

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 16, 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, 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 July 19, 2023, the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 2, 2023 and the Special Meeting on August 2, 2023.

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			

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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 7/27/23 of \$243,450.26 Payroll dated 7/28/23 of \$254,716.25 for a Grand Total of \$498,166.51. Accounts Payable dated 8/10/23 of \$216,015.96 Payroll Dated 8/11/23 of \$255,081.93 for a Grand Total of \$471,097.89.

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

There was no public comment.

6. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez had no report.

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:

- Discussion ensued regarding the Woodside Subdivision property, with Commissioners agreeing to have the matter placed on a future agenda to convey the Property to the Homeowner's Assn.
- Commissioners complimented the Fore the Kids golf outing, and the press it received.

9. Action Items

A. Approval of \$50,000 Allocation for Arbor Park Improvements

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the allocation of \$50,000 for Arbor Park Improvements.

In discussion, Director Vallez stated the funds were needed for Phase II work at the Park.

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.

B. Resolution 313 Amending the Authorization of Remote Participation of Park Commissioners in Meetings of the Board via Electronic Means

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Resolution 313 Amending the Authorization of Remote Participation of Park Commissioners in Meetings of the Board via Electronic Means

In discussion, Attorney Dickson stated the Illinois legislature recently approved changes to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, adding a new reason to allow remote participation by a member of a legislative body, *i.e.*, lack of child care, to allow personal attendance. To be able to use this as an

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additional reason to allow remote attendance, the Board has to approve this amendment to its policy for remote attendance.

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		

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned.

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Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary