

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 18th day of September 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Commissioners Carlson, Pye, Mason and President Fermaint were present. Also, present at the meeting Executive Director Bradley, Superintendent of Recreation Petersen, Superintendent of Parks Chirchirillo, Community Relations Manager Wertman, Accounting Manager Taylor and Accounting & Personal Specialist Barbour.

Hannah Cullerton from Lauterbach & Amen was in attendance as a guest.

Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the Regular meeting held on August 21, 2025, and the minutes of the Personnel and Finance Sub-committee meeting also held on August 21, 2025.

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

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

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

There were no reports from the district's attorneys.

Comments from the Commissioners included: Commissioner Pye enjoyed riding in the Labor Day Parade to represent the Park District. President Fermaint commented on the Labor Day parade and how it was a great community engagement. He also had a chance to visit both golf courses this month. Commissioner Carlson really appreciated participating in the Labor Day parade. He also attended the Lake Plain Coalition event that was very informative and was a great opportunity to learn about the Lake Michigan lake plain from Waukegan to Wisconsin. It was amazing to hear about the challenges of the lake plain and all the different agencies that are involved in protecting the lakefront's unique plants and animals.

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 Pye, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the month's expenditures, as listed, in the amount of \$768,351.57 for the month of August 2025.

Upon a roll call vote, Commissioners Carlson, Pye, Mason and President Fermaint 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 Labor Day Parade and the Mayor's Breakfast. August was a very busy month for staff closing out summer camp, and Pool and final concert in the park series. Community Relations Manager Wertman presented the digital marketing campaign and results for the district.

New Business:

Hannah Cullerton from the District's audit firm, Lauterbach & Amen, presented the audited financials for fiscal year-ended April 30, 2025. During the fiscal year, the district continued to strengthen its financial position and build healthy fund balances. A motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, to approve the district's financial audit report for fiscal year-ended April 30, 2025.

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

A motion was made to approve a continuation of Owner's Representative Services from Gewalt Hamilton for the District's OSLAD project at David Park. The proposal from Gewalt Hamilton will provide owner's representation to increase oversight and supervision of the project to ensure all work is completed according to contract specifications and completed in a timely manner by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to approve the proposal for \$62,000 with Gewalt Hamilton Associates.

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

At 8:19 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Board discussing Closed Meeting Minutes pursuant to Section 5-ILCS 120/2(c)(21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 8:46 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pye, seconded by Commissioner Mason, to release Closed Session meeting minutes from the following dates:

- February 17, 2022
- May 20, 2022
- June 16, 2022
- July 21, 2022
- August 18, 2022
- September 15, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- March 16, 2023
- May 17, 2023
- July 20, 2023
- December 21, 2023

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carlson, seconded by Commissioner Pye.
Upon a voice vote, Commissioners Carlson, Pye, Mason and President Fermaint
voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Kay Petersen
Assistant Secretary