



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Exploration Station
1095 W Perry St, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
September 27, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.**

The September 27, 2021 Board of Commissioners Board Meeting was called to order by President Hebert at 5:31 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: David Zinanni, William Bukowski, Anthony Settle, Brian Hebert

Appointees Present: Hollice Clark, Michael Hayes, Dan Borschnack

Staff Present: Amanda Langlois, Paula Rogers, Mike Crews, Joe Galloy, Frank Cianci, Jen Blair, Tammy Marcotte, Kourtnee Thompson, Cherie Smolkovich

Visitors: Robert Ellington-Snipes, Pam Clark

Public Comment: Robert Ellington-Snipes stood up and stated the following:

I am disheartened to hear the remarks of Mr. Bukowski concerning a man who vested so much of his time and talent in the Bourbonnais Township Park District but now is being unintelligently dehumanized by members of this board. It is with high distinction for him but great disdain for you that I stand before this body in disgust! It's one thing to end a person's contract but it's another when you unjustly attack the character of a person by insinuating some unilateral misdeed. To date there is no evidence to support your verdict, even an amoeba exhibits more intelligence than the verbal vernacular of this board. Hollice Clark is a good man, a good father, a good husband, and a good administrator, at least from my observation. Food for thought, before you attempt to assassinate the character of a good man, you better have some valid and convincing evidence or it's best to shut your trap! Where is the evidence Mr. Bukowski or Mr. Hebert, when you make unverified allegations, it not only affects one's family, friends, and co-laborers but it affects the community in which he lives. In closing, I quote Suzy Kassem, "Never judge someone's character based on the words of another. Instead, study the motives behind the words of the person casting the bad judgement....Truth can only be seen by those with truth in them. He who does not have the Truth in his heart, will always be blind." Paraphrased by me.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director: Hollice Clark stated that we have over half the Scarecrows and the Festival went wonderful. He thanked Amanda Langlois for taking on this event due to the absence of a Marketing Director. Langlois and staff pulled off an amazing event. He also noted that Business Before Hours will be here at the park on October 6 from 7:30-8:30 am. He introduced Cherie Smolkovich, our new Marketing Director. Clark thanked those who came to the Comprehensive Meeting. He also thanked Dan Borschnack for his response email dealing with the BTPD Financials and comment from Robert Romo. Clark then handed out a letter that came in from Dwight Lockwood. This letter was to the board, and Mr Lockwood is waiting a for a response from the board.

Marketing- Cherie Smolkovich introduced herself. She stated she has been here for a little over 2 weeks and everyone has been so helpful welcoming her and getting her started. She noted she was previously with the Daily Journal over 15 years and with the Hollywood Casino the last 3 years. Both jobs dealt with marketing, graphic designing, etc.

Exploration Station- The report is filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet.

Finance & Personnel- Paula Rogers board report was filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet. She handed out financials for September as well as summarized her memo that is included in the board packet.

Recreation Station- Sarah Winkel was absent but her staff's reports were filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet. Clark added programs are doing great but staffing is needed.

Diamond Point – Mike Crew's board report was filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet. Crews summarized his report. Zinanni asked if there was any fall ball? Crews responded no.

Parks & Grounds- Joe Galloy's board report was filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet. Galloy summarized his report as well. He also stated that Steve Smith was under the impression we were taking care of the tree that is actually on his property. Hebert noted we need to address this tree issue.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Special Recreation: The minutes were filed with the September 27, 2021 board packet. Anthony Settle stated they are accepting sponsors for the Great Mouse Race.

Living History: No minutes were submitted.

Kankakee County Visitors Bureau: Clark went over his report that is filed in the September 27th board packet. Hebert asked about the money from the county and Clark stated we will be getting approximately \$9600.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Settle and seconded by Zinanni to approve the Consent Agenda. **Roll Call: Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni-AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.**

-Approval of minutes for Regular Board Meeting September 27, 2021

-Approval of minutes for Committee of the Whole Meeting October 20, 2021

Unfinished Business: Hebert asked about the seal coating. Clark responded that they haven't started yet.

New Business:

Hebert asked if there was a motion to approve to pay the bills. Settle made the motion and Zinanni seconded. Settle asked why the initials of employees on the credit card purchases were

not listed? Paula Rogers stated that the it will be corrected next meeting, but our credit card company was having issues. **Roll Call: Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni-AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.**

Hebert asked if there was a motion to approve payroll. Settle made the motion, Zinanni seconded. **Roll Call: Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni-AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.**

Hebert asked if there was a motion to approve the purchase of Kubota 1140. Settle made the motion, Bukowski seconded. Galloy gave an update from the salesman and he is trying to get us one. **Roll Call: Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni-AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.**

Hebert asked if there was a motion to accept the resignation from the Board Commissioner Wayne Delabre. Zinanni made the motion and Settle seconded. **Roll Call: Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni-AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.**

Hebert then asked about filling the vacancy position on the board. Clark noted that in the past we posted the position on Facebook, in the Daily Journal, etc. He also noted that the board will need to make time for the interviews for each candidate.

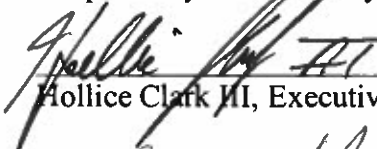
Hebert then asked if there was a motion to approve the purchase of audio and visual equipment for board meetings. Zinanni made the motion and Bukowski seconded. Frank Cianci handed out quotes that he has gotten so far concerning the equipment. Cianci explained that having this equipment also means we will need a space to store it as well as lock it up. The museum does not have a closet or a room we are able to utilize for this. Hebert requested the board tables this.

Hebert then stated that the Bradley Lions Club held their 75th Anniversary last weekend. They tried setting up a tent from the park district but were unable due to the wind and lack of help. They did utilize the district's ticket booth. The Lions Club thanked the park district in their program book.

Hebert asked for a motion to go into close session at 6:08 pm to discuss personnel issues. Settle made the motion and seconded by Bukowski. **All in favor, Motion carried.**

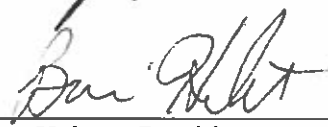
Motion to reconvene open meeting made by Settle, seconded by Zinanni. **All in favor, Motion carried.** Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:35 pm made by Settle, seconded by Zinanni. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by Amanda Langlois.



Hollice Clark III, Executive Director

10-25-2021
Date



Brian Hebert, President
Minutes approved at the board meeting of October 25, 2021

10-25-21
Date