

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PAXTON PARK DISTRICT
HELD November 12, 2019

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 12th day of November, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Present were President Eckert, Commissioner Kinnaird, Commissioner Harper and Commissioner Piatt. Also present was attorney Marc Miller. Absent was Commissioner Pietkiewicz. Guests present were Cody Evans, Craig Kief, Andrew Rosster, and Angie Russell.

Commissioner Harper made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as presented. There was a second by Commissioner Piatt. The motion carried.

Commissioner Harper gave an update on finances. There was discussion about the cost of cell service. Neal McKenry will send a single month bill to the Commissioners for next month for their advance review.

Commissioner Piatt moved to approve the bills totaling \$4,728.53 as presented with seconded by Commissioner Harper. Roll call vote: Harper-Yes, Kinnaird-Yes, and Piatt-Yes. The motion carried.

Angie Russell gave a presentation about the District sponsoring a road trip to see the Chicago Blackhawks. The consensus is that it would need to be on a weekend. There is a game on February 21st (Friday evening) and 2 games in March one being March 29th (a Sunday afternoon). Neal has been searching for bus companies. They are hoping to hold the cost to somewhere near \$100.00. There was discussion about possibly getting a school bus versus a charter bus. Commissioner Piatt moved to pursue putting together a package with a second by Commissioner Kinnaird. The motion carried.

There was discussion about securing a new bond for purposes of capital improvements to the District. Neal explained that historically the Board had taken out \$100,000 bonds for a year but that last year the District did not do so. There is about \$55,000.00 cash on hand in the capital fund. The agenda lists borrowing \$200,000 which Neal estimates to max out at that amount. There was discussion about various improvements that would be paid for with the bond. Repairing the garage, pool upgrades, a possible walking path, were all possible projects. There was a motion by Trustee Kinnaird to secure a bond for \$100,000.00 with a second by Commissioner Harper. Roll call vote: Harper-Yes, Kinnaird-Yes, and Piatt-Yes. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Commissioner Piatt motioned with a second by Commissioner Kinnaird to approve the tax levy ordinance for the fiscal year beginning February 1, 2019 and ending January 31, 2020 being Ordinance No. 19-0-2 as presented. Roll call vote: Harper-Yes, Kinnaird-Yes, and Piatt-Yes. The motion carried.

Neal gave the Director's report. Due to weather the Halloween parade was cancelled. There is left over candy which will be handed out around the holidays. There is a need for CPR certified site supervisors for basketball. There was talk about the Commissioners sharing in a rotation of the program.

There was discussion about the pool. The projected deficit for last summer was about \$16,700.00 which is about \$5,000.00 less than what was budgeted. There is about \$3,900.00 held by the fundraising committee. That money is being held to leverage fundraising for next year. There is \$300 remaining unpaid from pool parties.

Commissioner Harper made a motion to send Director to the 2020 IAPD Conference. Commissioner Kinnaird with the second. Roll Call Vote: Harper-Yes, Kinnaird-Yes, and Piatt-Yes. The motion carried.

Commissioner Harper left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The hiring of Feller & Kuester CPAs LLC was tabled until they are able to provide a scope of work and price. All commissioners seemed receptive to approving the audit upon receipt of bid.

Discussion took place between the Board and the Save the Paxton Pool Committee members in attendance in regards to 2020 pool hours and rates. It was determined that the Director will come up with several options to review and vote on at the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. with Commissioner Piatt making the motion and Commissioner Kinnaird seconding.

Next scheduled meeting is set for December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary

APPROVED:

President