

**TAYLORVILLE COMMUNITY PLEASURE DRIVEWAY & PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT THE MANNERS PARK DINING HALL**

Aug 24, 2026, 7 P.M.

FINANCE COMMITTEE @ 6:30 P.M.

POOL COMMITTEE 6:15 P.M.

- I) CALL TO ORDER**
- II) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III) ROLL CALL**
- IV) APPROVAL July 27, 2026, August 6, 2026, MINUTES**
- V) TREASURERS REPORT**
- VI) CORRESPONDENCE/GUEST'S/PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VII) NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) IParks Cyber Liability Insurance**
- VIII) OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Pool Update**
 - B) Electric Rates/ Dale Snyder**
 - C) Andrew Weatherford OMA**
- IX) Reports**
 - A) Maintenance Superintendent**
 - B) Recreation Director**
 - C) Office Administrator**
- X) COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A) APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**
 - B) APPROVAL FOR REPORTS**
- XI) Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (11)**
- XII) Motion to adjourn**

Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026

Manners Park Dining Hall

The Taylorville Park District Board of Trustees met on Monday August 24th, 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, Sue Phillips, Tanya Reno, Sherri Craggs, Debbie Gatton, Ryan Gatton, Linda Moomey, Andrew Weatherford, Ben Dempsey and Evan Mitchell. Absent Luke Millan.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee T Reno made a motion to accept the minutes of July 27, 2026, and August 6th, 2026, Trustee S Phillips second. All Yeas.

Taylorville Park District Fund Balances		Meeting Date			
	7/31/2026		8/24/2026		
General Fund	\$ 967,223.41	\$	554,646.18		
Bond Fund	\$ 25,374.05	\$	384,625.12		
Museum	\$ 78,378.60	\$	129,416.83		
EE Incent	\$ 5,823.94	\$	5,823.94		
IMRF Fund	\$ 139,088.04	\$	139,245.82		
Soc Sec Fund	\$ 1,943.88	\$	4,206.09		
Tennis Court Fund	\$ 17,853.71	\$	17,853.71		
Skate Park Fund	\$ 840.79	\$	1,340.79		
Overflow Acct	\$ 153,662.31	\$	153,662.31		
Lakeshore Golf	\$ 11,223.06	\$	8,326.28		
OSLAD Grant Fund	\$ 305,471.31	\$	305,471.31		
Sub Total	\$ 1,706,883.10	\$	1,704,618.38	General Fund	
				Beginning Balance 06/30/2026	\$ 156,675.59
				Cash Receipts	\$ 897,401.52
Bond Proceeds	\$ 6,650,005.45	\$	6,650,005.45	Cash Disburseme	\$ 86,853.70
Total	\$ 8,356,888.55	\$	8,354,623.83	Ending Balance 07/31/2026	\$ 967,223.41

Treasurers Report

S Phillips announced the General Fund Deposits, Expenses and Balance as of July 31, 2026. She handed out the bank balance report, Budget vs. Actual report, along with list of all bills to be approved to each trustee. T Reno made a motion to accept with D Gatton second. All yeas.

Correspondence/Guests/Public Comments

NONE

New Business

The board reviewed an additional expense for cyber liability insurance from IPARKS. Issue was tabled until further review.

Old Business

Craggs gave a pool update from Chris DePaul stating that Landmark Aquatics updated and resubmitted the permit application to IDPH. He expects a 1-to-3-week turnaround. The contractor selected for project will be Duggan Contracting.

The board selected 36-year term for new electric rate contract with Direct Energy after consulting with Dale Snyder at Seven Utilities Management Consultant LLC. T Reno made a motion to accept S Craggs second. All Yeas

Andrew Weatherford, Council for Park District, handed out a letter dated 08/24/2026 regarding the open meetings act to all board members. Best practices should be followed and limit messaging to information only. Public business should be done in person only or via email and only to one board member or trustee at a time.

Maintenance Supervisor, Recreation Director, Office Administrator Reports

Ben Dempsey reported they have been mowing and trimming. They have used the edger on DBSC walking path. A pontoon boat was purchased, and they have made modifications for pond clean up. It is working better now. His crew will deliver 6 sets of bleachers to the square for the September 11 ceremony. Some overtime may be required for pickup.

