

Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026

Manners Park Dining Hall

The Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees met on Monday July 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Manners Park Dining Hall. President Marlane Miller called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call Present: Marlane Miller, Tanya Reno, Sherri Craggs, Debbie Gatton, Ryan Gatton, Luke Millan. Linda Moomey, Ben Dempsey and Evan Mitchell. Absent Sue Phillips.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Reno made a motion to accept the minutes of June 22, 2026. Trustee D Gatton second. All Yeas.

Taylorville Park District Fund Balances		Meeting Date			
		6/30/2026	7/27/2026		
General Fund	\$	156,675.59	\$	108,189.55	
Bond Fund	\$	25,363.28	\$	25,363.28	
Museum	\$	78,365.29	\$	78,365.29	
EE Incent	\$	5,822.95	\$	5,822.95	
IMRF Fund	\$	139,328.71	\$	139,052.61	
Soc Sec Fund	\$	1,943.80	\$	1,943.80	
Tennis Court Fund	\$	17,823.43	\$	17,823.43	
Skate Park Fund	\$	840.79	\$	840.79	General Fund
Overflow Acct	\$	153,495.78	\$	153,495.78	Beginning Balance 05/31/2026
Lakeshore Golf	\$	11,223.06	\$	11,223.06	\$ 214,874.07
OSLAD Grant Fund	\$	305,140.26	\$	305,140.26	Cash Receipts \$ 9,025.39
Bond Proceeds	\$	6,637,173.46	\$	6,637,173.46	Cash Disbursements \$ 67,223.87
Total	\$	7,533,196.40	\$	7,484,434.26	Ending Balance 06/30/2026 \$ 156,675.59

Treasurers Report

L Moomey announced the General Fund Deposits, Expenses and Balance as of June 30, 2026. She handed out the bank balance report, Budget vs. Actual report, along with list of all bills to be approved to each trustee. Reno made a motion to accept with Millan second. All yeas.

Correspondence/Guests/Public Comments

Keith and Shannon Boston had questions on the report from IEPA dated May 28, 2026. Marlane Miller stated to them that the report was in reference to the area around the dining hall that is fenced off and two of the small ball diamonds. The park is still in remediation with IEPA and has hired Midwest Environmental Consultants to take over and devise a plan for focused remediation. Once approved by the board there will be more testing done.

New Business

M Miller stated that she was contacted by Geri Nieman a Master Gardner and she is interested in having access to Perkinson Park to organize and add to. Trustee Reno made a motion to allow her to do so with D Gatton second. All Yeas

Old Business

Craggs gave a pool update from Chris DePaul, which IDPH is reviewing now, Chris will wait for the remarks from them so we will know if it must have changes and resubmitted. Still looking at a starting very soon. He appreciates all the help from Ben Dempsey on meeting at the bathhouse with contractors and electricians.

Board discussed the IEPA letter dated 071026 that was received and copied to Midwest Environmental Consulting. It has a five-point recommendation for further testing requirements. M Miller called them with no response. We will contact Midwest to get their response. Please see attached copy to the minutes.

A roll call was taken verbally in response to Sikich CPA Letter of Communication to the Board of Trustees. M Miller Yes, Tanya Reno Yes, Sherri Craggs Yes, Debbie Gatton Yes, Ryan Gatton Yes and Luke Millan Yes. Sue Phillips is absent.

It was determined by the board that Taylorville Music Lessons owned by Mike Semerau can continue to participate in CITP and events at the dining hall. He was instructed to limit his communication to Ben Dempsey for all coordination.

Maintenance Supervisor, Recreation Director, Office Administrator Reports

Ben Dempsey reported they have been busy mowing and weeding. They have helped with getting the batting cage up. He will be taking the bobcat in for maintenance and getting the dump truck inspected. He reported the GLO Run went well and appreciated the crew putting up the light tunnel. He has hired a new employee on a probationary period and the Board welcomes Chadwick Barlow.

Evan Mitchell, please see attached report. He was contacted by Elijah Bear who represents Adult Travel Baseball team from Mt Zion. He requested the board set a policy for Out of district teams using the ball fields. L Millan made a motion to charge a flat rate of \$80.00 to be paid in advance of use and present insurance certificate. S Craggs second All Yeas. We welcomed 6 new ducks to the park, and he had assistance from the day campers on naming them. He is working with Ben and Tad Locher at IDNR to address the moss on the pond. He is working on movie night and car cruise bands. For August band will be Liz Fitz and thanks to Small Town Taylorville for donations to cover this band. The September band will be Prairie State of Mind and Oct is in the works.

L Moomey, please see attached report. Admin updates submitted for June and July. Main points brought to board are the first installment of Property Tax will be here July 31st in the amount \$873581.21. She will disburse proper accounts with final balance to General Fund \$445700.54. Discussed Sams Club membership benefits and T Reno made a motion to renew with L Millan second. All Yeas. She has a notary renewal coming in august, so T Reno made a motion with L Millan second to allow for reimbursement up to \$500.00 for certificate, training and supplies. She requested a special meeting to be held for discussion on electric rates with Dale Snyder from Seven Utility Management. Board agreed.

