



## **Fox Valley Park Foundation Board of Directors Minutes**

November 15, 2023 4:00PM

Cole Center 101 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora

### **1.0 Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Kelsey called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

### **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 were present: Travis Andry, Brenda Hernandez, Karen Nelson, Larry Shepard, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Also present: Executive Director Jim Pilmer, Directors Halverson, Ijams, Kramer, Michael, Palmquist, Paprocki, and Chief Lapp.

### **3.0 Addenda to the Agenda**

None presented.

### **4.0 Approve Meeting Minutes**

#### **4.1 Approve the meeting minutes from July 19, 2023 & October 18, 2023.**

Travis Andry made a motion to approve the minutes from July and October 2023, seconded by Karen Nelson. Roll call voting Aye: Travis Andry, Brenda Hernandez, Karen Nelson, Larry Shepard, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the minutes were approved.

### **5.0 Executive Director's Report**

Director Pilmer reported on the following:

- The Veteran's Luncheon was a very successful event again this year. The luncheon is one of The programs funded by the FVVPF.
- Director Pilmer is retiring at the end of 2023, Jennifer Paprocki was selected as the new Executive Director for the FVPD. The transition will be seamless. Director Pilmer thanked the board members for their support.
- Director Pilmer stated that the Foundation is financially stable and thanked the staff for their work to make that happen.

### **6.0 Continued Business**

None presented.

### **7.0 New Business**

#### **7.1 Approve 2024 grant proposals and Fox Valley Park Foundation funding to provide opportunities for participation in recreational programs, camps, and activities.**

Jaime Ijams presented the recommendations for the 2024 grant proposals to include:

- Preschool Playgroups in the Park - \$1,250

- Veterans Luncheon - \$1,600
- Environmental Education Field Trip - \$4,650
- After School Boxing Program - \$10,000
- Sports Saturday Program - \$10,000
- Parker's Foundation Grant Program - \$57,500

Larry Shepard made a motion to approve the grant proposals as presented, seconded by Travis Andry. Roll call voting Aye: Travis Andry, Brenda Hernandez, Karen Nelson, Larry Shepard, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the grant proposals were approved.

**7.2 Approval of Fox Valley Park Foundation Access in Action Hardship Fund Policy.**

Kyle Halverson recommended approval of the newly created hardship fund program to cover program fees for residents enrolled in District programs who experience unexpected financial hardship that would otherwise prevent them from remaining in the program. There will be a limit of \$5,000 available each year.

The board agreed to approve the hardship fund policy with the stipulation that it be brought before the board each year for discussion and approval. Roll call voting Aye: Travis Andry, Brenda Hernandez, Karen Nelson, Larry Shepard, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the hardship fund policy was approved.

**7.3 Approve 2024 Meeting Schedule for the Fox Valley Park Foundation.**

Chairman Kelsey asked that the June meeting be moved to July to allow more time for Golf for Kids reporting. The meeting schedule will be amended as such. Karen Nelson made a motion to approve the amended meeting schedule, seconded by Travis Andry. Roll call voting Aye: Travis Andry, Brenda Hernandez, Karen Nelson, Larry Shepard, and Chairman LuAnne Kelsey. Voting Nay: none, and the 2024 meeting schedule was approved.

Director Pilmer recognized Rachel Ossyra for her dedicated efforts to the betterment of the Fox Valley Park Foundation.

**8.0 Adjournment**

Chairman Kelsey adjourned the meeting at 4:28PM.

*Respectfully submitted by:*



*Kim Nooncaster  
Board Secretary*