**Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 23rd, 2025**

**Manners Park Dining Hall**

The Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees met on Monday June 23rd, 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

# Approval of Minutes

Trustee Renomade a motion to accept the minutes of the May 27th, 2025, meeting as submitted. Trustee Phillips Second. All Yeas.

# Treasurer’s Report

Trustee Phillips announced the fund balances as of May 31, 2025



# Correspondence/Guests/Public Comments

None

# New Business

Miller handed out copies of the Lake Shore Golf agreement and stated that they are paying the park district $1. a year. The park district pays for the insurance and pays the bond payment on irrigation reconstruction. She is asking all the trustees to look over the agreement. In 1967 the park board bought the course from the city but could not keep going with it financially due to the management of it and they had to borrow money to maintain it. Mr. Lumb brought in Mr. Boldig to manage and the agreement was signed in 2011. Miller stated that the community does have a great interest in keeping the course. They have Men’s and Women’s leagues and Taylorville Tornado teams and are hosts of different fundraisers for the community. The contract has been extended every three years and will be up for renewal in November 2025. The board will have the opportunity to ask questions, look over the financials of the course and decide if the park district wants to extend or negotiate a new agreement. Subject tabled until next meeting.

In other new business Miller explained to the board that they have had funds set aside in an overflow account and the interest generated from that fund was put into an Employee Incentive Fund for discretionary use for Christmas bonus’ and retirements parties etc. There is 8 thousand in the fund currently. She sees no need to keep doing that currently. Reno made a motion to leave the interest in the Overflow fund with Phillips second. All Yeas

**Old Business**

Craggs gave un update on the Pool. There are new ideas coming in from Burbach to keep the project around the 8.6 million budget the park currently has. They will keep in communication with Craggs and have set Zoom calls up. She stated that there has been a renewed interest in contractors submitting better bids and will hopefully have better things to report to the board for the July meeting.

Miller stated after figuring out who to contact directly at IEPA due to the old engineering firm that did not send in the reports correctly, she worked with Dawn in the office and bundled it up and sent it to the right person. Miller is in contact with him and he stated they will come up with a plan to clean up the ball diamonds and let her know how much will have to be done. She is expecting their call by the end of the week.

The new sign is up at Don Bragg Memorial Sports Complex and Miller requested a Board picture soon.

Craggs stated with Miller in agreement, that the property she looked at by Don Bragg Sports Complex was too expensive and would require a lot more funds for build up so that issue will not be pursued.

**Maintenance Supervisor, Recreation Director, Office Administrator Reports**

Ben Dempsey stated the maintenance crew put up the flagpole at Jaynes Park. The board thanked Sherri Craggs at Fur Love for her donation to this project. He stated the Don Bragg sign is up but still needs a bit of work and will let them know when they can come out to see it and get a picture. His crew has been busy mowing and prepping the ball fields. Ameren fixed the lights at the Hafliger field, and they are still working on the honey suckle eradication.

Jessica Franks stated that the event coming up for the PDGA (Professional Disc Golf Association) is called Tornado Open and has had a bit of negative concern from community for using the name that is used by the golf course. She did ask the company to change but they declined. The park apologizes for any confusion this may cause.

She stated the concert in the park by TAYLOR-VILLE was a great success with many happy faces in the crowd. Young and old alike! The Park would like to thank Carol Alexander for the generous donation that helped bring this to the community. Jessica has more events coming up that include movie nights, musical concerts and car shows. She has private donors reaching out so the park can keep hosting these events for the community. Day camp is going well. Red Bland is bringing pizza lunch for the maintenance crew this week. She has grant applications in and the fall festival schedule is set along with Christmas in the Park schedule done and set. Battery Specialists want to participate with a Jingle Bell Roll night with golf carts.

Linda Moomey read a report of things that she has accomplished this past month. The IMRF Fund has been updated and reconciled. The Social Security Fund is updated and reconciled along with most of the other accounts. She will participate in webinars and telephone conferences to keep up to date with all requirements needed. All past due bills have been discussed with Miller and paid. She asks the board for patience while she begins the General fund and QuickBooks corrections. She also stated she wants CTI to help with getting the computer, internet and phones more secure.

Reno made a motion to allow the upgrade to the system and have an appointment set with CTI for security. Craggs second the motion. All Yeas.

Reno made a motion to approve all reports. Heimsness second. Motion carried. All Yeas.

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

Reno made a motion to go to Executive session with Heimsness 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 July 28th, 2025, at 7pm at the Manners Park Dining Hall.