

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 17, 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, Andrew Godfrey, Head Golf Professional; Evelyn Struck, Superintendent of Finance and Human Resources; Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Paul Palian, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications, Nicole Chesak, Superintendent of Recreation; Laura Borshell, Front Desk, Christine Shiel, Fischer Farm Manager, and Mary E. Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, 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 Karg, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 26, 2024.

In discussion, Commissioner Karg commented that the phrase Redmond Park, should be made Redmond Park lots to be more clear as to the property being described.

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On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Motion to approve Accounts Payable dated 6/27/24 of \$293,878.19 Payroll dated 6/28/24 of \$296,369.17 for a Grand Total of \$590,369.17. Accounts Payable dated 7/11/24 of \$461,857.56 Payroll Dated 7/12/24 of \$288,223.90 for a Grand Total of \$750,081.46.

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

Mike Jaffe: Complimented staff working at the golf course, and on the condition of the course. He recommended that the District secure agreement with the Fire Protection District over golf ball damage. He also suggested keeping staff employe year around to take care of the trees which may be overhanging fairways.

Taylor Forrester. The District should adopt a policy of “No Tolerance” for alcohol at all events. She stated that in attendance at soccer games and basketball games, she noted the garbage cans were full of alcohol bottles.

Robert Chambers. He is a BBAA member, and has been in the Village a while. As a parent volunteer, he asked the Board to support the BBAA. It has a process to keep “bad actors” out of

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the organization, and to keep it professional. He did not want to see the District start its own program.

Pete Carbonaro. Mr. Carbonaro advised the Board of continuing issues with golf balls coming onto his property. Dead trees are along the border, therefore not serving as much of a block. Balls are coming in over the fence and there is no safe place to be at his home. It is a dangerous situation.

Matt Marino. Mr. Marino is the President of the BBAA. He commented on a recent BBAA event at which Park Staff noted alcohol being consumed on District grounds, and as a result, evicted BBAA members. The BBAA did not supply alcohol. It was not provided an opportunity to talk with members prior to their eviction from the grounds. He complained of the demeanor of the Park employee, who he said could have handled the situation in a different manner, as some adults were told to leave prior to being allowed to get their children. Innocent people were also forced to leave, rather than just those who were violating rules. He stated he has heard rumors that the District wants to have its own club, and to not allow BBAA to use its facilities. He stated the BBAA is a vital organization in the Village, and has been for greater than 70 years, and has been a partner with the District for many years.

President Johnson responded to the comments regarding the BBAA, stating he was at the District in response to complaints about the BBAA party, and saw photos of garbage and cans, and heard complaints regarding parking on the grass. The BBAA should know of the District's zero tolerance rule.

Director Vallez stated he issued the directive to staff to evict the BBAA. Certain members of the BBAA have been verbally abusive to staff.

6. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez distributed information about the NEDSRA golf outing, and informed the Board of an upcoming "active shooter" event which will be held at Fenton High School on 8/2. The District may be required to have some programs start later or be relocated to accommodate the event, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

7. Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported on various upcoming NEDSRA activities.
- B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported on the coming meeting of the Foundation.
- C. BBAA- Mr. Aguinaga reported that Slug Fest is planned, and that BBAA has some make-up games to play due to rain.

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D. Chamber of Commerce – Commissioner Karg reported that the Chamber golf outing was on 7/9.

8. Staff Reports

Director Vallez' and staff reports are attached to the agenda.

Discussion was held concerning:

The cost to tar and chip the golf course, which is estimated at \$534,000. Blacktop would be \$1.5 to \$2 million. In response to questions, he stated better maintenance of the tar and chip paths would have extended the life of the paths. The architectural work to draft bid specifications would be approximately \$150,000.

Discussion was had concerning changes to the Lunch Bunch dates, as the dates in the written program are incorrect.

President Johnson directed Mr. Vallez to open discussions with the Forest Preserve District again concerning the connection of the bike path at Fischer Farm.

Mr. Vallez commented on the passing of Paul DeMichele, who he stated was always complimentary of the District, and will be missed.

9. Action Items

A. Ordinance #581 Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Bensenville Park District, Du Page 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 suggested the Board meet in special session to discuss the budget and appropriation ordinance. The Board will meet at 5 p.m. on August 7, 2024 in workshop session for this purpose.

On questioning, Ms. Struck stated that the Board could hold off approval of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance until the August meeting.

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to table approval of Ordinance #581 to August 7, 2024.

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On a roll call vote to table:

<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. Approval of Fischer Farm Fencing Project Bid/Contractor, D Kersey Construction, For the Amount of \$409,999.40

Commissioner Karg moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Fencing Project Bid submitted by Contractor D Kersey Construction for the amount of \$409,999.40.

In discussion, Director Vallez stated that funds for which contract will be partly from ADA, and some from other revenues. As he meets with the contractor, it is possible additional work may be added. At present, the contract is for fencing of the chicken coop and around it. D Kersey Construction was the lowest bidder. The District has received a matching grant for the work, which is approximately \$1 million in total.

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.

C. Approval of DGLC Lighting Bid/Contractor, Eco Lighting Service & Technology, For the Amount of \$358,640.00

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the DGLC Lighting Bid submitted by Eco Lighting Service & Technology change order in the amount of \$358,640.

Director Vallez stated Eco Lighting was the lowest bidder on the project. The contract calls for replacement of all lighting at the pool and DGLC. Commissioner Snyder commented on the

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difference between the highest and this bid, to which Director Vallez commented it would be the difference in labor costs. On questioning, he stated Eco was vetted for the bid.

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.

D. Approval of Sunrise Park Bid, E Hoffman, For the Amount of \$874,382.00

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Sunrise Park Bid submitted by E. Hoffman in the amount of \$874,432.00.

In discussion, Director Vallez stated that the work included the renovation of Sunrise Park, including soccer field, pickle ball courts, and drainage. The existing playground will be removed. The District received a \$571,000 OSLAD grant for the work. The District must match the grant.

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.

F. Approval of White Pines Netting Project For the Amount of Not to Exceed \$70,000.

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the White Pines Netting Project For the Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000, and to waive bid requirements.

In discussion, Director Vallez stated monies for the program are coming from the Capital Fund or Bond Revenue. The netting is just for work at the 17th hole. He still wants to meet with the Fire Chief regarding issues at that hole. This project comes before the Board on an emergency

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basis, and was not taken to bid. The golf balls leaving the District property have created a dangerous condition.

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.

F. Resolution #318 Authorizing the Settlement of Various Tax Objection Cases Concerning the Recreation for the Handicapped Fund for the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Levy

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Resolution #318 Authorizing the Settlement of Various Tax Objection Cases Concerning the Recreation for the Handicapped Fund for the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 Levy.

In discussion, Ms. Dickson stated that that the settlement proposed was negotiated to resolve all five years of tax objections. In the settlement, several objections will be dismissed, and the rest settled for approximately 50% of the claim in the amount of \$117,000. The settlement resolves all pending objections.

Director Vallez commented that funds for settlement will come out of existing funds. The tax payout expected in August is approximately \$500,000, and there is approximately \$150,000-175,000 in the fund currently. Some monies are from payments which were to be made to NEDSRA during COVID, when NEDSRA did not operate.

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.

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10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Old Business

There was no old business.

12. Closed Session

There was no call for Closed Session.

13. Adjourn

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

On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted “aye.” The motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary