

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023

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

Guests in attendance included William Peck of Cenergy Power.

Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on September 21, 2023 and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on September 21, 2023.

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Fermaint, Magiera and Hartmann voted aye. President Hartmann declared the motion carried.

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

Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Pye, Fermaint, Magiera and Hartmann voted aye. President Hartmann declared the motion carried.

There were no reports from the District's attorneys.

Commissioner Pye commented that the parks and buildings are looking very good throughout the park district.

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 Pye, to approve the month's expenditures, as listed, in the amount of \$271,289.77 for the month of September 2023.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners, Pye, Fermaint, Magiera, and President Hartmann voted aye. President Hartmann 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. He made the Board aware of notification submitted by City of Hope Hospital (MRMC) to Lake County requesting approval of property tax exemption for their various properties in Zion. Bradley has been discussing the notice with the Park District's attorneys to prepare a strategy to challenge the exemption. Additionally, the taxing bodies leaders group is working collaboratively, led by the City, to prepare a notice of

intervention. He next mentioned that Hermon Park celebrated the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the facility. The Art Club painted an outdoor mural on the windows of the Leisure Center for homecoming week of Zion-Benton High School. Parks Department has been busy improving parks in the area and also has put out 400 tons of wood chips throughout our playgrounds. A significant pool repair was completed by Superintendent Chirchirillo at Port Shiloh Pool to fix a cracked pipe. To conclude, Bradley shared that Golf Chicago Magazine published articles for the new putting course and short game practice area that opened on Labor day weekend at Shepherd's Crook.

#### New Business:

Cenergy Power with Lease Option Agreement for potential solar field at Kendron on Horeb and 17th Street. William Peck attended the meeting to present the proposed project. No vote was taken at this time as the District's attorneys are reviewing the agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the District to sell \$2,250,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the Zion Park District.

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

A motion to accept the lowest bid for soil remediation of 2700 Ebenezer in the amount of \$24,900 from Stiles, Inc. by Commissioner Pye and seconded by Commissioner Magiera.

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

Motion to approve the FY24-25 Tax Levy Estimate for Tax year 2023 by Commissioner Pye and seconded by Commissioner Fermaint.

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

Health Insurance: Executive Director Bradley presented to the Board the District's health insurance plan and associated costs for calendar year 2024. The Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO plan includes an HRA component to allow for less expensive premiums and also requires employee contributions based on a percentage of premium dependent upon coverage selected. A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to approve the 2024 Employee Health Insurance Plan with PDRMA.

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

Motion was by made by Commissioner Magiera, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the purchase of four tasers for the Park Ranger department from Axon for a total cost of \$11,845.

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Christine Wertman  
Community Relations Manager