

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6:04 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 Dickson, Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance: President Johnson led the Pledge.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Linder, seconded by Commissioner Snyder 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

Robert Benson asked for an update concerning the sale of White Pines. He stated he has seen signs in the neighborhood, stating Save White Pines Golf Course, and he has done some research on his own, and he asks for information on what the District is considering selling, whether there has been a sale, and whether it has solicited for the sale of property.

Tricia Sutton requested information relative to the potential sale and sought transparency on the potential sale. She stated she believes there have been closed meetings and the District secured special legislation to sell the property. She is concerned about the speed between the proposed special meetings and the possible decision to sell property. She would like to know why the sale of land is being considered.

Mike Plumery asked whether the acquisition of White Pines resulted from a referendum. He also stated that the County is eyeing White Pines to aid in flood control in the area.

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He stated that land is all the District has and it should not be sold for cookie cutter warehouses, and there should no truck traffic on 3d Avenue.

Executive Director Vallez invited all residents present to call or meet with him to have a detailed conversation regarding the potential sale.

4. Staff Reports – Executive Director

Mr. Vallez summarized activities set forth in his Written Report, some of which are set forth here:

1. Covid-19: The District continues to be mask optional for all programs and staff. It will continue to monitor present Covid-19 numbers as well as any future issues.

2. Bensenville Park District 2.0:

a. IGA School District #2: A meeting is set for April 6 with the District to review the first draft of a conceptual plan for a design of Blackhawk Park.

b. Discussion of the Mohawk IGA is ongoing. This unused greenspace is being considered to become recreational space.

c. Fenton HS – Mr. Vallez will attend the April 20th School Board meeting at Fenton HS, at 6:30 p.m. to present a plan to the School Board regarding the creation of two soccer fields at Fenton. Because this meeting is the same night as the District's Board meeting, consideration will be given to changing the time of the District's meeting too 7:30 pm.

d. IGA Fischer Farm: The District and Forest Preserve have exchanged drafts of the proposed IGA for the sale of Fisher Farm.

e. Breiter Palm: A meeting will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> concerning the start of construction, which should be completed in 60 days weather permitting.

f. Information Technology: Online registration moving forward with schedule for implementation estimated completion in September/October.

g. White Pines Community Forums are being suggested for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am and May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at a location to be announced.

3. Sports Market Assessment: A meeting with Johnson Consulting is set for April 7.

4. Maintenance:

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a. Landscape services for each park will be enhanced starting in the spring and continuing throughout the summer and fall.

b. Pool start-up has started and continues.

c. Staffing is a challenge.

5. White Pines

a. A new golf pro and pro shop manager have been hired.

b. The District had to contract for a new HVAC at White Pines, and has a roof issue which could cost \$250,000 to replace.

6. Marketing:

a. Brochure is out.

b. Press Releases have been published in the Independent, Elmhurst Patch, Daily Herald.

c. Public Information: Website, Social media, Employees.

d. Bville Buzz came out in March

5. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

6. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session called.

7. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

On a roll call vote:

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

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Gibbs	X
Linder	X
Snyder	X

Motion carried. The meeting stands adjourned.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary