

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PAXTON PARK DISTRICT
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Paxton Park District convened at the Paxton Park District Civic Center, 601 South Fall Street, Paxton, Illinois, on the 14th day of November, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

President Steve Sample called the meeting to order, and upon roll call, the following Commissioners answered present:

Bobby Kinnaird
Kaye Harper
Amber King
Denver Piatt
Steve Sample

the following were found to be absent:

Bradley D. Ecker
Nicki Greenlee

Also present at this meeting was, Director Neal McKenry, Secretary Ross Sorensen, Holly Galvin, an associate of Sorensen's law firm, and Andrew Rosten with the Ford County Record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 10, 2017, and an adjourned meeting held on October 24, 2017 have been e-mailed to all of the Commissioners. It was moved by Commissioner Harper, seconded by Commissioner King, that said Minutes be approved as presented. Upon voice vote, all of the Commissioners present voted Aye and none voted Nay. President Sample declared said motion approved and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Commissioners reviewed the reports received from Fiorillo, Shaffer and Associates. The bills that were paid since the last meeting are in the total sum of \$0.00. The total bills presented for payment at this meeting are in the total sum of \$8,504.93. It was moved by Commissioner Kinnaird, seconded by Commissioner Piatt that the total bills presented for payment at this meeting in the total sum of \$8,504.93 be paid as presented. Upon roll call, all the Commissioners present voted Aye and none voted Nay. President Sample declared said motion approved and adopted.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The parking lot project will be completed in the Spring. It is partially completed and will stay that way until the weather breaks in the Spring.

Director McKenry talked to Josh Garrell about over seeding the playing field. The Board informally agrees that the playing field needs to be reseeded. Director McKenry will take care of this on his own.

POOL

The pool is closed and winterized.

PERSONNEL

Director McKenry would like to go to the Park District Conference in Chicago this January.

The summer maintenance help is officially finished for the year.

RECREATION

Youth basketball is currently in sign up.

Adult basketball is starting this Sunday. Twenty teams are signed up, which is seven more than last season.

Director McKenry applied for a Scott's Grass seed grant for \$20,000 for a new infield, fencing and baseball field equipment.

The University of Illinois offered tickets to the Paxton Youth basketball players with a potential tour.

Dance, ballet, and Karate are winding down. The instructors are gearing up to start again after the beginning of next year.

The Board will next to make decisions regarding the low participation level of junior high students in basketball, softball and flag football.

PROMOTIONS

Breakfast with Santa will be on December 9, 2017. The same Santa is coming back. The food will be prepared at the Civic Center. The hours will be 8-10:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Sorensen reiterated to the Board that the Tax Levy ordinance did not have any changes from the proposed draft handed out at the last meeting. There were no questions. It was moved by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Piatt, that Ordinance No. 17-06, be "AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES OF THE PAXTON PARK DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JANUARY 31, 2019," be adopted as presented. Upon roll call the following Commissioners voted Aye: Kaye Harper, Amber King, Bobby Kinnaird, Steve Sample, Denver Piatt; the following Commissioners voted Nay: NONE. Ordinance No. 16-07 was declared by the President to be duly approved and adopted, and the President did approve and sign the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same, which was done.

The financial report, as set forth by Director McKenry, was up for re approval at the November meeting. Due to timing constraints, the report was approved at the October adjourned meeting, but the item was not present on the original regular scheduled meeting agenda. Secretary Sorensen asked the Board to approve the financial report with the item being properly on the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Piatt, to accept and approve the financial report. Upon voice vote, all Commissioners voted Aye and none voted Nay. The President declared said motion approved and adopted.

There was a short discussion on the requirements of reducing the Board from 7 to 5 commissioners. Secretary Sorensen prepared an ordinance to put the question on the March Primary ballot. It was moved by Commissioner Kinnaird, but there was no second. The President declared said motion failed.

Director McKenry asked the Board if they were interested in having Farnsworth do a winter site

visit to look for additional issues with the parking lot project. The Board directed McKenry to look for any issues and utilize Farnsworth on an as-needed basis.

There was a short discussion on whether to make the Park District property "smoke free." President Sample would like to see the properties smoke free. Commissioner Piatt did not know if there any real issues with smoking at the Parks to warrant the passage of the ordinance. There was some discussion on what the City was planning for their parks. Secretary Sorensen asked the Board to table the issue so that, at a minimum, an ordinance could be drafted that would be up for vote, as there is currently no ordinance drafted.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Paxton Park District will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. at the Civic Center.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, this meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

APPROVED:

President