

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibbs		X
Johnson	X	
Linder	X	
Karg	X	
Snyder	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe Vallez, Executive Director, Andrew Godfrey, Head Golf Professional; Phyllis Schmidt, Manager of Special Projects, Evelyn Struck, Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources; Mike Hayes, Superintendent of Recreation, Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Laura Borshell, Front Desk Manager, and Mary Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg 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. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2022 as presented.

In discussion, President Johnson noted a correction to page 3, stating the word is “Pines” not “Pies.”

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On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2022 as presented.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Snyder, to approve Accounts Payable dated 3/31/22 of \$239,165.17 Payroll dated 3/25/22 of \$101,519.30 for a Grand Total of \$340,684.47, Accounts Payable dated 4/14/22 of \$109,773.03 Payroll dated 4/8/22 of \$113,127.17 for a Grand Total of \$222,900.20.

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.

5. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

The following residents spoke in opposition to the sale of White Pines property:

- Doug LeVine: sale will lead to an increase in traffic, noise and congestion.
- Mike Johnson: threat of loss will impact what used to be Bensenville.
- Valerie Special: there is never going to be more land, the District should buy all it can, taking the easy road to secure money by the sale of green space is wrong.
- Bill Hibner: Attended a presentation with Joe Vallez, very informative; but the fact that the District has entered into an agreement with SB Friedman contradicts what Joe said relative to no decision to sell having yet been made.
- Tricia Sutton: Met with Joe Vallez, remains concerned that once land is sold it will be gone; White Pines is a showcase for the community.
- Douglas Cisco: White Pines is a hidden gem, it would be a shame to see it go.
- Dan Dejangakovac: President of Plentywood Farm Homeowners Assn., should re-establish White Pines, not sell the property.
- Allan Grady: White Pines is a jewel which should not be sold.
- Chuck Rizzo: Converting the land to Industrial is not right. This issue should be brought to public referendum.
- Janell Taraszka: There appears to be chronic mismanagement of funds. The option for new funds is not to sell 125 acres, should not sell an asset for a one time gain. This should be brought to public referendum.
- Michael Jaffee: White Pines is an asset to the District. What the District does with its land is important to residents, therefore, let the public decide the question at a referendum.
- John Wassinger: The public voted to purchase the property in 1966 to keep it from being developed. The District should secure an environmental impact statement, and require a referendum on the question of whether to sell.
- Mary Ann Medina: there is no need for an Industrial Park in Bensenville, there should no trucks on Church, this matter should be put to referendum on the November ballot.
- Olivia Pebler: White Pines is in her back yard, the sale of the property is not good for the long term.
- Ryan Kennedy: The sale of land should go to referendum to let the public decide the issue.
- Lanny Green: there is standing water on the property which raises concerns over possible flooding if the land is sold for Industrial Development. He is also concerned about traffic as a result of development.
- Ellen Raymond: She is a lawyer contacted by residents who oppose the sale. This should go to referendum.

Resident Jennifer Asire requested that the District keep Blackhawk residents informed as the plan for construction there proceeds.

6. Communications and Correspondence

Mr. Vallez disseminated various communications received to the Board.

7. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported that NEDSRA is working on a marketing survey and will have a list of upcoming events soon.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported that DuPage Giving is May 2-6.
- C. BBAA – Mr. Aguinaga reported that the District and the BBAA season opens April 18.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported that it was announced at the meeting that Scott Viger had retired from the Village. Business After Hours will be at White Pines on May 5.

8. Staff Reports

Director Vallez, and all Staff present provided information consistent as was reported in the Executive Director and Staff Reports attached to the Agenda.

Board comments:

In response to questions, Ms. Schmidt informed the Board that ADA accessibility had been performed at the District.

President Johnson suggested a coat rack was needed in the recreation area.

Commissioner Linder complimented staff on the positive comments about the District in the local community.

Commissioner Linder questioned the state of the cart paths at White Pines. Staff reported that it is securing prices on some areas for asphalt installation instead of the current tar and chip, which is being worn away by rain.

9. Action Items

A. Rescinding Board Approval of a contract for a sports facility assessment by “The Sports Facility Advisory” Group

Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to rescind Board Approval of a contract for a sports facility assessment by “The Sports Facility Advisory” Group.

In discussion, Director Vallez informed the Board that immediately after approval of the agreement, he received a proposal from Johnson Consulting which is a local consulting group and he believed the work to be done to be more comprehensive, and for this reason, he recommended contracting with Johnson Consulting.

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.

B. Approval of Johnson Consulting Not to Exceed \$70,000.

Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve a contract with Johnson Consulting Not to Exceed \$70,000.00 for a sports facility study.

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.

C. Approval of Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, & 2024

Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve a contract with GW & Associates for auditing services for a one year engagement, with the possibility of a three year engagement.

Ms. Struck stated that the proposal from GW & Associates was priced the lowest of all tendered. The current auditor is Lauterbach & Amen, which has provided auditing services for several years, and the District determined it was in its best interests to evaluate its services by sending out and RFP.

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.

10. New Business

There was no New Business.

11. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

12. Closed Session

There was no call for Closed Session.

13. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Snyder, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted “aye.”

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The Motion Carried. The meeting stands adjourned.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary