

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

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

One vacancy exists.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Karg, 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		
Snyder	X		

Motion carried.

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

4. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director/Staff

Executive Director Vallez reported on items set forth in his written report.

As to the report, the following comments were made:

- President Johnson questioned whether the train could be considered a museum such that the Park District could apply for grants for work related to the train. Director Vallez responded that the Park District is looking into grant opportunities for both the train and Fischer Farm.
- Director Vallez reported on a TIF meeting held by the Village with all taxing bodies. The Village wants to extend the Jewel TIF, and needs approval to do so. The Park District wants to secure a financial allotment from the one successful TIF which has money in it, and Director Vallez is working on this.
- Director Vallez reported on the Park District's efforts to hire a new Recreation Supervisor, stating that recent negotiations with a candidate from California resulted in the Park District withdrawing its offer.
- Lengthy discussion ensued relative to White Pines and alternative sources of revenue to pursue. President Johnson suggested that the Park District pursue allowing video gaming at the facility, which is a passive source of income. Video gaming is offered throughout the Village now, and it does provide a significant revenue stream which could help at White Pines. Director Vallez stated as well that the annexation agreement between the Village and the Park District allows the Park District to secure a greater percentage of the profit from gaming and it is worth investigating. Discussion was also held relative to bringing in golf simulators. Commissioner Karg asked that investigation of a Park District sponsored golf dome be considered as well. Director Vallez responded that he had been discussing having Mistwood operate a Dome on the property, but these discussions were halted during the time that the Park District was investigating the sale of a portion of the golf course. Director Vallez was directed to investigate these sources of alternative revenues, including looking into the cost of remodeling a room at White Pines for the installation of video gaming terminals. Director Vallez stated he and Andrew Godfrey will make a recommendation and plan to the Board.
- The Board discussed top financial priorities facing the Park District: the pool and White Pines cart paths and methods to fund them.

5. Action Items

**A. Resolution #309, A Resolution Authorizing Remote Participation of Park Commissioners in Meetings of the Board Via Electronic Means**

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adopt Resolution #309, A Resolution Authorizing Remote Participation of Park Commissioners in Meetings of the Board Via Electronic Means

Counsel explained that the adoption of the Resolution would allow Commissioners to participate in Board meetings from remote locations if they were unable to attend the meeting in person for specific reasons allowed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

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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		
Snyder	X		

Motion carried.

**B. Resolution #310, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of All Documents Required to Transfer All Park District Banking to Republic Bank and to Designate Authorized Signatories with Republic Bank for the Conduct of Park District Business**

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to adopt Resolution #310, A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of All Documents Required to Transfer All Park District Banking to Republic Bank and to Designate Authorized Signatories with Republic Bank for the Conduct of Park District Business

Director Vallez stated that staff suggested the change in banking because over the past couple of years, Republic Bank has bought certain bond issues, and is a sponsor of activities and is a community oriented bank, with a branch in Addison.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

6. New Business

President Johnson reported the Board has been considering appointing Commissioner Snyder to be the liaison with other tax bodies. He recommended that this item be on the next agenda to make the appointment official.

President Johnson advised the Board that he is reviewing the format of the agenda, and it may change in the future to eliminate some standard reports and to provide an update at each meeting regarding Bensenville 2.0 capital improvement plans.

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Commissioner Snyder reported he has received a lot of terrific feedback from Park District residents regarding Monster Mash. He commended staff for a very impressive event.

7. Closed Session

There was no call for Closed Session.

8. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Karg, to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary