

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
DIXON PARK DISTRICT
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Shane Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Roll Call: President Shane Miller - present
Vice-President Ron Pritchard - present
Commissioner Paul Campbell - present
Commissioner Steve Pritchard - present
- Staff Present: Debra Carey, Executive Director and Board Secretary
Denise Rodgers, Office Staff

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

III. VISITORS

- A. Sign-in sheet is on file.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:03 p.m. Shane Miller called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the express reason of discussing real estate. Steve Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Paul Campbell. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried. The Board reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Petunia Festival Lease - Dave Johnson, Rob Bates, Andrew Brockwell - Ron Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Paul Campbell to approve the Petunia Festival Lease for 2017 as written. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.
- B. Amended Wording of 2017 OHV Permit Application Requirements - Carey said that at a meeting with George Bellovics, IDNR Office of Engineering & Planning, and Shane Miller, the possible need for "additional insured" was discussed. Shane Miller said that since there is not a lot of use of the trail by runners, walkers, etc. the risk is low but Carey should see what the insurance company requires. This item will be added to the agenda for February 22, 2017.
- C. Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #573 - Review/Amend - Carey said that Sauk Valley Bank will give the Park District a two year loan at 2.8% interest as opposed to the 3.25% being paid to Amboy Bank. The Board discussed things that could be done to balance the budget. Shane Miller said that we can help with the bleeding but the budget won't be balanced. Steve Pritchard said that a referendum to annex additional areas is needed. The budget Ordinance #573 will be discussed again at the February 22 meeting.
- D. Reagan at Lowell Park Committee, Ordinance #563 - The Board discussed the status of the Reagan Committee due to newly-expressed interest in the Reagan Statue project for Lowell Park. In 2015, the City of Dixon declined to support the City's Reagan

Committee and the persons on that committee approached the Park Board. The Park Board agreed and a legal committee, Reagan at Lowell Park Committee, was created in October 2015 by Board Ordinance #563. It does not reflect in any Park Board Minutes that the Board actually named Committee appointees. Burke unfortunately became ill and to our knowledge, the Committee has not met formally since that date. The Chicago Tribune inquired about the status of the project about 8 weeks ago and that re-ignited interest. Commissioner Ron Pritchard served on the City's Committee, and per Ordinance #563, would serve as an ex-officio member of the Park District's Reagan at Lowell Park Committee.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m., Shane Miller called for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the express reasons of discussing real estate and personnel for appointment of an officer. Ron Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Steve Pritchard. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

Steve Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Paul Campbell to appoint Ron Pritchard to temporarily chair the exploratory group. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes; Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Paul Campbell to amend Section I, line 3, of Ordinance 563 to read "The Board shall appoint a Board member to serve as ex-officio member of the Committee". Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Economic Interest Statements Reminder - The Board was reminded to submit their Economic Interest Statements.

Ron Pritchard reported that he toured the jail on Monday and talked to Sheriff John Simonton about using prisoners as labor for the Park District.

VII. ADJOURN

At 8:40 p.m. Paul Campbell made a motion, seconded by Steve Pritchard, to adjourn. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.

Signatures:

Shane E Miller
Shane Miller

Date: 2/22/2017

Ron Pritchard
Ron Pritchard

Date: 2-22-17

Paul Campbell
Paul Campbell

Date: 2-22-17

Steve Pritchard
Steve Pritchard

Date: 2-22-17