

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE RANTOUL PARK DISTRICT**

August 19,2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Rantoul Park District was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rantoul Business Center 601 S. Century, Rantoul, Illinois. The following Board members were present: Terry Sheppard, Richard Thomas, Gary Hardin, Debbie Schmidt and Rick Jean. The following Board members were absent: None

The President, Mr. Hardin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** At this time Commissioner Schmidt moved that the minutes of the July 2021 meeting be approved as submitted. Commissioner Sheppard seconded the Motion. The Motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer presented his written Report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as **Exhibit A**. The bills presented for payment were reviewed by the Board. The Treasurer reviewed the year to date income and expense figures and the existing cash balances in the accounts. There was \$238,351 in the general fund before bills to be paid of \$31,353. The Bond Fund had a balance of \$107,610 before bills to be paid of \$6572. The escrow account retained a balance of \$5,000. Commissioner Sheppard moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and that the bills presented for payment be paid. Commissioner Jean seconded the Motion. Upon a roll vote, all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion. The motion thus carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** There was no correspondence presented to the Board.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** The Superintendent's written report is attached to these Minutes as **Exhibit B**. The Superintendent reported that irrigation work has been ongoing. His staff had reinstalled yardage markers. New grills for Brookhill Park had been received but not yet installed. The size of his crew was shrinking. His staff had done some tree stump removal. He stated that the sprayer could be sold for \$1200. Commissioner Thomas so moved. Commissioner Jean seconded the motion and upon a roll call vote all Commissioners present voted in favor of the motion and so it carried unanimously.

The Superintendent indicated he wanted to have a credit card available to make miscellaneous purchases. Commissioner Jean moved that the Park District authorize the Bank of Rantoul to issue a credit card in the name of the Park District for purchases made by Mr. Aardsma with a \$2500 credit limit. Commissioner Schmidt second the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all commissioners present voted in favor the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Manager's written report is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. The Manager reported that league play was concluding. There were outings this weekend and

that the play by University of Illinois students had started increasing again.

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT:** No one appeared for the Rec Department.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** There was no audience participation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Mary Alice Park upgrades- Mr. Hardin reported that improvements to Mary Ellis Park had been completed and that a picnic table had been installed there.

B. Annexation of Properties - This subject was tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Public hearing on Comptroller's Report and Approval of Comptroller's Report

The treasurer presented his written comptrollers report for hearing. The board listened to the presentation made by the treasurer. Commissioner Sheppard move that the Comptrollers report be approved and submitted. Commissioner Thomas second the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all commissioners present voted in favor of the motion and the motion thus carried unanimously

B. Lease agreement with Lutheran Church

The Board next considered a renewal of the ALC Lease. Commissioner Schmidt moved that the Lease be approved and signed. Commissioner Thomas second the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all commissioners present voted in favor of the motion and the motion thus carried unanimously

C. Agreement with Rantoul City schools on South tennis court.

This subject was tabled.

D. Intergovernmental agreement with Village (exchange of real estate)

The Board discussed the proposed agreement with the Village. A question arose as to the exact boundaries of the property to be acquired. Use and compensation for the property was also discussed.

E. Allowance for cell phones for Staff

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Sheppard moved that the Board authorize payment of \$50.00 per month for the Manager and Superintendent for cell phone costs to be paid in December. Commissioner Jean second the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all commissioners present voted in favor of the motion and the motion thus carried unanimously

A brief conversation ensued concerning future projects including the Brookhill playground and pavilion and the need for new Golf carts and the sale of the existing carts.

At this time, there coming no further business before the meeting, Commissioner Jean moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Sheppard seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

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William R. Scott, Secretary

