

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 22nd day of August 2024

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

Guests: Cheri Neal, Scott Gaunky from Gewalt Hamilton and Brother Willie Brooks.

Cheri Neal thanked the Park District for all their support for the Monarch & Zinna special event that took place August 17 and 18. It was a huge success.

Brother Willie thanked the Park District for allowing him to run the concession stand out of Shiloh Park. He enjoys supporting the community and helping keep Shiloh Park safe.

Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on July 18, 2024, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on July 18, 2024.

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

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

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

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

Comments from the Commissioners included: Commissioner Pye commented on how good the concert series was this summer and really liked the laser show at the last concert. Commissioner Pye also attended the 'Fore Our Youth' golf fundraiser at Shepherd's Crook on August 9th. Commissioner Carlson commented on how nice it is to hear feedback from the community that the Park District is a government that truly works for the community and provides a lot of value. Commissioner Fermaint mentioned how important it will be to increase branding in the future.

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 Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye to approve the month's expenditures, as listed, in the amount of \$857,516.81 for the month of July 2024.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Carlson, Fermaint, and Pye 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 how well summer programs and special events went this summer. Port Shiloh Pool received three unannounced audits from Ellis to evaluate lifeguard staff. The first audit received a "meets" and the following two were graded as "exceeds." The Park District completed three playground renovations this summer at Shiloh, Olivet and Jordan Park. Maintenance and Rangers have done a great job maintaining and keeping the parks safe. Both golf courses are in excellent condition and earning great revenue. Shiloh Park courts are almost complete, just waiting for the last contractor to come and finish the surfacing of the basketball and pickleball courts.

New Business:

Discussion on hiring Gewalt Hamilton Assoc. for the David Park Project. Scott Gaunky is putting together a proposal from Gewalt Hamilton to provide owner's representation to increase oversight and supervision of the project to ensure the project is completed according to contract specifications and completed in a timely manner. No motion is needed at this time.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the change order of \$62,118 for the removal of the tree in the center of Shiloh playground and installation of a flagpole.

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

At 7:58pm a motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:28pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve adding a new full-time position in the maintenance department. The position will be 2/3 Shiloh Golf maintenance and 1/3 Park Maintenance.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Kay Petersen
Assistant Secretary