

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Canton Park District Board of Commissioners**

**September 21, 2021  
5:00 p.m.**

**Volume #69**

President Stephenson called the regular meeting of the Canton Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 5:00 p.m.

**A. GENERAL FUNCTION.**

- A.1 Roll call was taken with Commissioners Stephenson, Clark, Fouts, and Pirtle. Commissioner Walters was absent at roll call. Also present were Director Johnson, Superintendent Murphy, Office Manager Walljasper, Chief Fife, and one member of the public.
- A.2 Commissioner Clark made the motion to approve the Regular Minutes of August 16, with a second from Commissioner Fouts. Motion carried.
- A.3 Commissioner Fouts made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursements with a second from Commissioner Pirtle. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- A.4 Commissioner Clark made the motion to approve the Financial Statements with a second from Commissioner Fouts. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- A.5 No Public Comments were offered.

**I. Airport:**

- A. Superintendent Murphy reported that Av Gas Sales for the month were up approximately 600 gallons and up approximately 1,000 gallons for the fiscal year.
- E. Director Johnson reported that he has received notice from Hutchison Engineering that they would continue design and construction for any current projects, but they would no longer be offering airport engineering services for new projects. Director Johnson filed Form AER-306 with the Division of Aeronautics. Any firm interested in providing engineering services at Ingersoll Airport will notify the district and will be mailed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).
- F. Hutchison Engineering notified the District that the State has moved the letting for the Apron Resurfacing Project back to the January 0f 2022 letting due to staffing issues.
- G. Director Johnson reported that he will attend the Annual TIP Meeting on Thursday October 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**II. Parks:**

- A. Superintendent Murphy went over the maintenance report for the past month noting that The top projects to work on include continuing the replacement of the trail at Lakeland Park, replacing the walk-in door on the maintenance hangar at Ingersoll Airport. Other projects that were completed included removing the skate park at Big Creek Park, repairing holes in the roadway at Lakeland Park, grading and reshaping the entrance drive and parking lot east of Lakeland Park entrance, replaced batteries in lightning detectors and continued removing trees and limbs from storm damage.

- B. Director Johnson reported the attorney fees for the lawsuit with the Girl Scouts, totaling approximately \$107,000. The final total will be presented at the October meeting.
- C. Director Johnson went over the timeline to issue a Non-Referendum Bond. He reported that Mr. Pistorius will attend the October board meeting to review up to date figures.
- D. Director Johnson reported that the Annual Fall Board Retreat was scheduled for Tuesday October 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- F. Director Johnson and President Stephenson will attend the NRPA Congress in Nashville, Tennessee September 21 – 23, 2021.
- G. Director Johnson reported that American marketing & Publishing would be doing photoshoots of Big Creek, Wallace, Lakeland, and Athletic Parks as well as Ingersoll Airport that will be directly uploaded to Google. He also discussed a new VIP texting program that will allow park users to “Opt In” and receive timely text messages about events and announcements from the District.

**III. Recreation:**

- A. Superintendent Murphy reported that the Unity Point Wellmobile will be held at the Gary G. Baker Recreation Center on December 17, 2021
- B. Superintendent Murphy reported that the August attendance for Big Creek Pool was approximately 2,252.
- C. Superintendent Murphy reported that Summer Men’s and Women’s Softball Leagues were finished for the year. Men’s Fall Ball League started on July 28, and Co-Rec started on September 13, 2021
- D. Director Johnson reported that due to concerns over covid-19, Canton Union School District #66 has cancelled the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Day at Lakeland Park that was scheduled for September 22 and 23, 2021.
- E. Director Johnson reported that the 2021 Spook Trail that was to be held at Lakeland Park on October 19, 2021 will not be held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With there being no further discussion Commissioner Walters made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Pirtle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for:

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Canton Park District  
Board of Commissioners

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Canton Park District  
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