

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

### BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

1006 Lincoln Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008

Boone County, Illinois

**Meeting Date:** 4/23/2024 Time: 5:00 P.M.

**Meeting Location:** Baltic Mill 920 W. Lincoln Avenue Belvidere, IL 61008

**Meeting:** Scheduled Board Meeting of Board of Commissioners of Belvidere Township Park District Boone County, IL

The Belvidere Township Park District Board of Commissioners board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Amy Nord.

**Roll call** | was taken; In attendance: Commissioner Marquardt, Commissioner Noble, Commissioner Nord, Commissioner Thacker, Commissioner Twyning, Matt Fleury, Terri Glass, Michael Hart and John Wolf

Absent: None

Those also in attendance were Jen Jacky, Melissa Merkel, Aly Graham, Jonathan Cudzewicz

Absent: None

**Meeting agenda** |

Twyning made a motion seconded by Wolff to approve the meeting agenda dated 4/23/2024. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

**Meeting minutes** |

Twyning made a motion seconded by Marquardt to approve the meeting minutes dated 2/27/2024. A voice vote was taken with all voting yes. Motion carried.

**Public Input** | None

**House Bill 5050 | Proposed Next Steps to the Act** | Jacky

Discussion | Proposed bill review; Confirmed at this time this act will not affect the Park District.

**Updated Information from Last Meeting** | Jacky

Draft Efficiency Report updated with recommendations from committee meeting 2/27/2024.

These updates were reviewed by the committee; committee in agreement with changes made.

Discussion | None

**Recommendation Section of the Draft Efficiency Report** | Jacky

Intergovernmental Fees and Charges | Points of Discussion

- Efficiency – potential elimination of fees and charges assessed by other units of government. Discussion | Point out profit margin; money from one government entity to another.
- Background Verification fees through ISP
- Prevailing Wage
- Newspaper Publication(s) push to post on website instead of publication

Committee & Staff Recommendations for Future Improvement

- Youth scholarship(s) Discussion | Solid scholarship plan; ease of use; cost of the program
- State & Federal grants to support capital improvement and/or capital projects
- Continued diversification of funds to alleviate the burden on taxpayers
- Formalize shared services or partnerships w/other local entities
- Annual or quarterly audit of District recreation programs
- Further utilize Parks & Conservation Foundation | Discussion | Increase Awareness of Parks & Conservation Foundation
- Formalize bid procedure for existing contractors/vendors
- Review joint purchasing opportunities with other local entities

- Where appropriate, utilize volunteers to a greater capacity; Discussion | Take on more activities to assist other civic organizations within the community
- Continue to look at new ways to take recreation beyond walls and properties of the District; Discussion | Rec Mobile Park & Play operating within the District
- New ideas
  - Leverage relationships
  - Recording of meetings Discussion | Cost of microphones or equipment
  - Meeting packets out on website prior to the meeting

**Overview of Final Meeting 6/25/24** | Jacky

- Final package with charts for final approval and then turn in to the County Clerk and work on some of the recommendations.
- County Board reviews and sends to the State Comptroller

**Audience Polling & Feedback** | Jacky

No additional members of the public are present.

**Meeting adjournment** | There being nothing further to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Teri Becker