

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 6:02 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; Andrew Godfrey, Head Golf Professional; Evelyn Struck, Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources; Leslie DeMoss, Superintendent of Recreation, Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Phyllis Schmidt, Special Projects; Laura Borshell, Front Desk Manager, Paul Palin, Jason Linder and Mary Dickson, Park District Attorney

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Agenda.

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. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the minutes of a regular meeting on January 18, 2023 and of the committee meeting of February 1, 2023.

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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.

4. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs, to approve Accounts Payable dated 01/26/23 of \$116,329.10 Payroll dated 01/27/23 of \$115,143.44 for a Grand Total of \$231,472.54. Accounts Payable dated 02/09/23 of \$65,471.78 Payroll Dated 02/10/23 of \$120,191.82 for a Grand Total of \$185,663.60.

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.

5. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Communications and Correspondence

There were no communications nor correspondence.

7. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Discussion was held concerning presenting a unified NEDSRA message. In the recent NEDSRA survey, Bensenville’s facilities placed in the top 3 of all facilities used by NEDSRA clients.

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- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – The Districts Foundation representative is a candidate for the Library Board. A question was asked whether she could continue to serve as the District’s representative if elected. Counsel responded she could, if the Bylaws allowed.
- C. BBAA – registration remains ongoing for the coming season.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported that she, Phyllis Schmidt and Paul Palin attended the meeting. The next Business After Hours is on March 16 at Club 37. Business After Hours will be held at Fischer Farm on June 22.

8. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director/Staff Reports

Executive Director Vallez and Staff reported on items set forth in his written reports, attached to the agenda.

Questions from Commissioners from items reported included:

- Fischer Farm: President Johnson asked a question on the proposed layout prepared by JSD. He stated the layout looks fantastic, and is going to be exciting. Director Vallez reported that part of the layout is to allow growing of vegetables, and production of honey. The District is going to build 2 more animal enclosures for pigs and sheep, all of which is designed to bring people into the farm.
- Director Vallez sought Commissioner thoughts on financial participation in the Bensenville Arts Council. Commissioners concurred the District could spend the \$3,000 membership in house on District programs.
- Discussion was held regarding the District’s new media endeavor “Wassup.”
- Discussion was held concerning the Bensenville Bison equipment which remains stored on District property. Despite the District’s request that the equipment be picked up, there has been no response. If the equipment remains unclaimed, Ms. Dickson stated the District can declare it abandoned, and take action to remove it from the premises.
- President Johnson and Commissioner Snyder complimented staff on the Senior Prom and the Sweetheart ball, both of which were well gone and well attended.
- In discussion of recreation activities, President Johnson asked staff if they would consider offering hot dogs at ball games, or bringing in a food truck.

9. Action Items

**A. Resolution #311 Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (Nimec) and Authorizing the Executive Director to Approve a Contract With the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider For a Period Up to 36 Months**

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Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve Resolution #311 Authorizing the Participation in the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (Nimec) and Authorizing the Executive Director to Approve a Contract With the Lowest Cost Electricity Provider For a Period Up to 36 Months

Discussion: Director Vallez reported that this is a periodic contract the District enters into to secure electricity as part of a consortium to secure best pricing.

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. Disposal of Park District Property-Cutaletter Sign Machine made by Game Time, Inc**

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve disposal of Park District Property – Cutaletter Sign Machine made by Game Time, Inc.

Discussion: Director Vallez reported the value of the piece is less than \$1000. The District will try to sell it.

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.

**C. Proposal for Pool Basin and Bid Process**

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to accept a proposal from Trivia Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$22,850.00 for preparation of a request for bids for the pool basin.

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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.

10. New Business

None.

11. Old Business

None.

12. Closed Session

There was no call for Closed Session.

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, all Commissioners voted "aye."

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary