

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

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

Staff in attendance: Joe Vallez, Executive Director, Phyllis Schmidt, Manager of Special Services.

President Johnson stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss Park District priorities with input from the Board of Commissioners so Executive Director, Joe Vallez can look at related costs. President Johnson stated once the Facility Assessment Plan is approved, it will be posted online.

**Bensenville Park District Facility Assessment Plan presented by  
Executive Director, Joe Vallez**

**Arbor Woods**

- The Park District is on the top of the list for a KABOOM Playground in 2023.
- Park District playground costs for benches and garbage cans should not exceed \$5,000. Exact Park District costs will be determined when we know what KABOOM is covering.
- ADA Compliance-the District is willing to pay for poured in place playground surfacing.
- Life expectancy for poured in place surfacing is 7-10 years.
- No public questions were asked about Arbor Woods.

**Breiter-Palm Park**

- Re-top entire walking path with crushed stone.
- Pizzo Landscape will continue to maintain natural areas.
- Outdoor equipment will last 5-7 years.
- Improved lighting for safety.
- No public questions were asked about Breiter-Palm Park

**Creekside Park**

- Very small passive space donated to the Park District by a developer.
- The District must decide what to do with this space.
- Recreation nature programming designed for all community members is held at this location during summer.
- Picnic tables are available on a seasonal basis.
- No public questions were asked regarding Creekside Park.

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**DiOrio Park**

- Playground equipment is in fair condition.
- Staff does an excellent job keeping this park in great shape.
- Field use was restricted in some areas to allow grass to grow.
- Local sports affiliates use the fields; BBAA, Raiders and Bandits.
- BBAA stores athletic equipment inside the DiOrio Park Building.
- The concession stand window/gate is heavy and should be replaced.
- Park District staff monitors field use to ensure the fields and grass remain in good condition.
- Playground surfacing located around the swings is worn/missing and should be replaced.
- Parking lot was resealed in 2022.

**Hyatt Hubbard**

- A two-bedroom home surrounded by natural space.
- This property was deeded to the Park District.
- Features a wetland area and a trail.
- Flooding occurs on eastside of property.
- Inquiries related to flooding were deferred to the City of Wood Dale.
- Resident homes, located on the southside of the street, collect 10-12 inches of water.
- A location for a Nature Center or Artisan Residence.
- Homeless shelters were removed.
- No public questions were asked regarding Hyatt Hubbard Park.

**Kremple Park**

- Basketball Court needs to be resealed.
- Playground equipment replacement cost is \$200,000-\$300,000. This equipment is very high on the list for replacement.
- A new community garden and garden plots will be managed by Fischer Farm Manager.
- No public questions were asked regarding Kremple Park.

**Lions Park**

- Issues arise here after it rains. The Village of Bensenville is unable to cut the grass due to standing water.
- The Park District receives complaints from residents regarding the length of the grass.
- The Park District maintains playground equipment. Playground replacement equipment is upcoming.

**Pines Park**

- High use park
- Basketball court was removed.
- Overall, good condition and well maintained.
- Parking lot needs to be resealed and restriped.
- No public questions were asked regarding Creekside Park.

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**Poplar Park**

- Equipment is in excellent condition.
- Small Park.
- Basketball Court is very nice
- No work is required at his location.
- No public questions were asked about Poplar Park.

**Rose Park**

- Phase improvements.
- Basketball Court needs to be resealed.
- A better playground is needed. The current playground is dated.
- There is a lot of green space.
- No public questions were asked regarding Rose Park.

**Sunrise Park**

- Problems arise here. There is a tremendous amount of graffiti. We have seen three graffiti/tagging incidents within the last eight months.
- Police have been asked to monitor this park.
- Park Watch Program-residents call police, pilot park.
- Call Boxes with blue lights.
- Hire an off-duty Police Officer who patrols parks and facilities.
- Install signs that deter people from unwanted behavior/activities.
- Continuing to improve cameras throughout Park District buildings and parks.
- Grass “alley” attracts various activities.
- Baseball field is not centered.
- Tennis courts are cracked and buckled. Surface needs to be replaced.
- Pickleball Court-new location.
- Shelter replaced one year ago.
- Cost to replace two courts and playground-\$400,000.00
- No public questions were asked about Sunrise Park

**Sunset Park**

- Change the direction of the basketball courts, (2) half-courts will be installed: move stanchions, reinsert, reseal and restripe. This will curtail the number of players and prevent gang activity. • •
- Full Court Basketball attracts negative play (playing for money etc.).
- Tennis courts-high use. Fenton High School tennis teams use the courts.
- Tennis Courts are in bad shape. There is a 12-inch-high runoff, so the neighbor gets water in his backyard. Install a drain system in his backyard.
- Playground is in decent shape.
- Add new fencing around Portolet (Breiter Palm Park too, spring 2024)
- Resident stated patrons leave water bottles in the park.

