

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 1, 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>
Snyder	X	
Gibbs	X	
Johnson	X	
Linder	X	
Karg	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe Vallez, Executive Director and Mary E. Dickson, Park District Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Johnson led the Pledge.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Linder 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		
Snyder	X		

Motion carried.

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

No member of the public presented comment.

4. Staff Report – Joe Vallez

In addition to other items presented in his staff report, Mr. Vallez reported:

- COVID 19 – the District continues to require masks indoors, and to follow CDC guidelines.
- Bensenville PD 2.0 – SB Friedman file work and survey are complete, results are being put together.

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- School District No. 2 staff and District staff are working on an agreement for use of Blackhawk and Mohawk. Mr. Vallez intends to attend the next meeting of the School Board where the agreement will be discussed. Commissioners expressed interest in attending as well.
- Breiter Palm Park – certain planned work will be held off until next year due to weather. President Johnson commented that he was approached by a resident unhappy that plans for the dog park had been canceled. He suggested that staff look into adding to the fitness station area a pole which people could use to attach a leash to, in the event they were working out and were accompanied by a pet.
- IAPD conference schedule was discussed. Given the rise of COVID, consideration is on-going as to who will attend.
- Mr. Vallez handed out Access Bensenville, the special needs community newsletter which is planned to be a quarterly publication.
- Fischer Farm – The Forest Preserve and District staff are almost finished with discussions relative to the transfer of title of Fischer Farm from the Forest Preserve District to the District.
- The Holiday Events scheduled at Fischer Farm were discussed, as was the work to transform the Farm for the Holiday.
- Mr. Vallez will distribute the 2022 meeting schedule for approval at the next meeting.

5. Action Item

Member Karg, seconded by Members Gibbs, moved to approve the updated organizational structure distributed by Mr. Vallez.

In discussion, it was noted that the document remains fluid, and may be further updated.

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		
Snyder	X		

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Motion carried.

6. Closed Session

Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Karg adjourn into closed session at 6:45 p.m. pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c)5, 2(c)1 and 2(c)11 to discuss acquisition of land, probable litigation and personnel. There will be no action taken after closed session.

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		
Snyder	X		

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary