

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:33 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, Mike Hayes, Superintendent of Recreation, Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Laura Borshell, Front Desk Manager, Paul Palin, Jason Linder, Larry Krawtze, and Mary Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

President Johnson advised the Commission he wanted to move action items after Approval of Accounts Payable.

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 regular meeting of May 18, 2022 and of the special meeting of May 25, 2022.

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On a roll call vote:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</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 Karg to approve Accounts Payable dated 5/20/22 of \$294,772.91, Payroll dated 5/20/22 of \$128,749.66 for a Grand Total of \$423,522.57, Accounts Payable dated 6/9/22 of \$166,529.11 Payroll dated 6/3/22 of \$144,328.55 for a Grand Total of \$310,857.66.

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. Action Items

A. Ordinance #569 Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Property No Longer Deemed Useful or Necessary to the Bensenville Park District

Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve Ordinance #569 Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Property No Longer Deemed Useful or Necessary to the Bensenville Park District.

In discussion, Director Vallez informed the Board that the property for disposal is the office furniture being replaced by new furniture, and some miscellaneous non-functioning property.

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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. Ordinance #570 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Bensenville Park District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County for the Acquisition of Property Commonly Known as Fischer Farm

Commissioner Linder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Ordinance #570 Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Bensenville Park District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County for the Acquisition of Property Commonly Known as Fischer Farm

In discussion, Director Vallez informed the Board that the District has been in an agreement with the Forest Preserve District to lease Fischer Farm since 2000, during which time the District has improved the property, maintained it and programmed District uses of the property. The parties recently concluded negotiations for the District to acquire Fischer Farm for the sum of \$100,000 to be paid over a 10 year period of time.

President Johnson complimented staff on securing the property.

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. Motion to Ratify Approval of an Agreement with Integral Construction for replacement of asphalt paving at Breiter Palm Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$24,000.

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Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to Ratify Approval of an Agreement with Integral Construction for replacement of asphalt paving at Breiter Palm Park in the Amount Not to Exceed \$24,000.

In discussion, Director Vallez informed the Board that during view of the punch list for Breiter Palm Park, it was apparent that the asphalt paving was in poor condition and did not complement the work done at the Park. Integral presented a proposal for do the work for \$22,621.00, which was deemed reasonable, and he authorized it to be done, and seeks ratification of the approval.

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.

6. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Members of the public spoke in opposition to the sale of any part of the White Pines Property:

- Mike Jaffee: opposes the sale of the property to allow industrial development, which is opposite of the District’s mission statement. He urged the Board to have the matter go to referendum.
- Mary Ann Medina: opposes the sale, asking how the District is going to pay for what the District doesn’t need (referring to programming planned).
- Eileen Gensotti: wants the District to go to referendum, and not behind the backs of residents.
- Valerie Special: opposes sale, discussed the need to maintain green space in the District and the State of Illinois.
- Bill Hibner: opposes sale of the golf course and the plan to have a sports complex, recommends that the District be blindsided by visits to other district sports facilities.
- Chuck Rizzo: opposes sale, discussed traveling about and noting the loss of residential property to industrial development.
- Gary Gardner: opposes sale, referenced Mohawk Terrace and areas south which have been sold to industrial development. Stated that selling the golf course to work on Fischer Farm shouldn’t be allowed.
- Allan Grady: opposes the sale of White Pines, stated he has driven by Fischer Farm three times each day and never sees anyone there, he would rather the District sell Fischer Farm than White Pines.

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President Johnson responded to comment, stating Fischer Farm is only five acres, and the only party the District can sell it to in future is the Forest Preserve. He also stated the Board has not said it will not go to referendum, the decision has not been made. Last, he stated that the District stays within its budget and is fiscally responsible.

Director Vallez commented that written public comment was received from Kathryn and Rafael Anguiano, relative to damage to property caused by a golf ball.

7. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported on NEDSRA activities.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported the Foundation met on May 25, and distributed part of the \$65,000 received from Subaru.
- C. BBAA – Mr. Aguinaga reported that the BBAA is having its championship games from 7/11-7/18.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported that the meeting has been postponed until June 21.

8. Staff Reports

Each member of staff presented various items from their written Staff Reports.

Commissioner questions raised were as follows:

Commissioner Linder asked whether the mobile bathrooms at the tent were useable, and whether they can now be moved to different sites. They will be inspected this week, and if they pass inspection they can be moved to wherever bathroom facilities are needed.

President Johnson complimented Phyllis Schmidt for the work on the Breiter Palm opening, and Paul Palin for the work on the Breiter Palm logo.

9. New Business

There was no New Business.

10. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

11. Closed Session

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There was no call for Closed Session.

12. Adjourn

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Linder to adjourn the meeting.

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