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**Varble**

- Every now and then there is a squatter.
- Log House is operated by the Bensenville Library
- Historical Programing for Train, Fischer Farm, Log Cabin provided by Fischer Farm Manager.
- People used this area as a dumping ground.
- Overgrowth near sidewalk
- Trail is not in decent shape. Remove tree on the trail.
- Monitor for homeless people living in the woods.

**Veterans Park**

- Dog Park and Train rehab costs are needed.
- Brand train to the dog park.
- Storm water drain is in middle of field causing potential for slip, trip and fall hazards. Field is not usable for athletic activities.
- Engineering problem in this detention area. Talk to Village Public Works. Storm water basin that holds a lot of water. When investigating storm water management on the Golf Course, we will look at this location too.
- The creek located on the northside of the park may be connected to the sewer in centerfield.
- Bandits store football equipment in the building.
- Establish equipment removal deadline date 2023.
- Park District needs additional storage.
- Local affiliates/programs should not use Park District storage spaces going forward.
- Dog Park featuring all year dog programs (inside the building).
- No public questions were asked regarding Veterans Park.

**Wood Crest Park**

- Green space only.
- Some water collects here.
- Potential for a KABOOM Park in the future.
- No public questions were asked regarding Wood Crest Park.

**Woodland Area**

- Heavily wooded area.
- Trees fall into neighbors' yard.
- There is a garage on the property. District staff should see what is inside the building.
- Developer can look at the property. DNR restrictions: cannot sell property featuring 5.5 acres or greater, state law. Legal can draft a letter and make a request to dispose of property.

**Woodside Park**

- Located on corner. Trees are growing into neighbor's property.
- No questions were asked regarding Woodside Park

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**Deer Grove Leisure Center**

- Roof repairs are on a schedule.

**Water Park**

- 1.3 million in repairs are needed. This does not include decking.
- Three-year phase for concrete replacement.
- Safety signage, water heater.
- 2022/21-Improved Curb Appeal
- Budget to lose \$30,000.00 annually. This is a service to the community.

**WPGC Buildings**

- Master Plan-top priority. Includes new revenue streams, phase in new buildings. Look at the whole campus and create a facility that all people of the community can use.
- Meeting with architect.
- Revenue streams that diversifies golf course revenue.
- Video gaming (state regulated), simulators, banquets.
- Solid structure in place of the tent.
- Topography, wetlands and drainage surveys will be used in Master Plans.
- Asphalt, tar and chip: four-year plan, 8.5 miles of cart paths.
- Fix what is underneath before dress cart paths.
- Fix potholes in 2022.
- Business plans include revenue goals for each aspect of WPGC.

**161 Church**

- Bensenville Chamber rents the building for \$1 per year.

**Fischer Farm**

- December 19 meeting with architect to review conceptual designs.
- Master Plans includes a new storage barn, more pens, power to buildings and more.
- Buildings must be esthetically pleasing.

**Lots by Redmond**

- Appraiser, pro-bono.
- Deemed surplus years ago.
- Four lots-\$300,000.00
- Need water and sewer

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**District Priorities**

1. Master Plan-White Pines Golf Course Campus
  - a. Gaming
  - b. Simulators
  
2. Pool, hold off one more year.
  
3. Parks
  - a. Rose
  - b. Sunrise
  - c. Kremple
  
4. Park District Master Plan

9. Action Items

There were no action items

10. New Business

There was no New Business

11. Old Business

There was no Old Business

12. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session.

13. Adjourn

Commissioner SNYDER, seconded by Commissioner Karg to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm p.m.

On a roll call vote:

ROLL CALL    Ayes                      Nays                      Absent

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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