**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT**

1006 Lincoln Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008 Boone County, Illinois

**Meeting Date**: 1/24/2023 Time: 5:00 P.M.

**Meeting Location**: Baltic Mill 920 W. Lincoln Avenue Belvidere, IL 61008

**Meeting**: Scheduled Board Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Belvidere Township Park District Boone County, IL

The Belvidere Township Park District Board of Commissioners board meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Daniel Noble.

**Roll call** was taken; In attendance: Mary Marquardt, Jean Twyning, Amy Nord and Daniel Noble.

Absent: Sam An – Arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Those also in attendance were Jen Jacky, Melissa Merkel, Jonathan Cudzewicz.

Absent: Aly Graham

**Meeting agenda**:

Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to approve the agenda for 1/24/2023.

A voice vote was taken with (4) voting yes. Motion carried.

**Approval of meeting minutes**:

Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes for 01/10/23.

A voice vote was taken with (4) voting yes Motion carried.

**Bills to be Paid:**  Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to approve the bills to be paid for 01/05/23-01/24/23. A roll call vote was taken with (4) voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion: None

**Financial Report**: FY 2022 Revenue & Expenditure Report

Discussion: New report format and YTD results to be presented the 1st meeting of each month to include monthly, year to date and variance report.

**Board Correspondence**: Marquardt and Twyning shared newspaper articles related to the Park District.

**Public Input:** None

**Future of Aquatics & Comprehensive Master Plan** –Jacky | Community Stakeholder Focus Group meetings were held with 40 community leaders in attendance. Survey was sent out for those who could not attend. 1st community engagement meeting is scheduled for 2/9/23 at 6 p.m. with a 2nd one scheduled for 3/9/23 at 6 p.m. and a Community Stakeholder Focus Group meeting scheduled for early May to review community input. All meetings will be held at River’s Edge. A community bulletin and press release to be sent out 1/25/23.

Discussion: Items to include in the Community Bulletin and Press Release; Potential pool closures or cost of replacement of aquatic facilities in neighboring communities.

**Baltic Mill Structural Assessment** – No update

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Local Government Efficiency Act** | Jacky: IPRA and attorney putting together a plan to establish a local Government Efficiency Committee; legislation requires establishment of a committee by 6/20/2023 and (3) meetings to be held by 12/28/2024. Reconvene 10 years.

Each entity has to create their own committee and hold meetings per OMA. IAPD creating a template for Park Districts to use. Purpose is to ensure no duplication of services within the community. Information is turned in to the County and they take the next step. We will need to establish a committee with board members and (2) members of the community.

More information is forthcoming.

**Paid Leave for All Act** | Jacky

Discussion: Legislation being considered for part time employee benefits. School Districts and Park Districts are exempt. Consider options for employee retention going forward.

**Green Space Fees** | Jacky

Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to move that we support the County’s efforts for moratorium impact fees to be lifted and approve the Executive Director to advocate with the County Board for reinstatement of the impact fees on behalf of the District.

Discussion: Moratorium effect on the Park District and lifting moratorium will allow discussions to begin on green space fees.

A roll call vote was taken with (5) voting yes. Motion carried.

**Closed Session:**

Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to go into closed session at 5:45 p.m. for:

Act 5 ILCS 120/2c(21) | Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes.

A roll call was taken with (5) voting yes. Motion carried.

**Open session resumed:**

The Belvidere Township Park District Board of Commissioners board meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Daniel Noble.

**Roll call** was taken; In attendance: Mary Marquardt, Jean Twyning, Amy Nord, Sam An, and Daniel Noble.

Absent: None

Those also in attendance were Jen Jacky, Melissa Merkel, and Jonathan Cudzewicz

**Action taken as a result of closed session:** None

**Meeting adjournment** There being nothing further to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Teri Becker