

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2025

1. In attendance were Commissioners Petersen, Schwartz, Stewart, Yarzak, McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Secretary Witt, Superintendent Jackson, Manager Hartman, Aaron Gold, Speer Financial and Merry Blake.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Stewart at 6:31 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the meeting agenda for the February 18, 2025, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye; Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain.
4. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
5. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2025, Closed session of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
6. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the bills for February 2025, totaling \$340,019.54 including \$100,448.70 in payroll and \$239,570.84 in vouchers. Roll Call Voter: Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
8. Aaron Gold of Speer Financial presented the bid results for the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2025.
9. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Petersen to accept the bids submitted for General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2025 as presented by Speer Financial. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve Ordinance 25-2-18: An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$677,745 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the District for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding

bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, Kewanee, Illinois. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yarzak.

11. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the application for the 2025 Illinois Snowmobile Grant including adoption of the financial certification statement to fund \$62,500 in snowmobile trail maintenance. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Petersen to approve the submittal of a Recreation Trails Program grant application with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to fund \$250,000 in improvements to the Jane Addams Trail. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve the financial audit engagement for fiscal year ending March 31, 2025, with The Lucas Group in the amount not to exceed \$25,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the low unit prices submitted in the 2025 Park Hills Golf Course fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide bid and authorize staff to execute purchase contracts. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Stewart.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Petersen and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve Halogen's quote to do a complete rebuild of the DE filter for \$62,649.71. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Petersen, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the low bidder from the Krape Park, Yellow Creek Bike Path Tree Clearing Bid Opening on February 26, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Schwartz, Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Stewart.
17. On a motion by Commissioner McIlwain and second by Commissioner Yarzak to adjourn the meeting at 7 PM. Roll Call Vote: Aye: McIlwain, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Stewart.

Dana Stewart, President

Vickie Witt, Secretary