T Reno made a motion to approve all reports. D Gatton second. All Yeas.

T Reno made a motion to accept all bills presented. S Craggs second. All Yeas

T Reno made a motion with D Gatton second to go to Executive session. All Yeas

M Miller asked for action on an agreed amount for our attorney Mr. Weatherford to settle a FOIA claim. He will keep us informed. R Gatton made a motion to allow attorneys to negotiate with Judiciocracy LLC with T Reno second. All Yeas

T Reno made a motion to adjourn with D Gatton second. All Yeas

Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting for the Board will be August 24, 2026, at 7pm at the Manners Park Dining Hall.

Linda Moomey

Park Administrator

Recreational Director Report 7/27/26

1. I was contacted by Elijah Bear who represents an adult travel baseball team from Mt Zion. None of the players on the team live in our district, and he inquired about renting the fields at Don Bragg for their home games, stating that they were truly nice fields. I informed him that we did not have a policy in place for renting our fields, and would have to address the board. I did some research on what other park districts charge to rent their fields. Belleville Park District charges \$20 per hour to rent a ball field and have it prepared, and \$40 per hour if they want to use lights. There is no price difference for in district or out of district, and there is no charge at all if they do not have the fields lined and prepped, and do not use any lights. Edwardsville Park District charges a flat rate with \$80 in District, \$100 out of District for a smaller field, and \$100 in district and \$120 out of district for a larger field. Mr. Bear would like to utilize our fields and possibly start using them for home games as early as August. *L Millan motion with S Craggs second to charge \$80 Flat Rate on use of field*

2. I purchased 6 ducklings for the park in hopes that we can give ducks another shot on our ponds. My grandparents had ducks and geese out at their farm as a kid so I did not go into this situation blindly. They arrived at Manner's Park on Sunday July 19th just in time for "Animal Week" at Daycamp that started on the 20th. The Daycampers named them all and come spend time with them everyday that they are here. They are growing fast and it won't be long before they are out of the brooder and out in the park on their own. All of the research I have done tells me that our Canadian geese will adopt them into their flock and offer them protection from predators. When I purchased them, Rural King offered no insight as to what the sex and breed of the ducklings are, but I believe we have 3 Pekin ducks, and 3 Rouen ducks which are a domestic cousin to the mallard. I am volunteering my time on the evenings and weekends to care for the ducks.

3. I have been working with Tad Locher of the IDNR's department of fisheries to get the moss on the north pond resolved. Since Ben is not certified in Aquatic pesticides, Mr. Locher said if we purchased the copper based algae remover he would come and apply it for us in the near future. The copper based algae remover was delivered to us last week and I am waiting to hear back Mr. Locher on when he can come to apply it. I was advised that he could only spray 25% of the moss at a time, as to not cause an abundance of dead algae which would effect the health of the fish in the north pond.

4. Other than that I have just been working on daycamp, lining up another movie night in October, and car show stuff. Everyday has been a learning opportunity for me, as I still have much to learn as we approach the Holiday season.

*August Band Liz Fitz, Funds donated by Small Town Taylorville
September Band Prairie State of mind and OCTOBER is in the works.
L Millan Suggested Midwest Revival.*

Admin Updates June and July 27, 2026

Annual Webinar completed with IPRF

Completed IMRF reports and EFT transfers for May and June 26 Payroll. Still need tax money to arrive so I can do the Social Security employer transfers.

Completed Bank reconciliations for May and June 2026. Also reviewed with Sue.

IDES (Suta) Monthly report done for May and Quarterly report along with EFT payment for June 2026

Paid all EFT Payroll taxes due for May and June 2026 and completed Quarterly reports for Federal and State requirements.

Webinars taken along with Evan with IAPD for Oslad Grant info and Our Website requirements due April 2028.

Posted and paid all bills due for both months.

Still working with Sikich CPA for all requirements due for Audit. Smoother this year but still time consuming.

Helped Evan with Sr Lunch, After hours Event, July 3rd 250 Event and Scovill Zoo with Day Campers.

Signed up for class with IPARKS for 2027 Election Cycle responsibilities. Also scheduled meeting with Josh Labano to have face to face meeting on their activities, education and help etc for Park District.

Started conversation with Dale Snyder and asked Marlane to sign form for permission to allow him to compare electricity rates on behalf of the park. Contract will be up in November 2026. Ask for special meeting. ✓ Will schedule special meeting

Will need to do a report for Work Comp for Jan 2027 to Jan 2028, should we estimate pool salaries or pay difference in 2028 audit? Board answer Do Not add pool salaries in.

Need to renew Sam club membership for 120.00 Yea or Nea.

Need to seek reimbursement for Notary renewal. YES up to \$500.00

1st disbursement of property tax will be 07/31/2026 in the amount of \$8733581.21. I will transfer as follows : Bond Account \$359251.07, IMRF Account \$572.29, Social Security Account \$17019.08, Museum account \$51038.23 and leaving \$445700.54 in the General Fund.