



**Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2020 4:30PM  
Cole Administration Center  
101 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora**

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Kelsey called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**2.0 Roll Call**

Chairman Kelsey directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors were present: Cintia Abney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. A quorum was present. Excused absent: Theodia Gillespie and Joe Khouri. Absent: Alex Alexandrou, Mavis Bates, and Mark Buschbacher. Also present, Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Directors Erickson, Ijams, Leahy, Michael, Palmquist and Santoria, and administrative staff.

**3.0 Addenda to the Agenda**

Chairman Kelsey noted that the 2020 Meeting Calendar was approved through electronic means in November 2019. Therefore, it was stricken from 7.2 under New Business.

**4.0 Approve minutes from November 18, 2019**

Cintia Abney made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen Nelson. Roll call voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the minutes were approved.

**5.0 Executive Director's Report**

Director Pilmer reported on the recent organizational changes, including Rachel Ossyra's new role as Business Development Strategist; this position reports to the Director of Marketing and Communications, as well as the promotion of Lisa Santoria to Director of Human Resources. Director Pilmer then invited the staff to introduce themselves.

Director Pilmer also reported on many upcoming projects within the District that will be funded with money from the State of Illinois and other grant and local legislator sources. These capital dollars are not funded with taxpayer money. Some of the projects include: landscaping at Blackberry Farm and Prisco Community Center, improvements to dog parks, solar power at the greenhouse, the installation of a new park and shoreline stabilization at Waubonsie Lake.

He reported that in 2019, there were 326 families that were eligible for District \$200,000 in scholarship funds, however, only \$28,500 was actually utilized. He also noted the distribution of a brochure regarding the 2020 grant awards made possible by Golf For Kids proceeds.

Also reported, reaccreditation for Distinguished Agency is underway as well as work on a Strategic Plan for the District, all lighting energy within the District is powered by 100% wind energy. Lastly, two upcoming events include the Barnyard Dash on April 27, and the Mid-American Canoe Race on June 7.

## **6.0 Continued Business**

### **6.1 Foundation Scholarship Program**

Chairman Kelsey proposed a substitution of language in paragraph 3 of the Foundation Scholarship application, to read: *Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree/training in parks, recreation, tourism, leisure studies, natural resource management, sports management, and related fields.*

Cintia Abney made a motion to approve the language substitution, seconded by Karen Nelson. Roll call voting Aye: Cintia Abney, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Matt Hicks, Jr., Karen Nelson, Roger Schnorr, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the language was approved.

It was noted that the application packets would be distributed by March 1, 2020 and will be returned to the Cole Administration Center by April 1, 2020 to be eligible. Chairman Kelsey called for volunteers to review the applications, Roger Schnorr, Cintia Abney, and Kevin Fitzpatrick will do so, along with Chairman Kelsey at a date and location to be determined.

## **7.0 New Business**

### **7.1 Golf for Kids**

Golf for Kids Chairman Colette Rozanski announced a date change for 2020 Golf For Kids, to be held on June 22, 2020. Save the date postcards will be mailed soon. The Golf For Kids website for event information and registration is up and running. It also contains information about the Foundation and how the GFK proceeds will be used. Colette also reported that the fundraising goal for 2020 is \$50,000 and asked the committee members and the Foundation Board of Directors to identify one new sponsor each to ensure that the goal is met. It was also mentioned that the Foundation Scholarships will be awarded at the GFK dinner on June 22.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 5:07pm.

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Kim Nooncaster  
Board Secretary*