**Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 27th, 2025**

**Manners Park Dining Hall**

The Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Manners Park Dining Hall. President Marlane Miller called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Present: Marlane Miller, Tanya Reno, Sue Phillips, Debbie Gatton, Evan Mitchell, Sherri Craggs, Blake Heimsness.

**Swearing in of new Board Member**

Newly elected board member Blake Heimsness read the oath of office. Oath documents were signed and notarized and will be filed in the park office. President Miller handed out the Code of Conduct and stated that new members must take State required Open Meetings Act training. In addition, President Miller stated to Board members that they will need Freedom of Information training as well.

# Approval of Minutes

Trustee Renomade a motion to accept the minutes of the April 28th, 2025, meeting as submitted. Trustee

Phillips Second. All Yeas

Miller -Yes, Reno-Yes, Phillips-Yes, Gatton-Yes, Mitchell-Yes, Craggs-Yes, Heimsness--Yes.

# Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Phillips announced the current fund balances:



Linda Moomey stated that she is working on improvements to the financial reports. It will be a slow process, but she is in contact with Auditors at Sikitch and IMRF. Priority will be to get all accounting in order and all bills paid in a timely manner.

# Correspondence/Guests/Public Comments

President Miller read a letter sent from Burbach stating the recommendation to submit for additional bids to several guests present concerned that the Board accepted the bid for the Pool rebuild. Miller stated that the Board will not be accepting the bid of 12.6 million. She then turned to Sherri Craggs for comments. Craggs stated that the bid was outrageous, and the Board will not accept. She is reaching out to several companies and other communities to expand the possibility of keeping the rebuilding in line with funds available. Guest Evan Mahan read a statement that he prepared for the discussion on several other possibilities that the community could pursue including working with the YMCA or pursuing other areas in town. Copy given to attach to the minutes.

The board thanked the guests present for their concern and all agreed to go ahead with the rebid process.

# New Business

John Falduto from Sawyer Falduto Asset Management Company was present to give an update on the park’s investment account. He explained how the funds were performing and the possibility of splitting the funds into thirds so his company can invest in 3- and 6-month CDs that would net the park better opportunity to add to the gains. Craggs made a motion to accept Reno second. All yeas.

Miller -Yes, Reno-Yes, Phillips-Yes, Gatton-Yes, Mitchell-Yes, Craggs-Yes, Heimsness-Yes.

Miller asked the board the appoint Linda Moomey as the new authorized agent for IMRF. Reno made a motion to appoint. Mitchell second. All Yeas

Miller -Yes, Reno-Yes, Phillips-Yes, Gatton-Yes, Mitchell-Yes, Craggs-Yes, Heimsness-Yes.

**Maintenance Supervisor and Recreation Director Reports**

Supervisor Ben Dempsey updated the board with the improvements to the park. The crew has been working to eradicate the Honeysuckle from the park and states some areas look rough but to be patient and they will get it cleaned up. The mower is fixed and ready to use but they are still looking for a spare mower in case of breakdowns in the future. He also stated they have installed the flower decoration that was donated to the park by Brandon Gatton. He also will be installing a bench with the required arms attached soon.

Recreation Director Jessica Franks reported that Red Bland Youth Baseball has asked the board to put a flagpole and flag at Jaynes Park for the approximate amount of $200.00. Craggs stated that Fur Love could pay for that and Miller suggesting getting with American Legion or VFW for the flag. Jessica stated that the WERKS class will begin again on Tuesdays at 6pm at the Dining Hall. The Day camp has started and has approximately 20 kids with 5 employee’s total. The topic of purchasing property by Jaynes Park to extend the road for a parking lot was brought up with Mr. Assad in attendance. He stated he is willing to sell the property to the board for $50000.00 payable in three installments of approximately $16500.00 a year. Miller stated that the park does not have those funds available at this time. Craggs asked to table the issue, and she will go out to look at the area. Mitchell also stated he would be interested in looking at the area again. Reno made a motion to table with Craggs second. Jessica stated that the Board needs to consider changing or extending the days for Christmas in the Park. In the past the park opened later than most area communities. The board discussed the extra time and security etc. and it was decided to leave the opening time alone but extend the end until the 28th of December. Jessica asked for approval to get extra porta potties in the park for three events coming up. She has an offer from Nolen Plumbing in the amount of $800.00. Heimsness said he would talk with them to check if that was the final price. Jessica also informed the board that the hospital employees have decided to paint for a day to update the concession stand at Jaynes. The Board is grateful for the labor donation.

Reno made a motion to approve all reports. Phillips second. Motion carried.

Reno made a motion to accept all bills presented. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

Mitchell made a motion to go to Executive session with Reno second.

Miller -Yes, Reno-Yes, Phillips-Yes, Gatton-Yes, Mitchell-Yes, Craggs-Yes, Heimsness-Yes

Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting for the Board will be Monday June 23rd, 2025, at 7pm at the Manners Park Dining Hall.