

MINUTES OF THE November MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEARDSTOWN COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT, CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 pm ON November 11th, 2020 AT THE SCHEWE COMMUNITY CENTER, 6 ARMORY LANE, BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS.

The November meeting of the Beardstown Park District board of commissioners was held on November 11th at the Schewe Community Center. President Nathan Carls called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and roll was taken. Commissioners present included Nathan Carls, Becky Jones, Travis Schroll, Joe McClenning and Josh Sorrells. Also in attendance was Park Director Jason Brockschmidt.

The minutes of the October 14th regular meeting and the November 4th bond hearing meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Schroll and a second by Mrs. Jones with all voting to approve.

The Treasurers report and the Claims List was approved on a motion by Mr. Schroll and a second by Mrs. Jones with all directors voting yea.

Mr. Brockschmidt then presented the Director's Report. The 1st order of business was the approval of GO Bonds. He noted that the park was in compliance of the law by publishing public notice of the November 4 hearing on October 22 and allowing 7 days to pass since the hearing. Mr. Sorrells moved to issue \$90,000 in bonds and sell them to the Beardstown Savings Bank at the sliding rate of 1.75% for the bond due in 2021 up to 2.75% for the bond due in 2025 (1/4% raise per year). Mr. McClenning seconded and the motion passed on a roll call vote with all voting yea.

Next, Mr. Brockschmidt presented the board with a proposed tax levy ordinance to operate on for the next fiscal year (May '21 to April '22). After discussion Mr. Schroll moved to approve the tax levy as submitted, Mr. McClenning seconded and all directors voted to approve on a roll call vote.

Mr. Brockschmidt then brought up a staff Christmas bonus for 2020. After discussion he was instructed to provide a \$20 bonus to all those earning pay in 2020 with \$25 to the director, the four year-round part time receptionists and the two main maintenance workers.

He then announced that the National Guard should be out of the basketball gym giving us use by December 1, 2020 and that the water in all parks was shut off and pipes drained for the winter.

Director Brockschmidt told the board that the drive thru Boo Bash trick or treating at the park was very well attended and well received by the public. The board then discussed whether the weight room should be shut down due to the rise in Covid 19 cases and the viability of other recreation programs. It was decided that the weight room would remain open, following current guidelines. All youth recreation programs and adult volleyball would remain on hold for now. Adult Zumba will resume when the gymnasium is available.

Next the need for a board secretary and treasurer due to the resignation of Julie Robertson on October 15 was discussed. Due to the pandemic and financial uncertainty it was decided not to hire a replacement yet and to explore the possibilities of a part time secretary only and a full time maintenance person instead. Following discussion Mrs. Jones moved to appoint Director Brockschmidt as the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners and Mr. Schroll as the Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Sorrells seconded and all director voted to approved the motion.

Mr. Brockschmidt then updated the board on applying for JBS grant money with the board encouraging him to seek as much funding as possible with soccer field improvements being top priority and possibly a new all purpose recreation building next on the list and to invite the JBS rep to meet with the board. He next informed the board the Park Office/Weight rooms would be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after and the next board meeting was scheduled for December 9, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a motion from Mr. Schroll and a second by Mr. McClenning.