Evan Mitchell, please see attached report. Upcoming events will be the September 4 Car Cruise with live music from Prairie State of Mind. September 10 Senior Lunch, September 19 St Marys Fun Run. October 2nd movie in the park featuring The Mandalorian & Grogo sponsored by Wal Mart with a cosplay contest sponsored by Sydney Lynns Little Book Shop. October 9th will be Trunk or Treat Car Cruise with live music by Flashbang sponsored by Small Town Taylorville.

We have duck food cups for \$1 in the park office so residents may come and enjoy the new addition to the park.

He has started Christmas in the Park events and preparation. See notes

He asked the board to approve the request made by the Farmers Market to continue the activity until Oct 31. T Reno made a motion to accept S Craggs second. All Yeas.

L Moomey, please see attached report. Admin updates submitted for August 2026. Main points to board are the second installment of Property Tax in the amount \$111755.70. She will disburse proper accounts with final balance to General Fund \$57017.80. She also applied for power grants given by I Parks on an annual basis in the amount of 1800.00. She along with E Mitchell and Ann Moomey participated at the State Fair Park Conservation Day.

S Phillips made a motion to approve all reports. T Reno second. All Yeas.

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

T Reno made a motion to adjourn with S Phillips second. All Yeas

Meeting adjourned

Next regular meeting for the Board will be September 28th, 2026, at 7pm at the Manners Park Dining Hall.

Linda Moomey

Park Administrator

Pool Committee Meeting 6:15pm

Updates from Chris at Landmark with a phone call. See email update on August 18.

Sherri updated the members with information on arbitration date set for August 27, 2026, with Burbach Aquatics.

Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

Reviewed July 2026 General Ledger, Journal Entries, Payroll report and all Bank statements.

Reviewed Bill report.

General Fund									
Beginning Balance 06/30/2026									
	\$ 156,675.59								
Cash Receipts	\$ 897,401.52								
Cash Disbursements	\$ 86,853.70								
Ending Balance 07/31/2026	\$ 967,223.41								
Taylorville Park District Fund Balances									
FNB Tay	2/28/2026	3/31/2026	4/30/2026	5/31/2026	6/30/2026	7/31/2026	Meeting Date	8/24/2026	
General Fund	\$ 372,628.02	\$ 296,258.43	\$ 249,484.87	\$ 214,874.07	\$ 156,675.59	\$ 967,223.41	\$ 554,646.18		
Bond Fund	\$ 190,262.98	\$ 190,343.77	\$ 190,422.00	\$ 25,352.86	\$ 25,363.28	\$ 25,374.05	\$ 384,625.12		
Museum	\$ 78,312.92	\$ 78,326.22	\$ 78,339.10	\$ 78,352.41	\$ 78,365.29	\$ 78,378.60	\$ 129,416.83		
EE Incent	\$ 5,819.06	\$ 5,820.05	\$ 5,821.00	\$ 5,821.99	\$ 5,822.95	\$ 5,823.94	\$ 5,823.94		
FNB Pana									
IMRF Fund	\$ 140,268.57	\$ 140,027.56	\$ 139,778.83	\$ 139,560.17	\$ 139,328.71	\$ 139,088.04	\$ 139,245.82		
Soc Sec Fund	\$ 4,553.46	\$ 1,933.55	\$ 1,943.63	\$ 1,943.71	\$ 1,943.80	\$ 1,943.88	\$ 4,206.09		
Tennis Court Fund	\$ 15,217.46	\$ 15,244.14	\$ 15,269.20	\$ 15,293.46	\$ 17,823.43	\$ 17,853.71	\$ 17,853.71		
CNB									
Skate Park Fund	\$ 3,476.54	\$ 3,478.26	\$ 840.26	\$ 840.26	\$ 840.79	\$ 840.79	\$ 1,340.79		
Overflow Acct	\$ 152,876.60	\$ 153,037.47	\$ 153,188.41	\$ 153,344.54	\$ 153,495.78	\$ 153,662.31	\$ 153,662.31		
Lakeshore Golf	\$ 13,097.37	\$ 13,097.37	\$ 11,223.06	\$ 11,223.06	\$ 11,223.06	\$ 11,223.06	\$ 8,326.28		
OSLAD Grant Fund	\$ 303,909.36	\$ 304,229.16	\$ 304,529.22	\$ 304,839.59	\$ 305,140.26	\$ 305,471.31	\$ 305,471.31		
Sub Total	\$ 1,280,422.34	\$ 1,201,795.98	\$ 1,150,839.58	\$ 951,446.12	\$ 896,022.94	\$ 1,706,883.10	\$ 1,704,618.38		
Bond Proceeds	\$ 6,561,993.00	\$ 6,581,180.00	\$ 6,597,776.02	\$ 6,617,416.51	\$ 6,637,173.46	\$ 6,650,005.45	\$ 6,650,005.45		
Total	\$ 7,842,415.34	\$ 7,782,975.98	\$ 7,748,615.60	\$ 7,568,862.63	\$ 7,533,196.40	\$ 8,356,888.55	\$ 8,354,623.83		

