

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Zion Park District, Lake County, Illinois
Held at the Leisure Center in said District at 7:00pm
On the 16th day of May 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Rivers, and Pye were present. Also, present for the meeting were Executive Director Bradley, Superintendent of Recreation Petersen, Superintendent of Parks Chirchirillo, Community Relations Manager Wertman, and Accounting Manager Taylor.

Guests: Dan Forbes of Speer Financial, resident Doug Carlson

Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on April 25, 2024, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on April 25, 2024.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Rivers, and Pye voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Pye, and Rivers voted aye. Motion carried.

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

Comments from the Commissioners included: Commissioner Pye commented on how much he liked the new SAFS flooring, how clean the facility was and how staff were very friendly. Also enjoyed the Legislative Conference in Springfield and happy to see the progress in Shiloh Park. Commissioner Rivers commented how nice the ribbon cutting ceremony was at Jordan Park and she has very positive feedback from the neighborhood on the park. She agree with the News-Sun article written in the winter that, "Everything is getting better."

The district's finances were presented by Executive Director Bradley during the Personnel and Finance sub-committee meeting that was held immediately prior to the board meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Fermaint, seconded by Commissioner Magiera to approve the month's expenditures, as listed, in the amount of \$972,730.08 for the month of April 2024.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Pye, and Rivers voted aye. Motion carried.

A written report that highlighted the month's activities was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting by Executive Director Bradley. He commented on the Legislative conference in Springfield and the great networking and learning it provides. He took the opportunity to request an allocation of \$375,000 in the State's budget from Senator Edly-Allen. The educational sessions discussed; Illinois election security, FOIA & OMA compliance, hiring trends, and a update from IAPD on upcoming legislation being presented. The Park District is in the middle of its busy hiring season. This is going very well with our new system. Please join us for the Shepherd's Crook short game ribbon cutting ceremony on May 31 at 4:00 pm.

New Business:

Dan Forbes, President of Spear Financial, presented the General Obligation Park Bonds to the Board and answered questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fermaint, seconded by Commissioner Mageria, to approve ordinance # 911 providing for the issue of \$2,723,900 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Mageria, Pye, and Rivers voted aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Fermaint, seconded by Commissioner Mageria, made a motion to accept the resignation and declare a vacancy in the Office of Commissioner for Unexpired Term of Bill Hartmann

Upon a roll call, Commissioners Fermaint, Mageria, Pye, and Rivers voted aye. Motion carried.

Elected Park Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Executive Director Bradley called for nominations for the office of President. A motion was made by Mageria to nominate Commissioner Rivers for the Office of President. Commissioner Fermaint nominated himself for Office of President. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Mageria made a motion to close the nominations. Executive Director Bradley conducted a voice vote and declared Commissioner Rivers elected to the Office of President for a one-year term.

Executive Director Bradley called for nominations for the office of Vice President. A motion was made by Commissioner Mageria to nominate Commissioner Fermaint for the office of Vice President. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Pye made a motion to close the nominations. Executive Director Bradley conducted a voice vote and declared by unanimous vote; Commissioner Fermaint elected to the office of Vice President for a one-year term.

Executive Director Bradley called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. A motion was made by Commissioner Mageria to nominate Commissioner Pye for the office of Treasurer. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Mageria made a motion to close the nominations. Executive Director Bradley conducted a voice vote and declared by unanimous vote; Commissioner Pye elected to the office of Treasurer for a one-year term.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to approve the following appointments for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

Attorney: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Kraftheer, P.C.
Director: Eric Bradley
Secretary & Asst. Treasurer: Eric Bradley
Assistant Secretary: Kay Petersen
FOIA and OMA Officers: Eric Bradley, Christine Wertman

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Pye, Magiera, Fermaint and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

President Rivers called for a motion to designate the Regular Board meeting dates, times and locations, as listed, for the 2024-25 fiscal year. A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to hold Regular Monthly Park Board meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, preceded by Personnel & Finance Committee meetings at 6:30 pm, at the Leisure Center, 2400 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion, Illinois, with the exception of August. This meeting will be on the fourth Thursday, August 22, 2024

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Magiera, Fermaint, Pye and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

Executive Director Bradley reviewed the list of authorized depositories for the district. A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to approve the authorized depositories as listed.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Pye, Fermaint, Magiera and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #912 – Open for Public Inspection, after Board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pye and seconded by Commissioner Magiera to approve placing the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #912 on file for public inspection.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Magiera, Pye, Fermaint and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve Resolution #913 to Authorize the Transfer of Funds at Fiscal Year-end for General to Construction Fund in the amount of \$300,000 and Recreation Fund to Shiloh Pool in the amount of \$15,000.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Magiera, Pye, Fermaint and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

At 7:48 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing the selection of a person to fill a vacancy in the office of commissioner pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Pye, and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to appoint Doug Carlson as Commissioner of the Zion Park District Board.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Pye, and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Fermaint, Magiera, Pye, Carlson and President Rivers voted aye. President Rivers declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Kay Petersen
Assistant Secretary