

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 15th day of May 2025

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

Kim Mason and Beverly Brice as guests in attendance.

Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on April 17, 2025, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on April 17, 2025.

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

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

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

There were no reports from the district's attorneys.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Pye commented that he attended the IAPD State Legislative Conference in Springfield, IL with Executive Director Bradley. Pye thought it was very good and informative. He welcomed new Park Board Commissioner, Ken Mason. Commissioner Pye also commented that he counted 20 pickleball players at Shiloh Park on Monday. Other members of the Board agreed the Shiloh Park renovation has been wonderful.

The district's budget and 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 \$523,055.53 for the month of April 2025.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Carlson, Fermaint, Mason, Pye and President 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 attended the IAPD State Legislative Conference in April. This was a great opportunity to advocate for the Zion Park District. At the dinner he and Commissioner Pye sat with members of the Lake County Forest Preserve District and Senator Mary Edly-Allen. He took the opportunity to discuss with her a \$250,000 allocation for the Park District in the State's upcoming budget. Director Bradley also highlighted the following: Zion Quarterly with the Park District pages, Zion Park District new booklet highlighting the parks, updated the Board on the new park renovation at Salem Playground. Shiloh Park roofing is being completed this week. Senior Resource Day took place in the Sports Arena on April 16.

There were 60 vendors and over 200 visitors at the event. April 18 was the Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 Easter Egg put out in Shiloh Park. We had volunteer students from the ZB Honor Society at the High School to help spread the eggs. We hosted the One-day Basketball camp from the Kiwanis Club on April 12. David Osborne runs this camp for the kids in the community. There were 58 kids that attended the camp. There have been some new signs installed at Shiloh Center and Ester Well in Shiloh Park. Perimeter fencing has been installed around the Ebenezer property which will be the future site of a new maintenance building. We have received some new Tree grants for the Park District. The first one is for \$8,900 to complete a tree inventory, the second is for \$60,000 to replant trees, and the third is \$12,000 to replace damage or diseased trees that require half match. Congratulations to Mike Priller our Arborist that wrote the grants for the District. The Mayor's Luncheon is May 29. The Park District will register all commissioners to attend the event. A list of IAPD Boot Camps dates have been presented to the Board for them to attend. Director Bradley recommended that Board members attend the training. Commissioners Pye, Rivers, and Mason would like to attend.

There is a pending change order coming for David Park for soil import. We will be pursuing outside bids from the contractor to get the best possible price. Once the bids come in, Director Bradley will be forward details and all relevant information for the Board to review.

New Business:

Oath of Office: - Swearing in of new Board Members Doug Carlson and Ken Mason

Elected Park Board Officers for Fiscal Year 2025-26:

Executive Director Bradley called for nominations for the office of President. A motion was made by Pye to nominate Commissioner Fermaint for the Office of President. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Carlson made a motion to close the nominations. Executive Director Bradley conducted a voice vote and declared Commissioner Fermaint 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 Pye to nominate Commissioner Carlson for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Fermaint nominated Commissioner Rivers for the office of Vice President. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Rivers made a motion to close the nominations. Executive Director Bradley conducted a voice vote and declared 3/2 vote for; Commissioner Rivers to be 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 Carlson to nominate Commissioner Pye for the office of the Treasurer. There were no further nominations. Commissioner Carlson 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 Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the following appointments for the 2025-26 fiscal year:

Attorney: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafteher, 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 Carlson, Pye, Mason, Fermaint and Rivers voted aye. Motion carried.

President Fermaint called for a motion to designate the Regular Board meeting dates, times and locations, as listed, for the 2025-26 fiscal year. A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, 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 January. This meeting will be on the fourth Thursday, January 22, 2026.

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

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

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

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #919 – Open for Public Inspection, after Board discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fermaint, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve placing the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #919 on file for public inspection.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to approve the repaving project for the Leisure Center parking lot and bid from Patriot Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$139,000.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Fermaint, to approve the new LED sign for the Leisure Center from iBrandvisual for \$78,861.54 through the Equalis intergovernmental purchasing cooperative as authorized by the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act.

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

Commissioner Pye made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve Resolution #920 to authorize Inter-Fund Transfers at Fiscal Year-End for the following transfers:

General Fund to Construction Fund \$100,000

Shepherd's Crook to Shiloh Golf \$200,000

General Fund to Public Liability \$50,000

Recreation Fund to Shiloh Pool Fund \$10,000

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Kay Petersen
Assistant Secretary