

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

**November 20, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

**Volume #71**

President Clark 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 Clark, Fouts, Walters and Stephenson present. Commissioner Pirtle was absent. Also present were Director Johnson and Office Manager Walljasper. Superintendent Murphy and Recreation Superintendent Atchley were absent.
- A.2** Commissioner Walters made the motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 16, with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Motion carried.
- A.3** Commissioner Fouts made the motion to approve the Cash Disbursements with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- A.4** Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to approve the Financial Statements with a second from Commissioner Walters. Roll call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.
- A.5** No public comments were offered.

**I. Airport:**

- A.** Director Johnson went over Av Gas sales at Ingersoll Airport, reporting that total sales for the month were up approximately 972 gallons and up approximately 1,400 gallons for the fiscal year.
- C.** Director Johnson reported that two hangars remain available for rent, two are still empty due to storm damage. He also reported that Mr. Reinholtz has paid his outstanding balance and was given until December 18, 2023 to remove his planes and equipment from the airport.
- D.** Director Johnson reported about the Annual TIP meeting that he attended on October 26, 2023 at the Division of Aeronautics. He stated that the pavement project was moved up on the list of projects.

**II. Parks:**

- A.** Director Johnson went over Superintendent Murphy's Maintenance Report, reporting that top projects include continue to remove dead trees throughout the district, prepare trucks for snow removal and begin winter maintenance, and that Hohulin Fence Company will replace the fence around the ADA swing at John Dean Park. He also reported that the parks were closed for the season, a ramp for the fall festival pumpkin race was built, ball diamonds were reshaped, core aerified, seeded and fertilized the Veteran's Memorial, Athletic Park Diamonds and in from for Donaldson Center. Playground parts have been ordered for Wallace and Nagel playgrounds and the climbing volcano at Big Creek Pool. Received new 50 inch rototiller, and is working with H & H industries for lighting at Big Creek Park pavilion.

- C. Director Johnson reported that the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #23-09 must be passed within the first quarter of the fiscal year and that the tentative budget has been available for public review since November 13<sup>th</sup> and will remain available for inspection until December 18, 2023.
- D. Director Johnson reported that The 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance #23-10 is available for public inspection and that currently the tentative Tax Levy is below the 105% threshold level, so no "Truth In Taxation" hearing will be required.
- E. No Action was taken on amending the Personnel Policy regarding Health Insurance.
- F. No Action was taken on the Retirement Agreement for Director Johnson.

### III. Recreation:

- A. Director Johnson reported that the overall attendance at the Gary G. Baker Recreation Center was approximately 1,000 people for the month of October.
- B. Director Johnson discussed programs and events for the month of October, reporting that there were approximately 1,300 people who attended the Spook Trail, 75 attending the Fall Festival, and 19 participated in the Lil' Explorers program.
- C. Director Johnson reported that Recreation Superintendent Atchley has hired and trained a new part-time recreation assistant. A few pool staff have been working on Monday evenings for the senior dance, and working weekend rentals along with some shifts during winter break.

### IV. Executive Session:

Commissioner Stephenson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2§(c)(1) at 5:25 p.m., with a second from a second from Commissioner Fouts. Roll Call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

With no further discussion or action Commissioner Fouts made the motion to adjourn Executive Session to discuss personnel in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2§(c)(1) at 5:50 p.m., with a second from Commissioner Stephenson. Roll Call vote was taken with (4) ayes for the record. Motion carried.

With no further discussion or action Commissioner Walters made a motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Fouts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted for:

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Susan L. Walters, Secretary  
Canton Park District  
Board of Commissioners

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Stephen R. Clark, President  
Canton Park District  
Board of Commissioners

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