

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

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. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Robert Benson – Asked when the Park District was going to post the Audited Financial Report, as the audit for the year ended April 30, 2022 has yet to be posted. There is also no information on the 2022-2023 budget available. He also commented on the status of use of Veterans Park. Director Vallez responded that the audit has been approved and should be on the website. As to Veteran’s Park, the current plan is to put the dog park there. The Park will also be used for a practice field.

4. Staff Reports

Director Vallez commented on items included in his written report.

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Discussion ensued on the following:

- The District had been working with the School District on an IGE for Mohawk Park, but recently, the Village now plans to put in a detention facility on the north end of the Mohawk which would make it unusable for the Park District. President Johnson commented on the fact he has never heard of any flooding in the area which would necessitate a detention pond.
- White Pines Master Plan – discussion was held concerning the current tent, which does not feature utilities to make it usable.
- Kaboom – the Kaboom project is moving forward, the sponsor has not yet been announced.
- Train – work on the train is estimated to cost between \$60,000 to \$70,000, which is higher than earlier estimates. The District will have tighter numbers by the 3/15/2023 meeting.
- Fischer Farm Foundation Board – expected to have three members, kept to current Board members Johnson, Karg and Snyder.
- Fish Fry – President Johnson recommended moving the fish fry upstairs to create a better dining experience than Club 37 provides.
- Seating software is being acquired, which will professionalize the use of facilities for banquet, weddings and the like.
- Director Vallez identified the following programs for grant funding: 4-H Club starting at Fischer Farm, Junior Golf Program, Citywide CPR training and the media center.

5. New Business

- a. Unauthorized use of Park District logo

The Commissioners discussed the recent unauthorized use of the Park District logo by a candidate for Park Commissioners. Counsel Dickson was directed to write a letter to the candidate informing him that this is not authorized and he must cease and desist from such use.

6. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session.

7. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adjourn.

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		

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Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary