

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
DIXON PARK DISTRICT  
804 PALMYRA STREET DIXON, ILLINOIS  
MARCH 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.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #573 - Carey discussed cuts made to reduce the proposed budget deficit to \$24,333.00. Proposed cuts include a reduction in seasonal wages; completing the Plum Creek riprap project in Fiscal 2016-2017; reducing hours and program materials at the Ruth Edwards Nature Center; a reduction in the purchase of office supplies; and other changes.

B. January Financials - Carey explained that the two receipts in question were mistakenly debited to the Museum account 05-477 and a journal entry was made to place them correctly in the Buildings and Grounds account 15-420. Steve Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Ron Pritchard to approve the January, 2017 financials as corrected. Vote by Roll Call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.

C. Referendum to Expand the Park District Boundary - Ron Pritchard said that it is time to plan for the referendum and that education is the key. Friends of the Park can lobby and social media needs to be used. Paul Campbell suggested a mini retreat to plan and brainstorm this. Carey suggested that knocking on doors impresses the public the most. Shane Miller said that this is something that we must do since we need new revenue. He said to see how the April election goes and then put this as an agenda item in May.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Vandalism - Paul Campbell said that the Board needs to establish a "zero tolerance" policy with regard to vandalism and violators need to be prosecuted as per the State of Illinois statute. Juvenile violators need to do public service for the Park District as a penalty. Ron Pritchard said that the fact that it is being pursued will help to deter the vandalism. Carey is to notify the proper authorities of this policy. Paul Campbell made a motion, seconded by Steve Pritchard that the Park District establish a "Zero Tolerance Policy" and vandals will be prosecuted. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.
  
- B. Illinois Army National Guard Parking Project - Ron Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Steve Pritchard to approve the two year extension for the Army National Guard parking project. Vote by roll call: Shane Miller - yes, Ron Pritchard - yes, Paul Campbell - yes, Steve Pritchard - yes. Motion carried.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

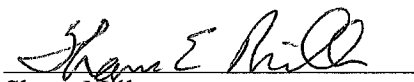
The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.

**VII. ADJOURN**

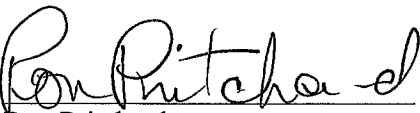
At 7:00 p.m., Ron Pritchard made a motion, seconded by Paul Campbell, to adjourn.

Vote by Roll Call:     Shane Miller - yes  
                              Ron Pritchard - yes  
                              Paul Campbell - yes  
                              Steve Pritchard - yes Motion Carried.


Signatures:

  
Shane Miller

Date: 3/22/2017

  
Ron Pritchard

Date: 3-22-17

  
Paul Campbell

Date: 3-22-17

  
Steve Pritchard

Date: 3-22-17