Bills Paid Meeting 08/24/2026			
Evan Mitchel	\$	207.48	9831 Mileage and Cell Phone
Ben Dempsey	\$	40.00	9832 Cell Phone
Kyle Las	\$	52.20	9833 Mileage / DC Field Trip
Mylie Sims	\$	52.20	9834 Mileage/ DC Field Trip
Bond Fund	\$	297,280.21	9836 Tax Transfer
Bond Fund	\$	61,970.86	9837 Tax Transfer
IMRF Fund	\$	572.29	9838 Tax Transfer
Social Sec Fund	\$	17,019.08	9839 Tax Transfer
Museum Fund	\$	51,038.23	9840 Tax Transfer
Bruce Williams	\$	480.00	9841 Music in the park
Lake sara Marina	\$	5,236.00	9842 Pontoon Boat
Ace Hardware	\$	153.93	9943 Misc
Barr & Robinson	\$	54.00	9844 truck inspection
BobCat of Springfield	\$	3,932.63	9845 Maint Battery Etc Bob Cat
Central Commodity FS	\$	3,825.09	9846 fuel
Cleeton	\$	347.00	9847 Trash
CMS LGHP	\$	8,684.00	9848 Health Ins EE
CTI	\$	451.19	9849 Phone / Internet / Email
Farm & Home Supply	\$	69.89	9850 Misc
Jenner Ag	\$	383.54	9851 Misc Repairs
Linda Moomey	\$	491.53	9852 Notary Renewal
Oreilly Auto	\$	93.71	9853 Misc
RD McMillen	\$	93.72	9854 Misc
Refreshment Services Pepsi	\$	427.40	9855 Concessions
Taylorville Food Center	\$	38.94	9856 Misc
Urban Rental Co	\$	32.89	9857 Misc
Legal Solved LLC	\$	2,027.80	9858 Settlement case 2026 CH 5
Bond Fund	\$	38,030.53	9869 Tax Transfer
Bond Fund	\$	7,927.84	9870 Tax Transfer
IMRF Fund	\$	73.35	9871 Tax Transfer
Social Sec Fund	\$	2,177.13	9872 Tax Transfer
Museum Fund	\$	6,529.05	9873 Tax Transfer
AFLAC	\$	68.82	9859 EE Ins
Ameren	\$	912.60	9860 utility
City Tville Water Dept	\$	361.40	9861 utility
Direct Energy	\$	3,327.17	9862 utility
Ill Public Risk Fund	\$	7,155.00	9863 Work Comp
Johnson Chiligris Weatherford	\$	483.75	9864 Attorney
NCPERS	\$	96.00	9865 EE Ins
PS Printing	\$	21.00	9866 misc
Rons Produce	\$	235.00	9867 conc and Sr Lunch
Sikich CPA LLC	\$	7,100.00	9868 Audit
ACH payments			
FNB Visa	\$	1,227.96	Office / Events/ Pond/ Misc
WalMart	\$	287.83	Ducks/ Office supply/ Dining hall/ Sr Lunch
Sams Club	\$	213.04	Concessions/ Day Camp
Total			
	\$	531,283.28	

