



**Bourbonnais Township Park District  
Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting  
Recreation Station  
770 E Franklin Dr, Bradley, IL 60915  
July 22, 2024**

On July 22, 2024, President Zinanni called the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Board Meeting to order at 5:31 pm with the following people present:

**Commissioners Present:** Jeff Mullinax, David Sadler, Dave Zinanni, Scott Chaplinski, Bill Bukowski

**Appointees Present:** Amanda Langlois- Board Secretary, Mike O'Shea- Executive Director

**Visitors:** Cherie Smolkovich, Joe Galloy, Kristin Giacchino, Jeff Bonty, Peggy King

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation- Kristin Giacchino from the River Valley Special Recreation Association, gave a brief presentation about the organization. Before her power point, she stated that she enjoys working with the staff at the district and she thanked Kelli Brza, Cherie Smolkovich and Amanda Langlois for helping her when she first started in her position. She went on explaining that the RVSRA works with the Bourbonnais Township Park District, Limestone Park District and Kankakee Park District. They service youth through ages 70+. In 2023 they serviced 112 Bourbonnais patrons, 81 Bradley patrons in a total of 186 programs. They offer inclusion services as well. Peggy King, also in attendance, is a member on the RVSRA Foundation. Zinanni introduced her and explained that she will be our board appointed member for the RVSRA board, which the board will vote on tonight during the regular board meeting.

Executive Director- report was submitted in the board packet and O'Shea also explained the fishery management agreement that was included in the packet. The board will vote on this tonight during the regular board meeting. Our ponds will benefit from this, as it will give us a 3-year fish survey, plant management, etc. Zinanni added that our attorney Boyd has looked over the agreement and gave his approval as well. O'Shea continued that with this plan, we will restock the ponds with fish each fall.

Deputy Director- report was submitted in the board packet and Langlois read an email that congratulated the staff for their professionalism at the farmers market. The email especially mentioned Thomas Robinson for helping the patron with her items and making sure the garbage was cleaned up. Langlois also invited the board to the staff picnic that will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Finance & Personnel- report was filed with the board packet.

Bills & Payroll- there were no questions or comments.

Recreation- Zinanni stated that he would love to see us get a drone to video our events as well as our parks and Indian Caves. Chaplinski will look into this and get with Langlois. Mullinax added that he was down by the caves and the river bank and said maintenance has done a great job at cleaning it up. Smolkovich did mention that they are in the process of interviewing preschool teachers and aids so we should be set for fall.

Living History- next meeting will be August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Exploration Station.

Parks & Facilities- report was submitted in the board packet and Galloy added that we had a surprise visit from the Department of Agriculture of Illinois on our animals today. He continued that we received a high rating for our animals, he stated we have a great facility for them as well as the care for them. Galloy will see if he can get the report from them as well.

Committee Appointments- Zinanni stated that everyone has a copy of the Employee Manual. He would like everyone to take their time to look through it. HR Source, O'Shea, Brza and Langlois all have gone through it as well. At next months meeting, the board will vote on the changes.

**Public Comment-** No Comment

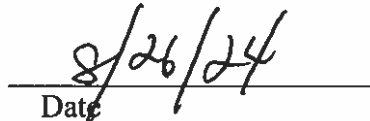
Old Business- nothing to report

New Business- nothing to report

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Chaplinski, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor.  
Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Amanda Langlois.

  
Amanda Langlois, Board Secretary

  
Date

*Minutes approved at the board meeting of August 26, 2024*