



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Exploration Station... a children's museum
1095 W Perry Street, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
August 22, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.**

On August 22, 2022, President Zinanni called Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: David Zinanni, Anthony Settle, Brian Hebert, Jeff Mullinax, Bill Bukowski.

Appointees Present: Ed Piatt- Executive Director, Tom Planera- Board Attorney, Rob Romo- Treasurer

Staff Present: Victor Harling, Kelli Brza, Cherie Smolkovich, Jen Blair, Angie Peterlin, Allison Waide, Kristi Schu, Frank Cianci, Elana Ray, Nicole Jenkins, Allison Borschnack

Visitors: Herb Forkenbrock, Erika Young, Mayor Paul Schore, Tammy Marcotte, Beth Regnier, Emily Hudson

Public Comment- Victor Harling thanked the park district for allowing him to do his internship here and he appreciated staff and everyone working with him. He will start his new adventure in September. Erika Young then spoke about the concerns of staffing and preschool programs. She was concerned about Before & After school program, the Exploration Station as well as Willowhaven.

Consent Agenda:

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

- Approval of minutes for Committee of the Whole Meeting July 20, 2022
- Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 27, 2022
- Approval of minutes for Committee of the Whole August 17, 2022

Staff Reports:

Executive Director Piatt went gave a brief description of what he has been working on:

- Roofs replaced at the Rec Station and gutters/fascia forthcoming
- Evergreen tree removed and concrete blocks removed by Exploration Station- new landscaping will commence soon after
- Held budget meeting with all full time employees to discuss budget implications and vision of what we are moving towards with a proposed new Recreation Center at Perry Farm
- Finalized and voted for a new one-year contract with Ballpark Sports
- Waiting response from local government entities on the \$1M grant for turf for the fields at Diamond Point
- New vision and quarterly accomplishments presented to board and in concert with complying with the Comprehensive Master 5-yr plan
- Two new hires for Rec Supervisors- Dr. Michael Burke and Josh Turro
- Continue to pursue grant opportunities for the district
- Board policy manual updated

- Feasibility study commencing to seek a preview of what is needed and cost for turf at Diamond Point
- I am reviewing ComEd grant opportunities for LED lighting throughout the park
- I am waiting a parking bid from Mike Gingrich for bid proposals for new parking lots at Perry Farm
- Installation of two new entrance doors at Willowhaven completed
- Met with Nicole Gavin, the new Executive Director of the KCCVB, to discuss a funding request for \$500K for turf at Diamond Point
- Bushing removed from the front and sides of the Perry Farm house, and landscaping will be completed after installing the new roofs in October 2022
- Continue to meet and monitor villages and forge new partnerships

IT- Frank Cianci's report was submitted in the board packet. Cianci did mention he got a savings for the district of \$300 on new internet for the Exploration Station.

Superintendent of Recreation- Nicole Jenkin's report was submitted with the board packet and she added that Willowhaven is busy with rentals and the Before & After program is full. Kristi Schu continued that the museum is on shut down and they have been cleaning, painting and adding new exhibits.

Superintendent of Parks- Mike Crews was absent and no report was submitted.

Marketing- Cherie Smolkovich's report was submitted in the board packet. She noted the Scarecrow Festival is ready and the Blues & Brews event is in the works.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Special Recreation- July 19, 2022 minutes were submitted with the board packet. Hebert added that they had a fundraiser at Heavenly Ham and made \$3700.00

Living History- no report was submitted

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau- Piatt covered items in his Executive Director's report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

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

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

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve to the contract for Ballpark Sports. Mullinax made the motion and Settle seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni- AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to change Board Policies #1-007, 1-008, 2-003, 3-003, 3-011, 3-012, 8-004. Settle made the motion and Mullinax seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Zinanni- AYE, Settle- AYE, Hebert-AYE. Motion carried.

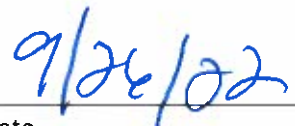
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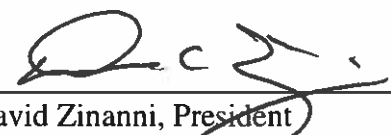
During public comment, Beth Regneir was missed. Zinanni gave her a chance to discuss her concerns. She has not seen the changes that she thought would be happening. She questioned that key players at the district do not live within the tax body.

Settle made the motion at 5:52 pm to adjourn, Hebert seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Minutes respectable submitted by Amanda Langlois.


Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary


Date


David Zinanni, President


Date

Minutes approved at the board meeting of September 26, 2022.