12:48 PM

08/24/26

Cash Basis

T. P. D. - General
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
March 2026 through February 2027

	Mar '26 - Feb 27	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4100 · Property Tax - all	502,718.34	784,000.00	-281,281.66	64.1%
4150 · Replacement Tax	43,187.16	95,000.00	-51,812.84	45.5%
4200 · Interest	2,688.11	5,000.00	-2,311.89	53.8%
4201 · Chautauqua Museum Rembrs/upkeep	0.00	76,000.00	-76,000.00	0.0%
4210 · Dining Hall	3,975.00	7,000.00	-3,025.00	56.8%
4300 · Miscellaneous- general park	65.99	1,000.00	-934.01	6.6%
4302 · Memorial Trees & Benches	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
4500 · Recreation Program Fees	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
4501 · Day Camp Income	9,760.00	16,000.00	-6,240.00	61.0%
4502 · DBSC/ Hafliger/Chat Concession	5,211.00	12,000.00	-6,789.00	43.4%
4530 · CITP Income	0.00	39,000.00	-39,000.00	0.0%
4600 · Music in the Park	3,500.00	5,000.00	-1,500.00	70.0%
4650 · IPRF Grant	1,040.00	1,000.00	40.00	104.0%
4800 · Dog Park Fees & Donations	820.00	1,500.00	-680.00	54.7%
4801 · Donations Sponsor Misc	4,311.73	2,000.00	2,311.73	215.6%
6170 · Miscellaneous Golf Revenue	6,037.00	9,000.00	-2,963.00	67.1%
Total Income	583,314.33	1,056,000.00	-472,685.67	55.2%
Gross Profit	583,314.33	1,056,000.00	-472,685.67	55.2%

12:48 PM

08/24/26

Cash Basis

T. P. D. - General
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
March 2026 through February 2027

	Mar '26 - Feb 27	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Expense				
5009 · Edible Trail Expense	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
5010 · Postage	82.00	0.00	82.00	100.0%
5011 · Dining Hall Expense	200.00	5,000.00	-4,800.00	4.0%
5012 · Bank Charge	267.39	1,000.00	-732.61	26.7%
5020 · Office Expense & Supplies	4,147.97	10,000.00	-5,852.03	41.5%
5030 · Physicals/Drug Tests	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
5060 · Sanitation	2,082.00	4,500.00	-2,418.00	46.3%
5070 · Telephone & Internet	3,534.07	5,000.00	-1,465.93	70.7%
5080 · Utilities	16,886.25	35,000.00	-18,113.75	48.2%
5090 · Park Wages	111,759.35	245,500.00	-133,740.65	45.5%
5091 · Park Security	13,480.17	35,700.00	-22,219.83	37.8%
5100 · Maintenance Superintendent	24,864.00	54,900.00	-30,036.00	45.3%
5110 · Equipment Repairs & Up-keep	5,607.90	10,000.00	-4,392.10	56.1%
5120 · Maint. Bldg/Grounds	6,267.45	25,000.00	-18,732.55	25.1%
5130 · Travel/Conference	453.86	1,500.00	-1,046.14	30.3%
5140 · General Supplies	4,215.51	4,000.00	215.51	105.4%
5150 · Fuel	8,321.85	13,000.00	-4,678.15	64.0%
5160 · Miscellaneous Park	225.38	10,000.00	-9,774.62	2.3%
5170 · Improvements	59,460.00	40,000.00	19,460.00	148.7%
5180 · Equipment - New	5,236.00	15,000.00	-9,764.00	34.9%
5190 · Advertisement	195.17	2,000.00	-1,804.83	9.8%
5191 · Community Events	3,205.03	4,000.00	-794.97	80.1%
5200 · Insurance (Not WC)	0.00	57,000.00	-57,000.00	0.0%
5210 · Unemployment Comp.	3,332.25	3,500.00	-167.75	95.2%
5220 · Worker Comp.	18,171.00	28,600.00	-10,429.00	63.5%
5230 · Insurance - Group	35,698.00	70,000.00	-34,302.00	51.0%
5240 · Office Assistant	9,540.50	25,000.00	-15,459.50	38.2%
5241 · Office Administrator/Secretary	19,015.68	41,200.00	-22,184.32	46.2%
5250 · Association Dues	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
5260 · Attorney	4,461.25	7,200.00	-2,738.75	62.0%
5270 · Audit	14,200.00	22,000.00	-7,800.00	64.5%
5300 · Maint/Repair DBSC/Jayne's	2,643.10	12,000.00	-9,356.90	22.0%
5320 · Softball Utilities	1,942.67	2,000.00	-57.33	97.1%
5430 · Pool Heat/Water/Utilities	610.82	3,000.00	-2,389.18	20.4%
5510 · Handicap Program Expense	346.02	1,500.00	-1,153.98	23.1%
5511 · Sales Tax - DBSC Concession	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
5600 · Recreation Director Salary	16,513.00	46,350.00	-29,837.00	35.6%
5610 · Rec. Misc. Program Expense	923.47	2,000.00	-1,076.53	46.2%
5612 · Music in the Park Expense new	3,080.00	5,500.00	-2,420.00	56.0%
5620 · CIP Expense	74.43	21,000.00	-20,925.57	0.4%
5631 · Day Camp Expense	1,192.16	2,500.00	-1,307.84	47.7%
5632 · Day Camp Wages	18,389.05	20,000.00	-1,610.95	91.9%
5633 · Concessions DB/JAY/Chat/Haf	6,361.69	10,000.00	-3,638.31	63.6%
5634 · Memorial Benches and Trees Exp	227.34	500.00	-272.66	45.5%
5635 · IPRF Grant Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
5800 · Dog park Expenses	557.33	500.00	57.33	111.5%
5801 · Skate Park Expenses	2,638.00	0.00	2,638.00	100.0%
5850 · Bond Pool Expenses	450.00	300.00	150.00	150.0%
6560 · Contingency-General Fund	18,122.47	143,600.00	-125,477.53	12.6%
7280 · Miscellaneous Golf Expense	7,107.00	0.00	7,107.00	100.0%
7340 · Liquor License-golf	1,050.00	1,660.00	-610.00	63.3%
7350 · Group Insurance - Golf	1,387.00	1,390.00	-3.00	99.8%
Total Expense	458,525.58	1,056,000.00	-597,474.42	43.4%
Net Ordinary Income	124,788.75	0.00	124,788.75	100.0%
Net Income	124,788.75	0.00	124,788.75	100.0%



