

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 21, 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	
Johnson	X	
Karg	X	
Snyder	X	
Hernandez	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe Vallez, Executive Director; Andrew Godfrey, Head Golf Professional; Leslie DeMoss, Superintendent of Recreation, Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Phyllis Schmidt, Special Projects; Laura Borshell, Front Desk Manager, Paul Palin, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications, Todd Linder, Manager of Facilities and Special Events, Christina Shiel, Fischer Farm Manager, 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		
Hernandez	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 May 17, 2023.

Commissioner Karg noted a correction to be made stating Commissioner Hernandez was elected to a six year term, not a four year term.

On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg, to approve Accounts Payable dated 05/25/23 of \$237,986.26 Payroll dated 05/19/23 of \$168,969.63 for a Grand Total of \$406,955.89. Accounts Payable dated 06/08/23 of \$117,181.58 Payroll Dated 06/02/23 of \$183,525.33 for a Grand Total of \$300,706.91.

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		
Hernandez	X		

Motion carried.

5. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Robert Cooper, President of Local 2968, discussed the golf balls leaving the White Pines course and landing at the Fire Protection District on York Road. Not only are balls coming onto the property, but they are causing property damage, and the fear that someone could get hit by a ball.

General discussion ensued, with Director Vallez stating he has been in communication with the Fire Department and staff is reviewing the course and analyzing any change which could be made to address the situation.

6. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez handed out a copy of the Bensenville Independent featuring the Easter event on the cover. He reported that Superintendent Palin has been successful in increasing the media presence of the District. He also reported that the District applied with the Community Foundation for a mini grant for the Junior Golf Program. A copy of a new banner for the gym was presented.

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7. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported on a number of items occurring at NEDSRA.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported that the Foundation met and approved several grants.
- C. BBAA – Practice has started.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported that she, Phyllis Schmidt and Paul Palin attended the meeting. Business After Hours will be held at Fischer Farm on 6/22.

8. Staff Reports

A. Executive Director/Staff Reports

Executive Director Vallez and Staff reported on items set forth in their written reports, attached to the agenda. Commissioner questions/discussion on items reported included:

- New architectural drawings for White Pines were distributed, and will be discussed upon review.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need for corporate sponsors for various events, such as Harvest Fest and Country Christmas. Director Vallez responded that the District wants to accept sponsorship and promote them, but not have the sponsors take over the Part District's mission.
- Commissioners commented positively about the new signage in the building, complimenting Mr. Palin on the work he is doing.
- Commissioners commented on Director Vallez' discussion concerning development of non-golf related events at White Pines. He is putting together a package for non-golf events using the tent only.
- Staff was complimented on the work they are doing to help the customer experience, they are very helpful.
- In response to a question from Commissioner Snyder, Mr. Vallez stated he will investigate the status of gaming at White Pines.
- Commissioners were invited to attend the staff golf outing.

9. Action Items

A. Approval Fenton IGA

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Fenton High School District 1.

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In discussion, Director Vallez stated the Agreement was to allow terms for which Fenton is allowed to use Veteran's Park for its football program. Fenton had asked to be allowed to store items at Veteran's Park, and was told no, as the Park District does not want to give away any of its storage space. Fenton will be allowed to have a Pod located at the Park for this purpose however.

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		
Hernandez	X		

Motion carried.

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. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder 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		
Hernandez	X		

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Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary