



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2023 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: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Also present, Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Attorney Gerald Hodge, Directors Halverson, Ijams, Kramer, Michael, Palmquist, Paprocki, and Chief Lapp, administrative staff, and guests.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

4.1 Presentation of Community Project Funding Grant Check-Congressman Bill Foster

U.S. Congressman Bill Foster, representing the 11th congressional district of Illinois presented a check to Fox Valley Park District for \$4,000,000. The funds are earmarked for a pedestrian bridge over the Fox River at The Wilds at Red Oak. Congressman Foster in presenting the check to the Board of Commissioners, stated that the Fox Valley Park District is a pillar of the community and noted that he is inspired by the District's commitment to social equity.

4.2 Master Plan Update-Wight & Company

Patty King of Wight and Company presented an on overview of the working copy of the Master Plan for the Fox Valley Park District. She presented the following key elements of the Master Plan:

- The framework of the plan is consistent with previous master plans.
- The plan is consistent with Distinguished Agency Accreditation requirements.
- Every resident in the District lives within a half mile of a park, which she described as extraordinary.
- There are no recommended policy changes.
- FVPD is transitioning from major acquisitions to maintaining and updating facilities.

A final version of the Master Plan will be presented to the Board for approval in the coming months.

5.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA

None presented.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve the Open Session meeting minutes of March 13, 2023.

6.2 Approve payables for the period ending March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,925,416.08.

6.3 Approve payroll for the period ending March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,179,800.

6.4 Approve the statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending February 28, 2023.

6.5 Approve accounts receivable write-offs for April 2023 in the amount of \$4,341.

6.6 Approve Department Directors and reports.

6.7 Approve the capital projects permitting fees & charges, cost summaries, and project bid schedule reports.

- 6.8 Approve the fitness equipment bids submitted by Matrix in the amount of \$27,708 and Midwest Commercial Fitness in the amount of \$22,785 for the Fox Fitness locations at Eola and Vaughan.
- 6.9 Ratify the Splash Country Compliance Commitment Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency as presented.
- 6.10 Approve Pessina Tree Care LLC, Inc. as the Tree Maintenance Contractor.
- 6.11 Approve the Playground Fiber Contract to Homer Industries LLC as presented.
- 6.12 Ratify the Splash Country Water Park Leak Repairs to Superior Excavating in the amount of \$47,310.
- 6.13 Approve the updates to Capital Planning Maintenance and Reporting Policy.
- 6.14 Approve the updates to Policy 6.06 - Use of Park District Facilities and Programs.

A motion and a second was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the consent agenda was approved.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - For matters not on the agenda.

Frank Juravic of Aurora, IL spoke about his background and made comments about Orchard Valley Golf Course and the golf academy.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS

Attorney Hodge commended District staff about proactively consulting with him on matters of importance, often times before an issue has arisen.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Executive Director's Report

Director Pilmer reported on the following:

- Commissioners Broholm, Butler, and Hicks were re-elected, and congratulations were given.
- Jennifer Paprocki was asked to provide a hiring update:
 - The March 11 Job Fair produced 252 applications, 108 interviews, 70 new hires (to date), 54 staff referrals, and 9 lifeguard referral bonuses.
 - In total, there have been 139 new hires this hiring season, of which 32 are rehires.
 - There are 72 current job postings.
 - Aquatics hiring is at 57% of its goal, which is better than last year at this time.
 - There are still several upcoming recruiting events that FVPD staff will participate in.
- A ribbon cutting event for the new event and education center, "The Wilds" in mid-June.
- There are several handouts at the Commissioners places, including:
 - Community-Wide Service Day April 15
 - Orchards Restaurant menu
 - Daily Herald article regarding the DuPage Monarch Pollinator Project
 - Beacon article regarding Orchard Valley Golf Course and Restaurant

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS

None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Approve Resolution 23-039 to submit an application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program for a \$200,000 grant for funding of regional trail restroom improvements.

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of ordinance 23-039 permitting a grant application for trail restroom improvement funding. A motion and a second was made to approve. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the resolution was approved.

11.2 Approve the Lease Agreement between Aurora Generation, LLC, and the Fox Valley Park District for use of Rios Park.

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of the lease agreement for use of Rios Park. A motion and a second was made to approve. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and agreement was approved.

11.3 Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Fox Valley Park District Police Department and West Aurora School District 129 to use the Vaughan Center and possibly the Eola Center as reunification location during an emergency or crisis event.

Larry Lapp recommended approval of the intergovernmental agreement between FVPD Police and WASD129 for use of District facilities during crisis events. A motion and a second was made to approve. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the agreement was approved.

11.4 Approve the construction and supervision of the Blackberry Farm New Train Storage Building in the amount of \$846,264 to R.C. Wegman Construction Company, Crafton Railroad Company Inc, and Fehr Graham.

John Kramer recommended approval of the construction and supervision of the new storage building at Blackberry Farm. A motion and a second was made to approve. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the building construction and supervision was approved.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Commissioners did not convene into closed session.

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

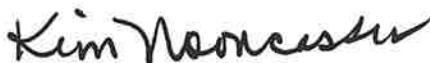
13.1 President's Comments.

None presented.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second was made to adjourn. Voice voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Marea Clement, Maryanne Cummings, Joe Grisson, Matt Hicks, Jr., and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kim Nooncaster

Board Secretary