

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2024**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Special 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, Evelyn Struck, Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources; and Patrick K. Bond, 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

Nancy Perry spoke regarding Rose Park not updated since 1970s

1. Rose Park
2. Why are they not splash pads in the other parks?

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4. Staff Reports

Director Vallez' report is attached to the agenda.

Discussion was held concerning:

5. Action Items

- A. Ordinance #581 Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Bensenville Park District, DuPage County and Cook County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning on the first (1st) day of May 2024, and ending on the Thirtieth (30th) day of April 2025.

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adopt Ordinance #581.

President Johnson requested a longer period of time for the Board to review the proposed Budget.

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.

6. Park District Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficient Act Meeting

- A. President Johnson called the meeting to Order at 6:08 p.m.

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B. Roll Call:

| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Johnson | X | | |
| Karg | X | | |
| Gibbs | X | | |
| Snyder | X | | |
| Hernandez | X | | |
| Pannos | X | | |
| Vallez | X | | |

C. Approval of Minutes

Member Karg moved, seconded by Gibbs to approve the minutes of November 1, 2023. 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 | | |
| Pannos | X | | |
| Vallez | X | | |

D. Discussion of Committee Work

Attorney Bond reported on the charge of the Decennial Committee. Director Vallez reported that there are approximately ten (10) areas of District Operations that Member Pannos wanted to break down the Budget process, along with the Bond process.

Member Pannos recommended a “Welcome Kit” type of notice for all of the taxing bodies to show service of the units of Government through a Resource Guide, perhaps in the Village Water Bill.

Member Pannos further suggested the pool ladders are slippery and should be non-slip. Director Vallez commented that the District is looking at this.

Member Pannos inquired that swimming is a life skill and should not be reserved for those who can afford it. She is advocating us using the free time on the pool to offer fundamental swimming lessons.

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Member Pannos inquired why there is a fence around the Splash Pad to allow access to the Splash Pad while leaving the entrances to the Pool and Parking Lot.

Member Pannos recommends a dedicated sale person for all Park District Facilities.

Member Pannos inquired about a track at Di Orio Park. This was a discussion of considering a 5 K Fun Run.

E. Public Comment

F. Survey of Residents in Attendance – Input on Matters Discussed

G. Adjournment

Member Hernandez moved, seconded by Snyder to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote:

| <u>Roll Call</u> | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Johnson | X | | |
| Karg | X | | |
| Gibbs | X | | |
| Snyder | X | | |
| Hernandez | X | | |
| Pannos | X | | |
| Vallez | X | | |

The next scheduled Meeting is August 21, 2029 to approve the Committee report.

7. Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to enter a closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

| <u>Roll Call</u> | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Abstain</u> |
|------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Johnson | X | | |
| Karg | X | | |
| Gibbs | X | | |
| Snyder | X | | |
| Hernandez | X | | |
| Pannos | X | | |
| Vallez | X | | |

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Motion Carried.

The Board returned to Open Session.

8. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to adjourn the Special Meeting on a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted “aye.” The motion carried.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary Nancy Gibbs