Outlook

Pool Work

From Chris Depaul <cdepaul@landmarkaquatic.com>

Date Tue 8/18/2026 3:52 PM

To Marlane Miller <laneymm54@gmail.com>; Park Admin <parkadmin@taylorvilleparkdistrict.com>; Ben Dempsey <dempsey.ben@yahoo.com>

Cc STEPHEN CRAGGS <skcraggs@aol.com>; Sherri Craggs <andeshe36@icloud.com>; TPD RECDIR <recdir@taylorvilleparkdistrict.com>

Hello all,

Temporary electric is scheduled to be done on Friday; demo is scheduled to start on Monday. The demo contractor might drop off some equipment prior to Monday.

We will be onsite Monday morning, and we have our temporary fence coming. Bailey will be bringing one of our machines out and possibly his trailer before Monday.

Ben, can you have any security equipment removed from the fence that you want to save prior to Monday please.

Thanks,

Recommending 3 year term

that should get you to the next
down turn that has been the
pattern on yearly graph.

Keeps in line due to inflation caps
on Revenue

And can budget easily.

Last time we signed the all in price
was not available. (They did not
offer until Recently) They
meaning Electric Suppliers

Ameren changes their Base Rate
every year in JUNE + OCT

Capacity charges change
quarterly.

•13049



Taylorville Park District

Electricity Pricing

Prepared by:
Seven Utility Management Consultants LLC

Representative:	Dale Snyder	Phone:	(501) 835-3142
Date Prepared:	August 24, 2026	Email:	dsnyder@sevenutility.com
Contract Start Date:	November 2026	Current Supplier:	Mixed
Annual Usage (kwh):	93,467	Current Product:	Fixed Energy only
Number of accounts:	13	Current Energy Price (\$/kwh):	0.1056
Utility:	Ameren	Current Term (mo):	24
Current contract signed: July 2024)			

Current Pricing:

Current Supplier	Product (Name/Description)	Term (mo)	Fixed Energy-Only Supply Cost (\$/kwh)	Non-Locked Estimated Adder (\$/kwh)	Total Supply Price (\$/kwh)	Est. Annual Energy Supply Cost (\$)
Mixed	Fixed Energy only	24	0.05400	0.052	0.10560	\$9,870
Ameren	Price to Compare		weighted average		0.12990	\$12,141
(June 2026-May 2027) -						

