

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2025 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

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. None

III. VISITORS- George Howe-WIXN

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Rodney Frey read a thank you note from CEO West Class-Whiteside Area Career Center thanking Dixon Park District for hosting the Leadership Program. Laura Carbaugh, SVCC Facilitator thanked the Park District for hosting the Leadership Program.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

- A. Motion to Approve December 18, 2024 Regular Board Minutes by Nathan McCoy; 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. Motion to Approve December 18, 2024 Truth In Taxation Hearing Minutes by Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy. Motion Carried.

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VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

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

Duane Long reported a property replacement tax check came in leaving one more check to arrive in March. The \$71,000 solar donation will be expected to carry over \$50,000 of that to cover the tax gap next fiscal year. The Comed expense is coming in high due to continued billing issues from their change over in billing structure. All other accounts in the budget are on track.

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 had a great time at the Christmas party and hosting her son's birthday at Woodcote.
2. Rodney Frey-Rodney thanked the staff and team for a great Christmas party. He asked Duane Long about the guidelines of when we open and close the ice rink. Duane said the weather and temperatures dictate the opening and closing of the rink.
3. Keith Aurand-Keith reported the map is complete for the overlook at Vaile Shelter. He believes the cost to remove the trees and maintain them is to high. He told the Board the money will be better spent on the new platform at the current overlook that has been previously discussed. Keith thanks everyone for hosting the Christmas party at Woodcote.
4. Anthony Venier-None
5. Nathan McCoy-None

- B. Executive Director-**Duane Long reported he has been working a lot on the solar Array project. He has continued working on the budget for FY25. He told the board that Project Rock will begin in the Spring of 2025 and we will see the construction in Page Park begins. He told the Board Tyler Hodapp, Maintenance The director purchased a new truck for \$9,000. This truck will be transformed Into a garbage truck. The Park District Christmas party was a success.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None**

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review/Amend/Approve Annexation of the Meadows to City of Dixon-

Duane told the Board that after the vote if approved the City of Dixon will start the process of annexation of The Meadows. The city will pay for all surveys. Duane reported that the Rural Fire Department Chief was invited to this meeting to discuss if that had any questions.

Motion to Approve Annexation of the Meadows to City of Dixon 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 Boat Lease for Boat House 2A and 2B-

Boathouse 2 was split into 2 separate boathouses not under possession of Dixon Park District. The lease for 2A and 2B will be a one year lease with a No Build clause. This property can not be handed down to anyone else under the lease conditions. The fee for rental will be the same cost as boathouse lease holders. The sequence of leasing will be current boat slip lessees, boat house waiting list members, then general public. All boathouse leases will have an addendum added that the boathouse and boat slips current and new will be limited to one per household. A meeting with all current boat slip lessees will take place as soon as scheduled.

Motion by Anthony Venier to Approve Boat Lease for Boat House 2A and 2B, seconded by Autumn Brady. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy. Motion Carried.

C. Review Risk Management Procedures and Policies-

Michelle Lawson reported no changes to the current procedures or policies.
No Motion.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion to go into Executive Session by Keith Aurand, seconded by Autumn Brady
To consider information regarding the Staff evaluations and review of wages at 7:07PM
Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy.

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Motion Carried.

XI. Take action to come out of closed session

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 PM by Anthony Venier,
seconded by Keith Aurand.

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

Motion Carried.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion by Keith Aurand to Adjourn, seconded by Nathan McCoy to
Adjourn.

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

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46PM

Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Autumn Brady

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
Nathan McCoy

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