

**MINUTES OF THE January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BEARDSTOWN COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT, CASS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 pm ON January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AT THE SCHEWE COMMUNITY CENTER, 6 ARMORY LANE, BEARDSTOWN, ILLINOIS.**

The January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Beardstown Park District board of commissioners was held on January 13, 2021 at the Schewe Community Center. President Nathan Carls called the meeting to order at 6:34 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, Park District Attorney Carrie Magerl, National Guard Recruiter Heather Miller, Stacy Sloan and Steve Sloan.

The minutes of the December 9th regular 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 were approved on a motion by Mr. McClenning and a second by Mr. Schroll with all directors voting yea.

Mr. Brockschmidt then presented the Director's Report. He announced that the National Guard had again put the basketball gym off limits to use. Mrs. Miller informed the board that the National Guard had halted all Unit Drills and closed all Armories due to COVID-19 for 90 days on November 1, meaning that the gym would probably be off limits until at least February 1. She did state that this could change giving the Park District use earlier, with improved numbers and an easing of the mitigations by the governor.

He informed the board that he had an update regarding the JBS Hometown Strong grant proposal that was to be kept confidential per JBS. On a motion by Mr. Sorrells and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. McClenning the board tentatively set Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm as a special meeting date at which time they could go into executive session to discuss the issue.

The board then discussed recreation programs. It was decided that the weight room would continue to remain open following, of course, any changes in COVID-19 guidelines. All youth recreation programs and adult volleyball and Zumba would remain on hold for now per COVID-19 guidelines.

Next the possibility of hiring a part time secretary only and a full time maintenance person was discussed again. Mr. Brockschmidt presented the board with a break down of past salaries and proposal of possible salary costs and a break down of job duties under this scenario. Mrs. Sloan asked what work was not being finished and expressed that she thought part time workers were able to accomplish all necessary tasks and expressed her concern with hiring a full time maintenance person as she said that a couple of retired people might need the part time money. After discussion of the break down of job duties the board determined that further discussion of the salaries involved was needed but that it was of a confidential nature and would need to be addressed in executive session and could be discussed further at the special meeting tentatively set for January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Finally Mr. Brockschmidt informed the board that due to a mistake on his part and a miscommunication between himself and the County Clerk and the candidates, three people who filed petitions for election would not be listed on the April 6 Park Commissioner election ballot. Since their Statement of Economic Interest was turned in at the Park office but not recorded at the County Clerk's office prior to the December 21 deadline, Josh Sorrells, Joe McClenning and Stacy Sloan would not appear on the ballot. They were informed that they are eligible to file as a write in candidate with the County Clerk by February 4, 2021. Those having filed correctly and thus appearing on the ballot are Becky Jones and Amanda "Mandy" Hardwick for the 2, full-6 year terms and Seth Coats for the 2, unexpired-4 year terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm with a motion from Mr. Sorrells and a second by Mr. McClenning.