Pricing Offers:

Supplier	Product (Name/Description)	Term (mo)	Locked Energy Supply Cost (\$/kwh)	Non-Locked Estimated Adder (\$/kwh)	Total Supply Price (\$/kwh)	Est. Annual Energy Supply Cost (\$)	Notes
Direct	Fixed ALL-IN	12	0.09954		0.09954	\$9,304	UCB Billing
Direct	Fixed ALL-IN	24	0.10600		0.10600	\$9,908	UCB Billing
Direct	Fixed ALL-IN	36	0.10965		0.10965	\$10,249	UCB Billing
Direct	Fixed ALL-IN	48	0.11227		0.11227	\$10,494	UCB Billing
Dynegy/Homefield	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	12	0.09073	0.031	0.12173	\$11,378	UCB Billing
Dynegy/Homefield	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	24	0.09354	0.031	0.12454	\$11,640	UCB Billing
Dynegy/Homefield	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	36	0.09554	0.031	0.12654	\$11,827	UCB Billing
Dynegy/Homefield	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	48	0.09687	0.031	0.12787	\$11,952	UCB Billing
AEP	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	12	0.08339	0.031	0.11439	\$10,692	UCB Billing
AEP	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	24	0.08681	0.031	0.11781	\$11,011	UCB Billing
AEP	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	36	0.08968	0.031	0.12068	\$11,280	UCB Billing
AEP	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	48	0.08779	0.031	0.11879	\$11,103	UCB Billing
IDT	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	12	0.11053	0.031	0.14153	\$13,228	UCB Billing
IDT	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	24	0.11163	0.031	0.14263	\$13,331	UCB Billing
IDT	Fixed Price with Capacity pass through	36	0.11269	0.031	0.14369	\$13,430	UCB Billing

