



**Bourbonnais Township Park District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
Exploration Station... a children's museum
1095 W Perry Street, Bourbonnais, IL 60914
February 27, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.**

On February 27, 2023, President Zinanni called Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 5:30 pm with the following people present:

Commissioners Present: Anthony Settle, Brian Hebert, Jeff Mullinax, Dave Zinanni, Bill Bukowski

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

Staff Present: Cherie Smolkovich, Peggy Green, Frank Cianci, Ciera Hays, Allison Waide, Mike Crews

Visitors: Jen Blair, Eric Blair, Amie Byrne, Cindy Mullinax, Jeff Bonty, Tammy Marcotte, Pam Clark, Michael Burkhalter, Dennes Burkhalter, Fred Waide, Gisel Waide, Randy Myers, Mary Smith, Colette Gernon, Kris Bunell, Christina Kutz, Sissy O'Connor, Juliette Crews, Marcia Brandt, Randy King, Tiffany Blanchette, Denise Hanny, Stacey Ray, Matthew Schor, Elizabeth Lubben, Alana Kalatia, Marilyn Roy, Amy Litherland, Lynnette Hutchinson, Paul Schore, Penny CoreenLee, Alice Argyelan, Cindy McBarnes, Maureen O'Connor, Valerie Cuddy, Tim Keener, Kathy Keener, Nadiya Kukharuk, Amanda Lienhardt, Meghan Downey, Mike Downey, Rita Kanosky, Patti Pietraszewski, Dale Lehnus, Beth Rieger, Kristi Schu, Paul Schu, Robin Broling, Sarah Gowler, Jeff Ashorast, Sarah Winkel, Kourtnee Thompson
(some visitors may not have signed in)

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Hebert and seconded by Settle to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

-Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 16, 2023, Committee of the Whole Minutes January 11, 2023 and February 22, 2023.

Public Comment- Jen Blair- gave the board a brief description of her past job employment at the park district in which she left back in October 2022. She talked about the meeting that happened in June 2022 and gave her opinion about the incident as well as her reasons why she left the district.

Aime Byrne- resident of the district with children from the ages of 5 through 21. They have utilized many park district programs as well as the trails and the park. She would like Vice President Settle to investigate why so many employees have left the district, why there was alcohol on a bus trip and is concerned about the annexation with the Village of Bradley.

Mayor Paul Schore- read a prepared statement stating that the Village of Bourbonnais and the Bourbonnais Township Park District has always had great partnerships. On February 1st, he learned about the possible annexation with the Village of Bradley and the park district and the Village of Bourbonnais didn't know anything about it. He stated he would like to continue partnerships with the district and have the option to discuss this as well. He also talked about Diamond Point and the turf.

Herb Forkenbrock- talked about Diamond Point and the turf. Stated that Mayor Watson was the only entity that offered the park district monetary help for turf for Diamond Point. He stated there were stipulations made by the CVB that if they gave any money, the Village of Bradley could not pull out of the CVB. Forkenbrock stated the park district should never have been put in the middle of this. He commended the board for keeping neutral.

Matt Schore- resident of Bourbonnais that has small children and would like the board to make sure they are doing the right things for the kids in our community. He wants them to really think about their decisions.

Kristi Schu- a past employee, gave a brief description of the exhibits that she had designed and changed over the past few years. She wants the board to think about the impact that the museum has on all of the littles in our area.

Paul Schu- Kristi's husband that has volunteered for many years at the park district and explained there is nowhere in the area for children ages 2-7 to have hands on like the museum. He doesn't want to see the museum to have older aged children in the museum and would like the board to make sure it stays for the younger ages.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director- Dr Piatt briefly went over his report that was submitted in the board packet. Then he got up and gave a power point presentation on the direction of the park district on where we are and where we are going, the annual report, etc.

Treasurer's Report- Rob Romo passed out the Fiscal Report and stated it shows a \$2 million-dollar deficit. He is working on a final draft and hoping to have the final copy for the board to approve in March. He would like to see more partnerships to help the district out with funds.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Special Recreation- no report was submitted but Settle did say they had a bake sale and a garage sale that went very well.

Living History- no report was submitted.

Kankakee County Convention & Visitors Bureau- no report submitted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve to pay the bills. Settle made the motion and Mullinax seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve payroll. Hebert made the motion and Mullinax seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve the Disposal Ordinance 23-02. To dispose exercise bikes that were donated a long time ago, some are broken, and others are no longer used. Bukowski made the motion and Mullinax seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

Zinanni asked if there was a motion to approve the Four Seasons Tree Care Proposal for \$17,100.00. Bukowski made the motion and Mullinax seconded. There was discussion about prevailing wage but tree service is exempt. Settle stated the area by KARMA needed to be addressed and Mullinax stated the poles are available if needed. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-NO, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

At this time Smolkovich announced the Readers Choice Awards and we did pictures of the following:

*First Place- Best Kids Hangout- Exploration Station
Best Educator- Allison Waide
Place to Have A Birthday Party- Exploration Station
Place to Feel Like A Kid Again- Perry Farm*

Second Place-Preschool/Childcare Center- Recreation Station

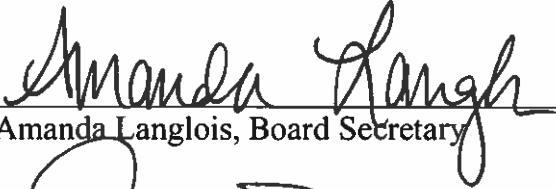
Zinanni asked if there was a motion to go into closed session at 6:20 pm. Settle made the motion, Hebert seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

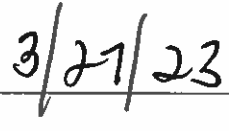
Mullinax made the motion to open the closed session at 7:20 pm, Settle seconded. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

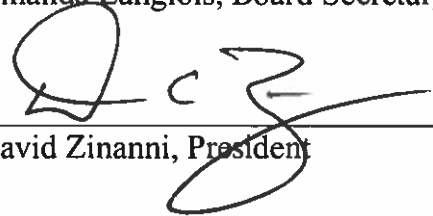
Motion to come out of closed session and reopen the meeting was made by Mullinax at 7:21 pm, seconded Settle. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

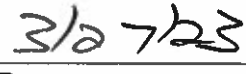
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm was made by Settle, seconded by Mullinax. Roll Call: Mullinax- AYE, Bukowski- AYE, Hebert- AYE, Settle-AYE, Zinanni-AYE. Motion carried.

Minutes respectable submitted by Amanda Langlois.


Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary


Date


David Zinanni, President


Date

Minutes approved at the board meeting of March 27, 2023