

**Village of Tolono Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
September 29, 2022**

The Village of Tolono Board of Trustees ("Board") met on September 29, 2022 in a joint Board meeting with the Tolono Park District Board of Commissioners in the Fire Station, located at 214 N. Bourne St., Tolono, IL. Village Trustee Terrence Stuber called the meeting to order at 6:34pm in the absence of President Rob Murphy. Roll call found the following trustees present: Vicki Buffo, Ann Jack Haluzak, Kyle Hayden, and Terrence Stuber. Roll call found Park Board President Brian Reedy and Park Board Secretary/Treasurer Pam Steele present, as well as the following commissioners: Brian Booher, Scott Remole, and Matthew Warnes. Also present was Village Clerk Brandy Dalton. Trustee Jared Robbins and Village President Rob Murphy were absent, as well as Commissioners Michael Ellars, Christopher Grussing, and Matt Pieszynski.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Terrence Stuber gave an invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sean Talbott approached the Park Board to request permission to do a fireworks show October 29, 2022 at East Side Park as part of the Fun Day Committee's Halloween Festival. Talbott said he has insurance on file and has talked to Tolono Fire Protection District Chief Chris Humer about a permit. All debris will be cleaned up that same night. All members of the Park Board in attendance were in agreement with letting Talbott proceed.

BUSINESS

Terrence Stuber informed everyone that all members of both boards must do the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act training once per their elected term and file it with the Clerk or secretary of their board. The Park Board also needs to designate a FOIA Officer and post it on their website.

Stuber cited 70 ILCS 1205, the Illinois Park Code and informed the Park Board that they need to familiarize themselves with it. It tells them what authorities they have within the Park District.

It was decided that the East Side Park building would not work for the Village. It would cost too much to make it work for the Village Office.

The Park has \$238,000 in the Money Market account that can be applied to the OSLAD Grant. Nobody knows what the Working Cash Fund is. The Park Bond is currently at \$380,000, and they make a payment of \$10,000 and another payment of \$20,000 each year. The Bond payments are levied in taxes each year.

While most commissioners were in agreement that they do not have enough time to properly run all facets of the Park District properly, they also do not want to see the Park District dissolved into the Village. Most would like to expand the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village to include the administrative and fiscal items. Brian Booher said he believes the Village is better suited to run it correctly, but there could still be a committee to run the rec part of it.

Getting more organized is at the top of the checklist for the Park Board. They want to get the budget cycle on track where it should be legally, organized the ball programs better, and get the OSLAD Grant project organized. Kyle Hayden suggested that they develop a long-term

strategic plan, including maintenance of the parks, fundraising, and the goals they are working towards. Terrence Stuber suggested that they hire a Park Director to take care of the programs. He also suggested non-sports programs, including dance and arts.

The OSLAD Grant is a 50/50 split program up to \$800,000. They need \$200,000 to start and the project spans over 2 years. The number one priority in the grant is the new building at West Side Park. The Park Board would feel need help with sidewalks, lighting and fencing. Their request from the Village will probably be around \$150,000. If the Village does not help, they will probably only do the building.

Motion by Hayden, second by Haluzak to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion passed via voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandy Dalton, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk

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