

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:30 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 and Patrick Bond, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Linder, on a point of personal privilege, announced that he was resigning from the Park Board and his position as a Park Commissioner for the Bensenville Park District, effective immediately. Commissioner Linder set forth the reasons for his decision to resign. President Johnson accepted the resignation on behalf of the Park District. President Johnson responded to the comments made by Commissioner Linder. Thereafter, Commissioner Linder removed himself from the Dais.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

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3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

A. Public Comment

President Johnson, without objection, moved Public Comment to the end of the Agenda.

4. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director Vallez reported on the following:

- Bensenville Park District 2.0
- The status of the IGA
- The Brighter Park
- Planter Box
- Concrete and Peace Pole and that he is working on pricing
- Facility Assessment Report is a work in process
- Pool repair costs are being reviewed with updates to be presented
- White Pines netting by the driving range was fixed
- NEDSRA Golf Outing is September 15
- Harvest Fest is scheduled for _____
- Teacher's Breakfast was a success

5. Action Items

A. Motion to Terminate All Efforts to Sell Any Part of White Pines Golf Course Property.

It was moved by Commissioner Karg, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Motion to Terminate All Efforts to Sell Any Part of White Pines Golf Course Property, as presented. President Johnson read into the record, an email from Commissioner Snyder, who could not be present due to the COVID protocol of the District. The email confirmed Commissioner Snyder's support of the Action Items on the Agenda. A copy of the email is attached to the Minutes. President Johnson discussed the reasons for the position of the Board, including the fact that there would not be sufficient votes to move forward with the sale of property and that the issue was too divisive for the Board and the Community. He felt it was in the best interests of the Park District and the Community to terminate the sale of White Pines Golf Course Property.

On a roll call vote:

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

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Karg X
Gibbs X

Motion carried.

- B. Motion to Rescind Direction to Staff to Prepare a Resolution Calling for an Advisory Referendum Regarding the Sale of a Portion of the White Pines Golf Course Property.

It was moved by President Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Karg to Rescind Direction to Staff to Prepare a Resolution Calling for an Advisory Referendum Regarding the Sale of a Portion of the White Pines Golf Course Property. President Johnson explained that the Advisory Referendum regarding the sale of a portion of the White Pines Golf Course property would no longer be necessary in light of the vote on the termination of the sale.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

- C. Motion to Rescind Direction to Staff to Prepare a Resolution Calling for an Advisory Referendum Regarding the Construction of an Indoor Facility to Replace the Existing Outdoor Facilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Karg, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to Rescind Direction to Staff to Prepare a Resolution Calling for an Advisory Referendum Regarding the Construction of an Indoor Facility to Replace the Existing Outdoor Facilities. Executive Director Vallez reported on the financing options regarding the replacement and repair of the deteriorating conditions of the pool. Director Vallez indicated that the repairs would be phased over a two (2) to three (3) year period. Additional information will be provided to the Board.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

- D. Resolution #308 A Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition to issue \$20,000,000.00 General Obligation Park Bonds for the Purpose of Building and Equipping a New Clubhouse at the White Pines Golf Club to the Voters of the District at the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022.

It was moved by Commissioner Karg, seconded by President Johnson to approve Resolution #308, A Resolution Providing for and Requiring the Submission of the Proposition to Issue \$20,000,000.00 General Obligation Park Bonds for the Purpose of Building and Equipping a New Clubhouse at the White Pines Golf Club to the Voters of the District at the General Election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. Executive Director Vallez reported on the rationale for arriving at the \$20,000,000 Bond request, which will not affect the Bonding authority of the District.

It was moved by President Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Karg to table Resolution #308.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried. The matter was tabled.

- E. Motion Finding Confidentiality Still Exists as to Closed Session Minutes which Have not been Declassified, Therefore Such Minutes Should Remain Classified.

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It was moved by President Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Karg, following the Semi-Annual Review of the Executive Session Minutes, to Approve the Motion Finding Confidentiality Still Exists as to Closed Session Minutes which have not been previously Declassified, and that such Minutes remain Classified.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

6. New Business

A. Bensenville Park District 2.0

There was no further discussion on this matter, other than as presented in the Report of the Executive Director.

7. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Members of the public provided comment relative to the Agenda items.

8. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

9. Closed Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Karg, to adjourn the meeting of the Park Board at 6:30 p.m.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary