



Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Recreation Station
459 N Kennedy Dr, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
March 26, 2024

On March 26, 2024, President Zinanni called the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:31 pm with the following people present:

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

Appointees Present: Amanda Langlois- Board Secretary, John Wilson- Interim Executive Director

Visitors: Cherie Smolkovich, Joe Galloy, Monalisa Keele, Kelli Brza, Frank Cianci, Mack Brza, Annie Scott, Scott Chaplinski, Jeff Bonty, Brian Ramsey

Wilson started the meeting explaining that Bradley Elementary is updating our Intergovernmental Agreement, which states we are allowed to utilize their facility when it is available. There may only be a charge on the weekends. He stated that Langlois has already made sure that the front desks know that we also will not be charging for park rentals for the Bradley schools. He continued with the information that Gingrich did a mock up for Bradley School Board to consider for approval of road access for the new maintenance building. He also noted that the planning committee will be going to Mixdesigns on April 4th to discuss the Perry Farm Park and Exploration Station project. He would also like the Parks & Facility Committee to schedule a meeting soon. He reminded the board of a couple important dates, April 6th at Willowhaven from 8:30a-1p and April 9th at Perry Farm Admin from 5:30p-9p for board training and Saturday April 13th 8:30a-3p at Perry Farm Admin for Executive Director Interviews.

Langlois read the thank you card from RVSRA to the staff of the BTPD. She explained that Kristin Giacchino brought Starbuck treats for staff with the thank you on Monday. Langlois then explained the details from KultureCity and how exciting it will be to be able to add a certified sensory room to the Exploration Station. Proceeds from the Chocolate Tour will cover a good portion, but the RVSRA is interested in helping as well. Langlois also stated that she was looking at asking the foundation for the little amount that we may be short. She noted that she attended an Advisory Committee meeting at the Kankakee Public Library for Representative Jackie Haas, which was very informative.

Zinanni then discussed with the board that last year they changed the meetings from Mondays to Tuesdays, for a board member that is no longer with them. Everybody has a new calendar and he would like the day to go back to Mondays. They will vote on this at the regular meeting tonight.

Brza stated that it was such a nice treat to have RVSRA bring us treats on Monday from Starbucks. She added that she went to the Advisory Committee meeting at the Kankakee Public Library for Representative Jackie Haas. Brza continued that she met with the auditors and the audit will be done by June 30, 2024.

Wilson stated that that Representative Jackie Haas has set up many advisory committees that he has sent staff too. We help her out, she helps us out. She has been a positive advocate for our bike path grant and it is nice to keep the relationship open with her and her office.

Zinanni asked Brza to explain the treasurers report. She did in fact went over it. The Midland account is for the foundation, the Peoples FSA will be used for EFT payments and deposits, Peoples Operating is for normal operating expenses, Peoples Money Market is a revolving account that will add money to the

Operating account if needed, and the First Trust account is simply an account that can be used for anything, emergencies, etc.

Smolkovich said she had two reports this month but going forward she will combine it into one. She has been busy working with Keele and Scott and they are already talking about fall items, she thanked everyone for helping at the Easter Egg Hunt and our website is almost finished. Smolkovich then introduced Mack Brza, our new Exploration Station Manager. Everyone welcomed Mack Brza. Zinanni added that he is very impressed with how things are progressing, things are really moving and there are so many new and better items that he has not seen offered before. Smolkovich thanked Brza and Langlois for talking to RVSRA and setting up the opportunity for us to utilize their smaller bus for our Dina & Dash trips. Patrons are so happy that this program will run and be canceled anymore!

Keele stated she attended the Representative Jackie Haas Advisory Committee as well. She said programs are going well and the Seniors seem to be very happy with everything.

Scott added she attended the Advisory Committee too and it was very informative. She said she has set a date with RVSRA for a night at the museum, it will be Aug 21 from 5:30p-7p. This night is funded through a Robert Dunn Grant.

Wilson stated that RVSRA notified us that they will not be offering a summer camp this year and we may have some of those campers added to ours. He has reached out to South Suburban Special Rec to do some inclusion service training for our camp counselors.

Zinanni asked if Cianci had anything to add to his report. He just stated that on Sunday Comcast replaced a line at Perry Farm that was over needed to be done.

Public Comment- None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sadler, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.

Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary

Date