carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners-

1. Autumn Brady-Autumn took her kids to the riverfront to the light display. It looks amazing and her kids love it.
2. Rodney Frey-Within the last month Rodney has received two compliments on the new golf system and room upgrades.
3. Keith Aurand-Keith received an email from Tom Wadsworth asking if we can clear out the view around the Vaile Shelter in Lowell Park. Clearing the view would open up the scenery to the river like it was when the park originally opened. Duane Long said there has been about 33 years of not cutting the trees in that area and it will take a company to come in and remove the trees needed for a viewing area. Anthony Venier will help Keith get a map of the area to get estimates of the tree removal.
4. Anthony Venier-Anthony would like to upgrade our existing overlook when we are in a good financial position to do it. The cost estimate last year was 30 to 40 thousand dollars. Duane Long will continue to look for possible grants for the project. Anthony said our golf room is looking good. He would like to see a simpler way to reserve the room if possible.
5. Nathan McCoy-Nate asked if solar panels would benefit Reynolds Field. Duane said we just put in LED lighting through a grant. Nate asked if we would ever look at adding lights to the soccer fields. Duane explained the property is leased by the YMCA and we will not make those improvements until we are

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running the soccer programs. There are 8 years left on the lease with the YMCA and we will work with our partnership with them to determine what is best for the soccer program.

- B. **Executive Director**-Duane Long reported he has been working on the budget and wages for next fiscal year. Duane has been meeting with Trajectory Solar on the lease for the project. The annexation agreement is not on this agenda while We wait for the city to get up the paperwork. We will vote on the annexation once we receive the information needed.
- Tyler Hodapp told the board about his new full-time employee. Stephan Tucker was born and raised in Dixon. He has a lot of construction experience. He has a great attitude and is very thankful to be part of the park district team. Tyler and Duane cleaned out the barn in Page Park. It is now opened up for more storage. The roof is needing some repairs and it will take an outside company to repair the slate. Tyler has finished cleaning the vacated boathouse and made the necessary repairs to make it ready to rent for 2025. Tyler has purchased a new snow plow and salter. It will be ready next week for use.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Review/Amend/Approve Levy Ordinance #644-**
Duane Long described the process of the levy. It is an annual ordinance to ask Lee County and its taxpayers for money to run the budget of the park district.
Motion to Approve Levy Ordinance #644 by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy. Motion Carried.
- B. **Review/Amend/Approve Ordinance #645 Abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate revenue Source), Series 2021C, and Taxable General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021D, of the District.**

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Motion by Anthony Venier to Approve Ordinance #645 Abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate revenue Source), Series 2021C, and Taxable General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021D, of the District, seconded by Nathan McCoy. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy. Motion Carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Nathan McCoy to Adjourn, seconded by Autumn Brady to Adjourn.

Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19PM

Signatures:

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Rodney Frey	
_____	Date: _____
Anthony Venier	
_____	Date: _____
Autumn Brady	
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Keith Aurand	
_____	Date: _____
Nathan McCoy	

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