



Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Recreation Station
770 E Franklin Dr, Bradley, IL 60915
April 22, 2024

On April 22, 2024, President Zinanni called the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: Jeff Mullinax, David Sadler, Dave Zinanni, Bill Bukowski, Scott Chaplinski

Appointees Present: Amanda Langlois- Board Secretary, Rob Romo- Treasurer, Jamie Boyd- Attorney

Visitors: Cherie Smolkovich, Joe Galloy, Kelli Brza, Mack Brza, Jeff Bonty, Frank Cianci, Cindy Mullinax, Annie Scott, Kristin Bahr, Bill Bahr, Alexis McCullough, Cassandra McCullough, William Perakis

Langlois asked Alexis McCullough to come up front and start the Pledge of Allegiance.

McCullough, a gold star family member and a member of Troop 319G, thanked everyone for allowing her to speak. She explained that she is raising money to put a monument in Marcotte park for the Woody Williams Foundation. She handed out flyers for various fundraiser she will be doing in our community.

Langlois explained the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Bradley School District. Basically, we just updated it so it will renew yearly unless one of us wants to cancel it. The school is allowed to utilize our outdoor facilities such as the pavilion/gazebo for their school picnics, cross country meets, etc. and we are allowed to utilize their gym, which we have already with one our Little Hitters programs due to bad weather. She continued going over the job description for the Executive Director.

IT- Cianci stated he is moving forward to get facility rentals online which will make it easier for our patrons.

Finance- Brza handed out a report while Romo stated that the revenues may look low at this point but that is due to our property taxes don't come through until July. But we are actually looking good.

Bills & Payroll- there were no questions or comments.

Recreation- Smolkovich told the board that she would like the ballots back tonight for naming the alpacas. She showed everyone a sample sign that she is working on for the animals. Zinanni added that he would like to congratulate all that was involved in the brochure, it is great! The board was very pleased with it and loved seeing all the partnerships. Scott announced that we received the \$150,000 grant for the Exploration Station remodel! This is exciting news! Langlois gave Scott a bouquet of flowers and a thank you from the district for all of her hard work she put in to the grant process.

RVSRA- no minutes were submitted but Zinanni explained that there are 2 Commissioners on that board, himself and Mullinax, and that we are very informed now and things are doing great with the new Executive Director there.

Living History- Zinanni stated that there are actually 7 members on that committee, Mack Brza was just added along with Doris O'Connor and Max Michels.

Parks- Galloy noted that he has the 25 trees from Soil & Water and they will either go at Perry Farm or Willowhaven. Zinanni told him to call Mixdesigns if he wants them to go on Perry Farm. Galloy also invited the board to the tree planting for Arbor Day on Saturday April 27th at 12 pm at the Exploration Station.

Nothing to report on the maintenance facility project.

Brza added that the employee handbook that HR Source is doing for the district should be complete by the end of the month.

Zinanni stated that the Bike Path Designs are enclosed in the packet and asked if there were any questions, none were asked.

He then briefly went over the current alcohol policy and stated that tonight he would just like discussion on whether or not the board would like to allow alcohol, on a case by case basis, at all facilities. They did mention that at the park concerts, with alcohol, there has been absolutely no issues at all. Boyd said it would be a great idea to do it. He noted you could even sell it if you wanted revenue. More discussion will be done for this before they decide to vote.

Public Comment- Kristin Bahr gave a brief explanation as to why her and her husband Bill would like the fountain not turned on at all or turned on for a limited time during the day. Worried about the water spraying their dinner at night and the noise is annoying. They would also like to see the water tested.

Zinanni asked for a motion to go into closed session for the following:

Executive Session for the discussion of land acquisition, personnel, probable litigation and/or other subject matters as allowed by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS, Par. 120/2 (c) (1) – (40)

Sadler made the motion and Mullinax seconded at 6:04 pm.

Motion to open meeting was made at 6:33 pm by Bukowski, seconded by Chaplinski.

Smolkovich, Galloy, Bonty came back into the room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sadler, seconded by Mullinax. All in favor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.

Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary

Date