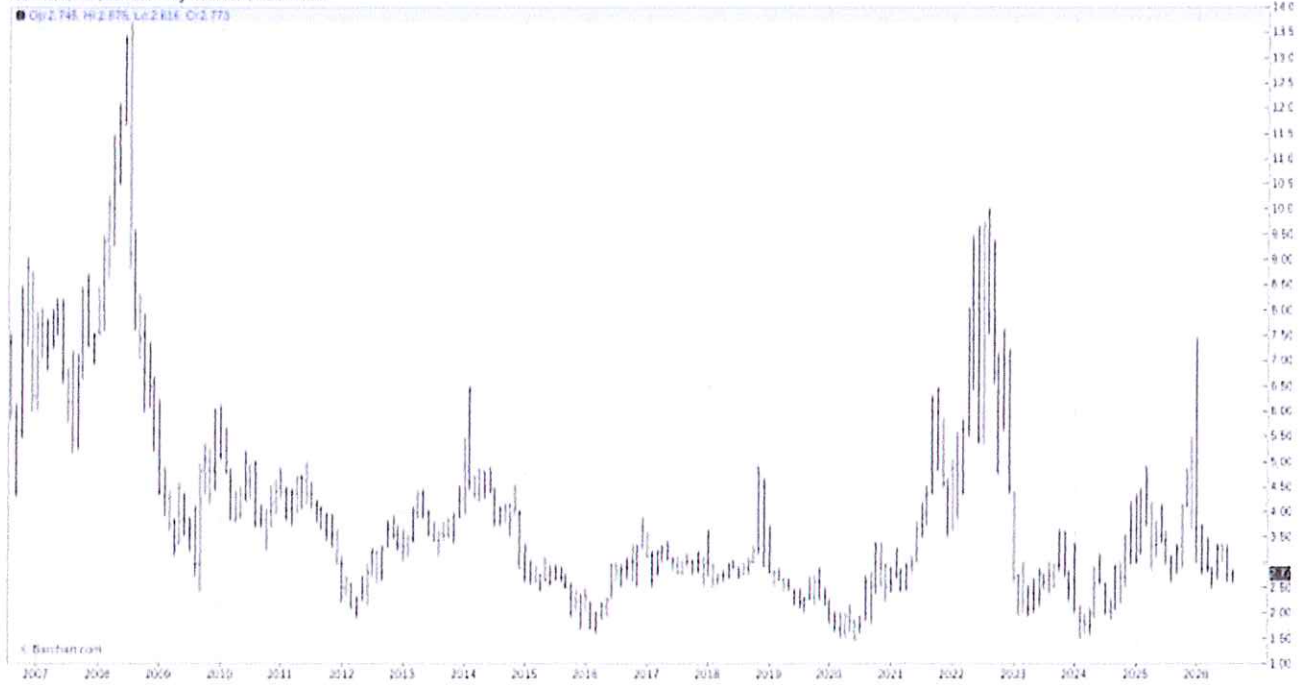


Utility Management Consultants, LLC



20 Year NG Chart

NG - Natural Gas - Monthly Nearest OHLC Chart



**Johnson, Chilligiris & Weatherford
Attorneys at Law**

James W. Johnson (Retired)
Paul G. Chilligiris
Andrew R. Weatherford

228 South Franklin St.
Decatur, Illinois 62523-1388
Telephone: 217-422-2280
Fax No.: 217-422-0622

E-mail: andrew@decaturlawoffice.com

Pamela M. Long
Legal Assistant

August 24, 2026

Sue E. Phillips, Treasurer, Trustee
Sherri Anderson Craggs, Trustee
Debbie Gatton, Trustee
Luke Millan, Trustee
Ryan Gatton, Trustee
Tanya Reno, Trustee
Marlane Miller, Trustee

RE: Opening Meeting Act (5 ILCS 120/et al.)

The Open Meetings Act defines a “meeting” as any gathering, whether in person or by video or audio conference, telephone call, electronic means (such as, without limitation, electronic mail, electronic chat, and instant messaging), or other means of contemporaneous interactive communication of a majority of a quorum of the members of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business or, for a 5-member public body, a quorum of the member of a public body held for the purpose of discussing public business. 5 ILCS 120/2 (e)

With a 7 person board, like the Taylorville Park District “majority of quorum” is 3 or more members. Anytime 3 or more members are together discussing public business is a violation of the Open Meetings Act. (“OMA”).

The office of the Illinois Attorney General investigates any potential violation of the Open Meetings Act and have done various investigations regarding municipalities compliance with the law. The question that has been posed regarding emails and text messages, the Illinois Attorney General office has reviewed several cases focusing on the language of the Open Meetings Act including the specific language “contemporaneous interactive communication”.

The Illinois Attorney General office has ruled that “contemporaneous interactive communication” occurs in the same general time frame, but is not necessarily simultaneous. Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 14722, issued August 12, 2011, at 4 (citing John H. Brechin, *E-Mail and the Open Meetings Act*, Illinois Bar Journal, 94 ILBJ 666, 667 (2006)). In prior matters, this office, [The Illinois Attorney General’s public access] determined that we could not conclude that e-mails sent over a period of hours or longer were “contemporaneous” as a matter of law. See Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 39667, issued February 18, 2016 (e-mails separated by more than an hour, in the case of one, and more than two days, in the case of another, were not

contemporaneous); Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 18676, issued September 9, 2013, at 3 (e-mail responses sent hours apart did not constitute contemporaneous, interactive discussions of public business); Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. Rev. 17172, issued September 7, 2012 at 3 (e-mail responses sent hours or days after initial e-mail were not contemporaneous). See also Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 40976, issued August 24, 2016, at 3 (unable to conclude that "text messages that may have stretched over a period over two hours" constituted contemporaneous communications). Illinois Attorney General PAC Req. for Review 2018 PAC 53781.

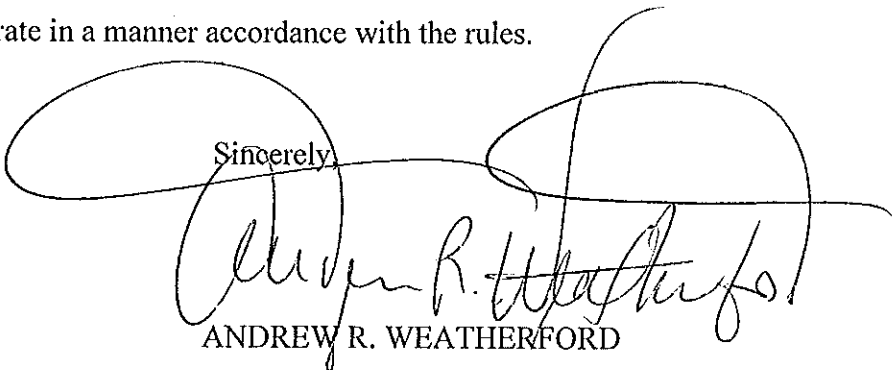
In a non-binding opinion, Illinois Attorney General PAC, in a 2023 decision indicated that communications concerning public business that involve multiple members of a public body skirt the purpose of OMA, even if spaced out over time, and have the potential to violate the Act. The Attorney General office cautions the members of the boards to be mindful of the requirements of OMA, as well as the public policy favoring the open discussion of matters affecting the public interest, before engaging in such communications. Illinois Attorney General PAC Request for Review 2022 PAC 71226.

