

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024

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

Guests: Chief Barden – Police Chief for City of Zion and Fire Chief Justin Stried from City of Zion. Kyle Mikels - ZPD Full-Time, Park Maintenance Staff

Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on September 19, 2024, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on September 19, 2024.

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

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

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

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

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 Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the month's expenditures, as listed, in the amount of \$349,342.11 for the month of September 2024.

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

A written report that highlighted the month's activities was submitted to the Board prior to the meeting by Executive Director Bradley. Executive Director Bradley introduced Kyle Mikels to the Commissioners as the new full-time park maintenance staff that is shared with Shepherd's Crook. He also commented on the 5 star Google reviews about the SAFS facility and customer service downstairs at the Leisure Center. The Zion Park District recently hosted a Cross-Country meet for Zion-Benton High School on Sept. 24, 2024 showing the good cooperation between the Park District and School District. At the end of your packet are several flyers listing the upcoming special events for the Park District. Most importantly the Shiloh Park courts are now open. We will be having a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on November 2 at 10am. We hope all the Commissioners can join us that day to celebrate the success of this major project.

## New Business:

After a presentation by Police Chief Bard, a motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded Commissioner Pye, to allow Executive Director Bardley to move forward with discussion to sell a parcel of land in Kellog Creek Conservancy to the City of Zion for their planned new firehouse located off of Route 173.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Fermaint to approve the quote from Doetsch Contractors in the amount of \$22,283 to demo the court tennis courts at Edina Park and to have Two Brother's Paving restore the basketball courts for \$18,500 at Edina Park.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Magiera, to approve the lease agreement with Cenergy Power for the solar field construction and lease on the property at Kedron.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the FY 2025-26 Estimated Tax Levy. The estimate shows a less than five percent increase over the current year's.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the Redevelopment Agreement from the City of Zion for the Zion Park District TIF funds in the amount of \$300,000 to be used for redevelopment of David Park. As part of the Agreement, the Park District will abate \$150,000 of total property taxes within the next five years.

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

The 2025 Employee Health Insurance Plan was reviewed and discussed with commissioners. All recognized that it is a valuable benefit and significant part of an employee's total compensation package. Commissioner Magiera expressed concern about the rising costs of health care. Commissioner Fermaint noted that additional detail will be helpful in the future to be sure that the District's plan is in line with other local government agencies. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the Employee Health Insurance Plan for calendar year 2025.

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

Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the quote from Reinders for a Triplex Greens Mower for Shepherd's Crook in the amount of \$57,847.48 to be purchased through the Sourcewell Governmental Purchasing Cooperative.

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

A motion to approve the quote for the Aalco retractable basketball/volleyball system through Sports Con for \$51,736 was made by Commissioner Fermaint, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to be purchased through the TIPS Governmental Purchasing Cooperative.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to approve the presented Change Order relating to irrigation and grading at David Park for an amount not to exceed \$199,159.59. Commissioner Fermaint requested that future change orders on the project be submitted to the Board within seven to ten days prior to approval.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Kay Petersen  
Assistant Secretary