



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Recreation Station
770 E Franklin St, Bradley, IL 60915
August 29, 2023 at 6 pm.**

On August 29, 2023, President Zinanni called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: Dave Sadler, Kelly O'Connor, Bill Bukowski, Jeff Mullinax, Dave Zinanni

Appointees Present: Ed Piatt- Executive Director, Amanda Langlois- Board Secretary, Jamie Boyd- Board Attorney, Rob Romo- Treasurer

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Bukowski and seconded by Sadler to approve Committee of the Whole Minutes July 25, 2023 and Regular Board Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023. Roll Call: Sadler- Aye, O'Connor- Aye, Mullinax- Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director- Dr Edward Piatt's report was submitted in the board packet and he briefly went over it as well. Mullinax asked about the KVPD agreement and Piatt stated that the agreement is complete and as time goes on the agreement may increase in value.

Treasurer's Report- Rob Romo reported that he is happy to say the district is doing very well and the budget is right on track. Next meeting the auditors will present the district the annual audit and it will show the district is in the best financial position it has been in a very long time due to the change's Dr Piatt has made.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Special Recreation- Minutes are attached from their meeting. Piatt added that the planters are almost ready for their use. The Great Mouse Race fundraiser is scheduled for November and they are still in need of wine bottles. Zinanni added that the Zipline will be ADA compliant.

Living History- Bukowski stated they are still looking at meeting. He is working on displaying old farm equipment. Zinanni stated as far as living history goes, the farmstead was deplorable. The roofs were full of moss and falling apart, windows in the farm house wouldn't open, barns needed tuckpointing, etc. Now all of the windows will open and look beautiful, the roofs are new and the barns have all been tuck pointed. The Perry Farm park is looking absolutely beautiful.

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau- Piatt stated that Lubben covered the meeting for him and they basically just talked about the kayak program and CTAP program.

Unfinished Business: Jamie Boyd explained that the board already passed Resolution 2023-01 and now we have to amend the Resolution, which will be Amended Resolution 2023-02.

The legal description needs to be updated and the board will vote on that tonight. He also stated that Exhibit B is strictly the map for schematics. Zinanni asked for a motion to approve the Amended Resolution 2023-02. O'Connor made the motion and Bukowski seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve to pay the bills. Sadler made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve to pay the payroll. Mullinax made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Piatt talked about the main reasons why we needed to relocate the maintenance building. Safety is one of the biggest reasons to relocate it. Plus, we could use the current building to increase the historic area of Perry Farm. The Comprehensive Plan states that the maintenance shed was not built for what we even use it for. Mullinax stated it would be much safer moved due to the trucks and the lawn mowers coming and going where patrons are walking daily. Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve to start the architectural design for maintenance building. Bukowski made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Dr Piatt stated that the Friends of the Bourbonnais Township Park District will be organizing a board and start meeting. Members of the board will be Dr Edward Piatt, Todd Arseneau, Mack Brza, and Dr Kelly O'Connor. All funds that are raised for this organization are used to help the park district. The committee decides how the funds are appropriated.

Boyd stated that the annexation agreement does not change any legal standards with the park district. Taxes nor the tax levy will not change and it will not impact anyone personally. It only allows the Village of Bradley to help the district with grant funds. If the park district disbands, Boyd stated it would go back to how it was originally deeded. Zinanni noted the Department of Conservation would take it back. Sadler asked if down the road can it be de-annexed, Boyd replied yes it could. Boyd also stated there are no negatives to this agreement. At this point Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve the Annexation Agreement with the Village of Bradley. Bukowski made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Zinanni stated that back in the day Diamond Point was purchase from a criminal and the park district should never have purchased it, let alone purchased it for the amount that it did. There were letters from upstanding business men, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Merlin Karlock, who tried stopping the purchase, and both were right in doing so. He continued with the fact that Mr. Forkenbrock is a lifelong resident of Bourbonnais and the contract that the board will be voting on tonight will not only help us out but will help him out as well. Piatt stated that he did some great negotiations with Mr. Forkenbrock and came up with a great 3-year contract.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve the contract for Ballpark Sports Baseball. Mullinax made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve the proposal for barn prep and repainting by Tatro Painting & Decorating. Bukowski made the motion and O'Connor seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- Aye, O'Connor-Aye, Sadler-Aye, Bukowski- Aye, Zinanni-Aye. Motion carried.

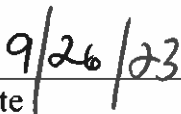
Public Comment- Jason Diaz- stated his civic duty was to ask questions. One main concern is conflict of interest. Mr. Boyd, his name is listed on the Village of Bradley as well as the attorney for BTPD. Diaz isn't saying anything is going on, he is just saying it looks bad from outside looking in. Same with Rob Romo. He is Treasurer for Village of Bradley as well as BTPD. He stated the board was elected to do the best for the district and Perry Farm is on the most beautiful natural resources in the area. He doesn't think the board should just give it away to the Village of Bradley.


Mayor Watson- stated that at last night's meeting Rob Romo is an asset to the Village of Bradley and he is the most qualified financial person the village has had. Watson doesn't believe it is a conflict, it is sharing of resources. He also believes this about Attorney Boyd. With the annexation, the village can share its funds to enhance Perry Farm. One way is to reconstruct the sidewalk along Kennedy Drive along Perry Farm to make it safer for patrons. Watson continued saying that he believes everyone will benefit from this partnership.

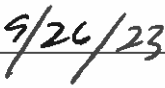
Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sadler, seconded by O'Connor. All in favor. Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.


Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary


Date


David Zinanni, President


Date

Minutes approved at the board meeting of September 26, 2023