My opinion is very conservative, but any type of communication between board members about public business should only be done in person or via email, and only to one board member or trustee at a time. This is the best practice to make sure the Park district is in compliance of the Open Meetings Act.

If a municipality would violate the Open Meetings Act, a violation of the Act is a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00 and/or up to 30 days in jail. This would be in addition to public ridicule or attention from potential political backlash, upheaval, and eroding trust within the community of the Park District.

Please continue to operate in a manner accordance with the rules.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Andrew R. Weatherford". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and the printed name "ANDREW R. WEATHERFORD" below it.

ANDREW R. WEATHERFORD

ARW/jmr

Recreational Director Report 8/24/26

1. Upcoming events- September 4th Car Cruise with live music from Prairie State of Mind (alternative rock/country) sponsored by Small Town Taylorville. September 10th will be our next senior lunch featuring a salad bar. September 19th will be the St. Mary's Fun Run 5k. October 2nd is a free movie in the park featuring Star Wars: The Mandalorian & Grogu sponsored by Walmart with a cosplay contest sponsored by Sydney Lynn's Little Book Shop and Vinyl. October 9th Trunk or Treat Car Cruise with live music from Flashbang (rock) sponsored by Small Town Taylorville.
2. The ducks are pretty much full grown and are doing fine being on the pond full time. We posted signage by where the ducks hang out letting people know the appropriate feed to give them, and that we do have cups of duck feed available in the office for \$1. We have sold several cups so far, and I drove through over the weekend and saw a family with several small children feeding the ducks, and I've had lots of people ask how they are doing, so it seems to be a big hit with the community.
3. I am implementing an inventory program for our concession stands. I think our concession stand workers are doing a great job, I am implementing this inventory program so that we can track what our best sellers are and to help prevent spoilage and expired product. This inventory program will also be executed with daycamp snacks next year, as well as the concessions at the pool when it opens.
4. This past weekend Linda, her daughter Anne, and I passed out frisbees at the Illinois State Fair for Park District Conservation Day.
5. I've gotten started on Christmas in the park. I've called upon Marlane and Sue with their experience working in the park office for guidance in regards to reaching out to sponsors and dining hall events. I'll be working closely with Ben regarding the light display. I've got 13 out of 23 days locked in with events. Listening to community members' feedback we will be continuing the snowflake pageant. Pageants are a bit out of my wheelhouse, but I've had some pageant moms reach out to me about volunteering and spearheading the event. I will be meeting with one of them tomorrow afternoon for a preliminary meeting.
6. Farmer's Market Vendors are requesting to continue Saturday Mornings through the month of October. They were scheduled to only be here through September.

Admin Updates August 24, 2026

Completed IMRF reports and EFT transfer for July 26 Payroll. Social Security and IMRF employer tax transfers up to date and completed for July 2026

Completed Bank reconciliations for July 2026.

IDES (Suta) Monthly report completed for July 2026.

Applied for Power Grant for \$1500.00 and Fall prevention for \$300.00 through I Parks annual program.

Posted and paid all bills due before meeting.

Still working with Sikich CPA for all requirements due for Audit. Almost done.

Conversation with Dale Snyder to compare electricity rates on behalf of the park in response to the special meeting held August 6th. The Contract will be up in November 2026.

2nd disbursement of property tax deposited in the amount of \$111755.70. I transferred as follows: Bond Account \$45958.37, IMRF Account \$73.35, Social Security Account \$2177.13, Museum account \$6529.05 and leaving \$57017.80 in the General Fund.

Participated in the Illinois State Fair Park Conservation Day along with Evan and Ann.