



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2021 5:00 PM
Cole Administration Center
101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Anderson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 ROLL CALL

President Anderson directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Fox Valley Park District Board of Commissioners were present via teleconference pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07 and subsequent orders: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, MaryAnne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz, and President Chuck Anderson. Absent: None. A quorum was present. Also present via teleconference Attorney Gerald Hodge, Department Directors Ijams, Kramer, Leahy, Palmquist, Paprocki, Santoria and Summer, Interim Finance Director/Third Party Consultant Annmarie Mampe, administrative staff, and guests. Present in person: Executive Director Jim Pilmer and Director Michael

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA

None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve the Budget and Appropriation Public Hearing minutes of December 14, 2020.**
- 5.2 Approve the Open Session meeting minutes of December 14, 2020.**
- 5.3 Approve payables for the period ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$831,805.06.**
- 5.4 Approve payroll for the period through December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$1,178,101.**
- 5.5 Approve the statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending November 30, 2020.**
- 5.6 Approve Department Directors and other reports.**
- 5.7 Approve the capital projects permitting fees & charges, cost summaries, and project bid schedule reports.**
- 5.8 Approve a contract extension to V3 and HLR in the total amount of \$300,000 for 2021 natural areas maintenance and inspection.**
- 5.9 Approve and authorize staff to enter a contract extension with Wild Goose Chase, Inc. for FY 2021.**
- 5.10 Approve the license agreement between the Fox Valley Park District and Monarrez Properties LLC for continued placement and use of an existing sidewalk.**
- 5.11 Approve the 3-year stepped shelter increase as presented.**

A motion and a second was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, MaryAnne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the consent agenda was approved.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

6.1 Recognition of Eagle Scout Candidate Dominic Anzalone for the construction of birdhouses and improvements made to the bird garden at Red Oak Nature Center.

6.2 Recognition of Eagle Scout Candidate Logan Wilson for improvements made to the firewood storage structure and playhouse at Red Oak Nature Center.

Director Pilmer and Renee Oakley, Facility Manager of Red Oak Nature Center spoke about the recently completed projects by two Eagle Scout candidates. The Scouts were thanked for their work and Certificates of Recognition were presented and will be mailed to the recipients.

6.3 Recognition of Mavis Bates for service as Commissioner of the Fox Valley Park District.

Director Pilmer presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mavis Bates for her service as the At-Large Commissioner to the Fox Valley Park District Board of Commissioners.

6.4 Recognition of Retirement-Debbie Smith

Director Pilmer recognized the recent retirement of Debbie Smith for 33 years of service to the Fox Valley Park District. Debbie retired from her position as Community Outreach Manager on December 31, 2020.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

None presented.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Executive Director's Report

Director Pilmer reported on the following:

- The Fox Valley Park District will be awarded the 2020 Jane Foulser and Pat Miller Community Engagement award by the DuPage Monarch Project.
- The FVPD Operations Department, led by John Kramer, has supported the Aurora Rotary Club's Festival of Lights for the last several years with a significant effort to set up and take down the displays.
- Chief Summer is the FVPD point person for COVID-19 awareness and dissemination of information and has taken the lead should FVPD offer District locations for vaccination administration.
- There are proposed changes to the District Park Naming Policy that will be discussed further in February. Director Pilmer has been approached by some members of the community regarding the naming of a park for a family member. This does not align with our current naming policy, nor with the proposed changes.
- A Pulte Homes development will be built with FVPD boundaries in Will County. A majority of the site will be a Del Webb community. The initial request from Pulte was to waive the impact fee payable to the FVPD in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000. The reasoning for the developer's waiver request is that the development will not have an impact on the community as it will have its own "resort" community within the development. After some discussion between FVPD and the developer, Pulte has indicated a willingness to fund the construction of a bridge over Wolf Crossing Road and Eola Road for trail connectivity to District trails.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS

None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve the purchase of seven (7) vehicles and four (4) pieces of equipment, as presented in the not-to-exceed amount of \$480,888.

John Kramer recommended the approval of the purchase of 7 vehicles and 4 pieces of equipment.

11.2 Ratify the list of surplus property as presented.

John Kramer recommended ratification of the surplus property list.

A motion and a second was made to approve both 11.1 and 11.2 simultaneously. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, MaryAnne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and items 11.1 and 11.2 were approved.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

12.1 The Board of Commissioners moved into closed session to consider one or more of the following subjects under the Open Meetings Act: Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or its legal counsel; collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or representatives or deliberations regarding salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the purchase or lease of real estate or whether to acquire real estate, or the setting of a price for sale or lease of property of the District; pending, probable or imminent litigation (for which a specific finding shall be stated and recorded in the minutes); review of the minutes of lawfully closed sessions.

A motion and a second was made to move from open to closed session. Voice voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Maryanne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz, and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners adjourned open session at 5:39PM.

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:07pm.

13.1 President's Comments

President Anderson stated that he looks forward to further discussion and consideration of the Park Naming policy at the February Board of Commissioners meeting.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second was made to adjourn the meeting. Voice voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Maryanne Cummings, Matt Hicks, Jr., Holly Scholz, and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Nooncaster

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Board Secretary*