

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

### BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

1006 Lincoln Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008

Boone County, Illinois

---

**Meeting Date:** 2/27/2024                      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 5:00 p.m. by Amy Nord.

**Roll call** | was taken; In attendance: Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Noble, Commissioner Nord, Commissioner Thacker, Commissioner Twyning, Matt Fleury, Terri Glass, Michael Hart and John Wolf

Absent: None

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

Absent: None

**Meeting agenda** |

Twyning made a motion seconded by Glass to approve the meeting agenda dated 2/27/2024. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion | Baseline qualifications for the Committee; IAPD Recommendations/Sample Template

**Introductions of Committee Members** | Jacky

Discussion | Purpose the group | To study the Efficiencies and Report for the Belvidere Park District and make recommendations regarding those efficiencies and increased accountability pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1, et seq. Goal of the committee is to gather thoughts and opinions of the Public; The District encourages respectful and efficient meetings. Role of the committee public members is to evaluate the efficiencies and recommendations for improvement.

**Public Input** | None

**Goal/Purpose of the Committee & Act** | Jacky

This is a mandate from the State of Illinois to encourage efficiency between governmental units. The goal is to meet the requirements of the mandate but also to help improve efficiencies within the District and show the effectiveness and collaborative spirit of the District to local legislators.

**Overview of the Three Committee Meetings** | Jacky

1. First meeting | Groundwork of explaining the District's processes and functions to lay the groundwork for recommendations at a future meeting.
2. Second meeting | Review of Efficiency Report for the Belvidere Township Park District | Committee Recommendations
3. Third meeting | Review of final report to be submitted to the County with meeting minutes
4. Meeting Schedule

**Discussion of Draft Efficiency Report & Work Session** | Jacky

General Overview | Discussion

Transparency – Recommendations | How to increase transparency; NASR; Social media

Intergovernmental agreements | Recommendations

Community collaboration | Recommendations | Community perception of the Park District

Volunteer Hours | Recommendations | Inform the public of District use of volunteers

Youth Employment | Recommendations | Inform the public of District youth involvement

Joint Purchasing | Recommendations

Parks & Conservation | Recommendations

Reliance on Non Tax Revenue | Recommendations; possible pie chart with % & actual amounts  
Donations | Recommendations  
District Involvement | Recommendations  
Benefits & Services | Recommendations | Discussion | Maintenance services; Map; grid  
Programs | Recommendations | Define the impact of how far programs are reaching within the community  
Additional Services | Recommendations  
Baseline Information | Recommendations for areas missing regarding Park District overall information.

**Review of Next Steps & Assignments for Next Meeting** | Jacky

- Park District staff to update discussed recommendations
- Committee to create recommendations

**Audience Polling & Feedback** | Jacky

No additional member of the public are present.

**Objective** | Jacky

To serve the community more effectively. The Belvidere Park District recognizes recommendations and will rectify to become more efficient.

**Meeting adjournment** | There being nothing further to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Teri Becker