

Bensenville Park District

Board of Park Commissioners Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 5, 2023

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibbs	X	
Hernandez	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 Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Agenda,

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

No public comment was received.

4. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Vallez reported on several items, which prompted discussion from the Commissioners, including:

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- Fenton IGA will be amended at the coming meeting to include dates for the baseball team to practice at D’Orio Field
- Demolition of the garage at White Pines will be put out for bid, with demolition to be different than normal, as inside the garage is a well which provides irrigation for the golf course. The Park District will have to construct a new building over the well. Some consideration is being given to moving the building at the waste facility building as it is mobile.
- Discussion of a Saturday or evening meeting with the Commissioners to discuss capital projects.
- Discussion of the presentation of a “state of the parks” to present information to the public as to what is happening in the Park District.
- Vandalism at White Pines where fireworks were used to destroy an existing porta potty.
- 18,000 people have visited Breiter Palm Park, which continues to draw use.
- Discussions have been on-going with Wood Dale Aldermen to ensure the zoning is available for the property to allow installation of the Kaboom project. Mr. Vallez is speaking with Wood Dale staff regarding concerns raised over the application for zoning.
- The condition of the cabin near Fischer Farm is such as to make it an unsafe building. The Library is interested in selling it, but it needs serious work.
- There has been significant golf ball damage at the 17th hole. Staff is evaluating ways, including installation of netting at the Tee-box, to make play at the hole such as would lessen the amount of golf balls leaving the course. Staff is also looking at the 7th hole, perhaps to shorten it, to address concerns raised by the Fire Protection District.

5. New Business

Pool use over the July 4th holiday was huge. The District ran a rescue drill (informing the public that a drill was in progress) of saving a swimmer in the deep end of the pool. Staff responded in a very professional manner.

Business After Hours at Fischer Farm was a great event. The Farm looks great.

Park property at Third/Jefferson/Woodside is a concern with overgrown trees. Discussion was had to consider selling the property.

6. Closed Session

There was no call for closed session.

7. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to adjourn.

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

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary