

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Geils	X	
Gibbs	X	
Johnson	X	
Lindner	X	
Karg	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe Vallez, Executive Director and Patrick Bond, Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Johnson led the Pledge.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Agenda, as presented.

On a roll call vote:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Johnson	X		
Karg	X		
Gibbs	X		
Linder	X		
Geils	X		

Motion carried.

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Visitors participated in the Public Comment, primarily on the proposed conceptual plan to locate a dog park and playground at the Breiter Palm Park.

President Johnson welcomed the Public and explained the purpose of this Meeting is to afford the stakeholders a chance to provide their input for consideration by the Staff and Board.

Attorney Bond shared the Public Comment Rules and the expected Meeting decorum during Public Comment.

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Director Vallez introduced the Breiter Palm Park Conceptual Development Plan and indicated that the Park District recognizes there is a desire on the part of the Residents for a dog park and that the Park District is exploring all of its options as to various locations to allow recreation and leisure opportunities for all of the Residents, including those with physical and other limitations.

Approximately ten (10) Residents spoke both in favor of, and in opposition to, locating the dog park at Breiter Palm Park.

Following Public Comment, President Johnson called for a recess. The Park Board recessed at 7:24 p.m.

President Johnson called the Meeting back to order at 7:40 p.m., with all Commissioners being present.

4. Breiter Palm Park

Director Vallez indicated he had nothing further to add relative to Breiter Palm Park.

5. Staff Reports

Director Vallez summarized certain activities:

- Covid-19 Update:

The restrictions are moving according to the circumstances regarding the health and safety metrics. We are continuing to move forward with summer plans and programming in accordance with CDC Guidelines and IDPH Regulations.

- Fischer Farm:

Presentation to the full Board will be made on April 20th, 8:00 am via zoom. Staff is putting together information from previous years with programming information and all the special events that have occurred.

- PDRMA Update:

The District is in the process of completing the Application process and, once done, will be the formal request for membership in PDRMA.

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- Chuck Lynch Equipment Removal:

The remainder of the equipment from Chuck Lynch should be removed by the upcoming weekend.

- House Lease:

The work at the house will be completed in the next week at which time the home will be inspected and a lease agreement presented to the Board.

- Train Donation Proposal:

The Train Disposition is being researched and explored as the Train is deteriorating.

- Recreation:

Intervillage Soccer League games are starting April 24

Spring Break Camp is March 29-April 3

The Pool is getting ready for the Season. Yearly Passes are being replaced with Punch Cards that offers a discount to Residents. A new A/C unit in concession stand is being installed.

The Easter Egg Hunt on March 27 was well attended and was moved indoors because of possible weather issues.

Active Adults Mailer – The Active Adult Program will be having a special mailer sent out to promote our senior programs.

- Front Desk

Registration is picking up with many Programs getting participants coming back.

- White Pines:

Course: Opens March 22, golf and food/beverage service.

Hiring: We're bringing back staff, carts, front desk, maintenance, grill cook.

Driving Range; looks good, May 1st tentative opening.

Merchandise:

Safety: Additional tree removals.

Course Tour:

Fore Up/Golf Now Contracts: completed and moving forward.

GPS/Visage: ongoing negotiation.

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- Special Projects:

Capital Improvements:

Carpeting.

Dance Floor Replacements.

Painting.

Roof Replacement, Storage House.

Cart Barn Ceiling.

Patio Area.

6. Closed Session

There was no call for Closed Session.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

On a roll call vote:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Johnson	X		
Karg	X		
Gibbs	X		
Linder	X		
Geils	X		

Motion Carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary