

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 20, 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	
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 Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder 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 Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 6, 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			
Gibbs				X

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Snyder X  
Hernandez 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 8/31/2023 of \$272,470.64 Payroll dated 8/25/23 of \$220,657.82 for a Grand Total of \$493,128.46. Accounts Payable dated 9/14/23 of \$214,867.49 Payroll Dated 9/3/23 of \$183,039.70 for a Grand Total of \$397,907.19.

In discussion, Commissioner Karg questioned a bill for overnight accommodations. Director Vallez reported that it was for Commissioner Hernandez to attend Parks Dat at the State Fair.

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

Discussion was held concerning a request to honor former Commissioner Geils with a named event. Further consideration will be given to the request for the most appropriate way to honor him.

7. Park District Decennial Committee Meeting

Citizen members not being able to attend, the meeting was cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a future date. Legal Counsel and staff will forward documentation to be reviewed in advance of the meeting.

8. Board Liaison Reports

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- A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported on a number of items occurring at NEDSRA, including that resident Colin Staffeldt has been selected to participate in the Special Olympics National Golf Tournament in New Jersey in October.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported that the Foundation met on September 28, 2023 and approved the Field of Love Campaign.
- C. BBAA – The meeting was September 11, 2023. Fall baseball continues with some games at D’Orio and others at Redmond.
- D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported among other news that Business After Hours will be held at Roots and Wings (the former Teen Center) on October 5, 2023.

9. 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:

- In response to a question from commissioner Snyder, Director Vallez reported he is unaware of any issues with the School District IGA, he has been told it will be tendered soon. President Johnson questioned the status of Mohawk, which is reported in limbo. The Park District is not involved in the issue regarding the Village’s interest in Mohawk.
- Director Vallez reported he is meeting with the well company at White Pines to secure additional information on the well to make further decisions.
- The water park work will be prepared to go to bid in November, which work to be completed by Memorial Day. While the work is estimated at \$1 million, the actual cost of the work will be best known when bids are received.
- Commissioners complimented staff on the Arbor Park Playground opening, it was a flawless build, and a great job. Director Vallez reported the next park to be considered is Woodcrest in Addison. Director Vallez reported that work on Phase II of Arbor Park will include sidewalk, security lighting and fencing, with the use of ADA monies.
- In response to inquiry, Mr. Godfrey reported that staff continues to look into relocating the Tee Box at 17 to reduce or eliminate the incidence of golf balls leaving the course. The neighbors are appreciative of the work the District is doing in response to their concerns.
- Ms. Sheil reported she is securing a speaker for the Veteran’s Breakfast.
- Ms. Sheil distributed honey made from the bees at Fischer Farm, jars of which are on sale. She is working with the County to secure a state agriculture exemption for Fisher Farm.

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10. Action Items

**A. Resolution #314 Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate Owned on Woodside Drive by the Bensenville Park District**

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Resolution #314 Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate Owned on Woodside Drive by the Bensenville Park District.

In discussion, Ms. Dickson reported that adoption of the resolution will allow the Park District to convey the Property to the Woodside Homeowners Association. Commissioner Karg pointed out a necessary correction to the location of the property (from Bensenville to Wood Dale) which will be made.

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.

11. New Business

Director Vallez was directed to put a sign on the Redmond properties to sell them. He will also communicate the sale to developers who may be interested.

12. Old Business

There was no old business.

13. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session.

14. Adjournment

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

On a roll call vote:

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<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 at 7:15 p .m.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary