

**CHANNAHON PARK DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President at 5:00 p.m. at the Park District offices. Roll call for attendance was taken.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:       Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:       Lehman

STAFF PRESENT:               Leonard, Knutson, Munkvold, Smith, Fox, Cherbak,  
Zalewski

GUESTS PRESENT:             Ed Seibert Running for Village Trustee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ed Seibert is a new resident of Ravine Woods and is running for Village Trustee of Channahon. He has concerns about the trucking and warehousing. He would like to see smaller business growth. He also feels a Convention Center maybe good for the community

Everyone present at the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Board Meeting were presented for approval. Motion by Commissioner Clower, second by Commissioner Geldean to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for January 28, 2019. All Commissioners present voted aye; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Forgotten Warrior Memorial Dedication Invite is Saturday, May 11, 2019. Please RSVP to Mike

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Nothing to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Staff presented the monthly Treasurer's Report and reviewed the outstanding bills. Motion by Commissioner Geldean second by Commissioner Clower to accept the monthly report and authorize payment of outstanding bills. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Leonard states that they are proactively working on Grants and Sponsorships. He would like to slowly reduce using the tax anticipation warrants and would like to receive a good Bond Rating before producing the Referendum to the public.

He also reported that they would not transfer as much from the Rec Budget and leave more in Capital.

The 2019 District Goals were shared with the Board. We will be putting in an Inclusive Playground in the front of ACC. The Channahon Township is interested in financially partnering with us to develop and construct this playground for the community in the amount of \$250,000. The current structure will carefully come down and move over to Al Wood Park on Donna Street.

Brian Smith and Leonard will be working with DW Consulting to conduct a review of the golf course program, operations, and food and beverage service.

The Minimum Wage Bill was signed into Law by Governor Pritzker the new minimum wage law will incrementally raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour by January 1, 2025

Leonard mentioned that the Village of Channahon Annual State of the Village Address is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2019, from 8:00am to 10:00am at the Four River Environmental Center (Breakfast will be served. Please let him know if you are interested in attending and he will make the reservation.

### STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent of Golf Operations Smith mentioned that he will be talking with a guy from Joliet and other districts and conducting their own Golf Summit. The Fish Fry will open up on Friday, March 8 to start the lent season. He also mentioned the new signs in front of the Golf Course and ACC are up and running.

### PEOPLE FOR CHANNAHON PARKS FOUNDATION

The February 23<sup>rd</sup> Putts and Suds event went very well buses ran every 20 minutes. Chapin's was a much better venue all together, the employees were great and the food was much better than in the past. Chapin's did win the Best Hole. Beth did an amazing job and all together they made about \$40,000 and over \$7,000 of that was in Raffles. Moving the venue was a small increase in cost but on the day of the event we received a donation from VentureOne for \$2,500 which helped cover the extra expense.

OLD BUSINESS

Park Planning & Natural Resource Manager Cherbak stated that Arroyo Trails First Phase is approximately 80% completed with 100% or the \$429,722.10 paid by the Foundation. The items that are still missing to complete are some toe rails on the bridges and trail. She has a meeting set up next month and stated in the last meeting with D Construction the owner guaranteed her that they will open the asphalt part of the plant a week earlier for us so they can complete this phase.

Commissioner Caldwell asked where we were on Budget. Cherbak said we were at \$527,000 from the original \$500,000. We have an RTP Grant that will reimburse the money that we pay into it after we have the cancelled checks we submit paperwork for the reimbursement. Caldwell also asked if the Foundation can't get the money covered who is responsible, The Park District? That was confirmed.

The Foundation is looking to get a Community Campaign together but are still looking form more from Businesses. Commissioner Gelden mentioned it would be a good idea to ask them for the money once the trail is open.

We will be hosting a Discovery Day at Arroyo Trails this year. Cherbak said that April 15 is the target date for the trail to open.

Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell second by Commissioner Clower to Continue with the Strategic Plan. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

Motion by Commissioner Clower second by Commissioner Caldwell to Partnership with Channahon Township on the Inclusive Playground. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

Motion by Commissioner Geldean second by Commissioner Clower to use Design Prospective out of Naperville for the Inclusive Playground. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell second by Commissioner Clower to continue using Mitel for our phone system over 5 years in the amount of \$6,490. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence

Motion by Commissioner Caldwell second by Commissioner Clower to purchase the 10-ton trailer. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

Motion by Commissioner Gelden second by Commissioner Clower to us Lakeshore Recycling for our portable toilets for the 2019 Season. Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Geldean second by Commissioner Caldwell to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:02 for 5 ILCS 120/1(c)(5) Purchase or lease of real estate for the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/1 (c) (12) Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes Upon a roll call vote, the following Commissioners voted aye: Geldean, Caldwell, Clower, Babich; not present to vote: Lehman. Motion carried 4-0 with one absence.



Michael J Leonard  
Secretary