



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting
Exploration Station... a children's museum
1095 W Perry Street, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
January 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

The January 12, 2022 Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Hebert at 7:03 pm with the following people present:

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

Staff Present: Amanda Langlois, Frank Cianci, Jen Blair, Tammy Marcotte

Visitors: Clark Gregoire

Hebert opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Sergeant Marlene Rittmanic and Office Tyler Bailey.

Public Comment- Hebert read a letter from Dwight Lockwood about the pickleball status. The letter is attached to the minutes.

Hebert then explained that after the last meeting a board member tested positive for Covid. At this time, he would like to put in place a mask mandate for indoor meetings and programs. Hebert made a motion that any indoor meeting or program with large attendance, masks will be worn out of the respect for others. Settle seconded. Roll Call: Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni- AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.

Hebert asked for a motion to go into close session at 7:10 pm to discuss personnel issues. Settle made the motion and Zinanni seconded. Roll Call: Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni- AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.

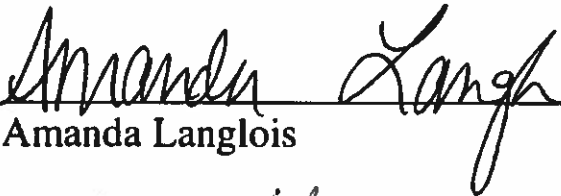
Motion to close the closed session meeting was made by Settle and seconded by Bukowski at 7:54 pm.

Motion to reconvene open meeting at 7:55 pm made by Settle, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor, Motion carried.

Hebert asked if there was a motion to approve terms of separation agreement with Director as discussed in closed session and to direct Park District's attorney to prepare written agreement on the same for final approval of the Board of Commissioners at the future meeting. Settle made the motion, Bukowski seconded. . Roll Call: Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni- AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Settle at 7:57 pm and seconded by Bukowski, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.


Amanda Langlois

1-24-22
Date


Brian Hebert, President

1-24-22
Date

Minutes approved at the board meeting of January 24, 2022.

1840 Summerfield Lane
Bourbonnais, IL

January 6, 2022

Executive Director Hollis Clark
459 Kennedy Drive
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Dear Executive Director Clark,

I was just seeking to work through the Bourbonnais Township Park District website for information on pickleball and the search engine led me to an article in the Daily Journal from April 22, 2021. The article reviewed the community input meeting from the previous day held at the Recreation Station and coordinated by Hitchcock Design Group of Naperville. My wife and I attended that meeting. In the newspaper article it was mentioned that community response favored the development of pickleball facilities and the paper reported, *"BTPD has pickleball courts in the planning stages at its Diamond Point Park."*

You'll likely recall that my wife and I attended the BTPD meeting of August 23, 2021 and asked of the Board what was the status of the pickleball court development. It is also likely that you'll recall that despite our cordial inquiry, none of the board member would respond to the question offered. In fact, as noted in my previously communique, they would not so much as make eye contact with us.

On September 24, 2021 I submitted a written request to the Board seeking the same information. Again, there was no response from the Board.

It was reported in the Daily Journal on November 23, 2021 that Board had accepted the Comprehensive Plan for the BTPD. Since Hitchcock Design Group of Naperville was paid by the BTPD to produce the Comprehensive Plan, publishing the plan for the benefit of the taxpaying community is warranted to authenticate that the expenditure was not a wasted expense.

In searching the BTPD website, I have been unable to locate the Comprehensive Plan. If I have missed it, I apologize and would welcome any guidance.

Since I deem the unresponsiveness of the elected Board of the BTPD as profoundly unprofessional, it might well be assumed that the Board is oblivious to the fact that according to numerous reputable sources, pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America.

It would seem reasonable that the largest park district in the area (BTPD) would be able to provide some contemporary pickleball facilities for the many players in the community who currently travel far afield to participate in the sport. If the BTPD Board has embraced any such plans, or if it has rejected the concept, I again make the request to know the status of the aforementioned Diamond Point facility or any other plan(s) for a pickleball facility.

Given the popularity of the sport, it should be obvious that a significant number of taxpayers in the area would welcome information on the development of pickleball facilities in the BTPD.

It is my expectation that this communication will be shared with the Board. Hopefully this time we can receive some answer to a very simple question.

As before, Mr. Clark, we thank you for your service and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Lockwood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Dwight Lockwood