

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

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: Director Joseph Vallez and Mary Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez 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. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Resident Robert Chambers congratulated the Board on its receipt of a grant for Sunrise Park. He encouraged the Board to consider keeping it a park for baseball, and hopes that baseball is a use being considered in the improvement plan for the park.

4. Staff Reports

Director Vallez discussed items noted in his report, attached to the agenda.

Commissioner comments:

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- Regarding the planned sidewalk at Arbor Park, Commissioners directed Mr. Vallez to push the City for a 50% contribution on the \$79,000 cost of the installation of the sidewalk, which was a promise made by some Aldermen at the time of the City Council approval of the development plan. The City has agreed to remove the B-Box and sewer from the Park.
- Discussion ensued over replacement of the tent at White Pines, which Mr. Vallez estimates at \$140,000. He is investigating the idea of a more fixed facility, instead of another tent.
- Discussion was held concerning the condition of the Library's cabin, and the status of discussions regarding it. The consensus was if the Library District will not give the Park District the land the cabin is on, the Park District is not interested in paying for the improvements to the building itself, which is in poor condition. Mr. Vallez will investigate whether any other taxing bodies want to join in funding the repairs needed to save the cabin.
- Discussion was had concerning housing the planned simulators, which Mr. Vallez stated could be in the racquetball court area as those courts are no longer in use.
- In response to a question, Mr. Vallez reported that the work on the gaming license is almost done.
- Golf rate approvals will be set for discussion at the February 21, 2024 meeting, which will be held at 6 p.m. at White Pines.
- President Johnson questioned the Sunrise Park timeline and the project to be undertaken. Mr. Vallez responded that the plan calls for the installation of soccer fields, and no baseball fields. If baseball was left in use, there would be no room for the soccer fields. The Village's public works department is working to run a large pipe toward the park, which will alleviate flooding at the park. The Park District will work with its architect on the plans for the park.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Closed Session

There was no Closed Session. Attorney Dickson did comment on the need to review prior Closed Session minutes, which, given the nature of the February 21, 2024 meeting, will be held off until the March Committee of the Whole meeting.

7. Adjournment

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

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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           |             |               |
| Hernandez        | X           |             |               |

Motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary