

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6 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. Public Hearing

The Public Hearing concerning the annual levy of taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2023 was opened.

Mr. Marac asked what the levy did, which Director Vallez responded to. He asked whether the public would know the actual funds to be received as a result of the levy, and Director Vallez responded that it is public information.

There being no further questions, the Public Hearing was closed.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, 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.

4. Approval of Minutes

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It was moved by Commissioner Karg, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2022, and of the special meeting of November 2, 2022.

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			
Snyder	X			

Motion carried.

5. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs, to approve Accounts Payable dated 10/27/22 of \$251,664.37 Payroll dated 10/21/22 of \$132,362.72 for a Grand Total of \$384,027.09 Accounts Payable dated 11/10/22 of \$447,710.59 Payroll dated 11/4/22 of \$125,785.77 for a Grand Total of \$573,496.36..Accounts Payable dated 8/25/2022 of \$225,511.22 Payroll dated 8/26/2022 of \$170,466.16 for a Grand Total of \$395,977.38, Accounts Payable dated 9/8/2022 of \$374,358.87 Payroll dated 9/9/22 of \$161,220.86 for a Grand Total of \$535,579.73.

In discussion, Commissioner Gibbs asked whether the Park District has encountered higher costs. Director Vallez responded that staff has been an issue, with wages being driven up. Commissioner Gibbs also

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. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Paul DiMichele complimented the District on the Veterans' Breakfast.

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Tyrone Brooks, President of Raiders Football, spoke about the Raiders and asked about use of DiOrio field for football. He stated they had been denied the field due to it being rented to Junior Bandits, however that club no longer exists. He asked for additional assistance from the Park District to secure the proper field, and potential storage space for equipment. Director Vallez invited him to contact him directly to discuss the issues raised.

7. Communications and Correspondence

None.

8. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Reach for the Stars was held last week, and the Board was tendered the invitation to the Holiday Gathering.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – A meeting is scheduled for 11/17.
- C. BBAA – No report.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported having attended the 11/15 meeting. The annual meeting has been postponed to January 2023. The Christmas party is 12/8 at Two Chefs. The Chamber will contact Mr. Vallez to determine if an after hours event could be held at White Pines.

9. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director/Staff Reports

Executive Director Vallez reported on items set forth in his written report, and the reports of other departments.

Comments by Commissioners included:

President Johnson questioned whether certain of the tennis courts could be converted to pickle ball courts. Mr. Vallez responded that the tennis courts at Sunrise Park are tired and need resurfacing for any play on the courts. Commissioner Gibbs asked if the courts are in such bad shape, is the District removing them? Mr. Vallez stated they would be removed. In response to questioning, the removal of the courts would not open a playing field for the Raiders, because the park is not in proximity to parking.

In response to questioning, Mr. Vallez will investigate an electronic message sign for installation at Jefferson and Church.

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Mr. Vallez discussed the trip to view golf simulators.

Discussion was held relative to the complaint of golf ball damage occurring off site. Counsel will follow up with PDRMA.

Mr. Vallez reported that the lobbyist is talking with IDOT concerning the IDOT property next to the Fischer Farm parking lot.

President Johnson asked Mr. Vallez to follow up with the IDNR concerning the Klein property.

10. Action Items

A. **Ordinance #572 An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024**

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to Ordinance #572 An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and Ending April 30, 2024

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. **Ordinance #573 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), 2014A**

Commissioner Karg moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder approve Ordinance #573 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), 2014A

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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.

11. New Business

There was no New Business.

12. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

13. Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs, to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 2(c)3 to interview candidates for consideration of filling the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners and to discuss specific personnel.

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