

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 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; Louis Aguinaga, Superintendent of Building and Grounds, Paul Palian, Superintendent of Marketing & Communications, Laura Borshell, Front Desk; Christine Shiel, Fischer Farm Manager, and Mary Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Agenda.

President Johnson stated he would like to move Action Item 9.B. forward after the agenda is approved.

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 Ordinance #582 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000.00 for the Payment of Land Condemned or Purchased for Parks, for the Building, Maintaining, Improving and Protecting of the Same and the Existing Land and Facilities of the District and for the Payment of the Expenses Incident Thereto**

Commissioner Karg moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to Approve Ordinance #582 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the

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In discussion, Bond representative Aaron Gould informed the Board that the GO Bond is to provide \$4.5 million to fund capital projects. It will be repaid over a period of 10 years, and will be paid through roll over bonds and other existing revenue sources. There is no cost to the taxpayers and the District will still have money left over to fund other projects.

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.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 17, 2024.

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. Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve Accounts Payable dated 7/25/24 of \$332,941.44 Payroll dated of 7/26/24 of \$294,118.79 for a Grand Total of \$627,060.23. Accounts Payable dated 8/8/24 of \$224,904.89 Payroll Dated 8/9/24 of \$289,635.27 for a Grand Total of \$514,540.16.

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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.

6. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Ms. Shiel introduced members of the Fischer Farm 4 H Club, most of whom recently won prizes at the DuPage County Fair for their work in the Club.

Peter Carbonaro – referenced again the golf balls landing in his yard from the 17th Hole. It is worse than before, and he is pleading for help from the District.

Director Vallez informed the Board the District is waiting for the supplier to provide the netting which is planned to address the situation.

7. Communications and Correspondence

None was received.

8. Liaison Reports

A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported that meetings are on pause for the summer.

B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported that the District received \$9,874, which will be used at Fischer Farm.

C. BBAA- No report.

D. Chamber of Commerce – No report.

9. Staff Reports

Director Vallez and staff members alerted the Board to various matters contained in their Staff Reports attached to the Agenda.

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Director Vallez complimented the Buildings and Grounds staff on their work, particularly at Veteran’s Park.

Ms. Schmidt reported that she plans to apply for grants for Rose and Kremple Parks.

Commissioner Hernandez asked about the whereabouts of the picnic table which was at Lions Park. Mr. Aguinaga will investigate this.

Commissioner Hernandez also questioned the work on the cart paths. Director Vallez reported he is meeting with a contractor to address drainage issues which have addressed the carts paths.

President Johnson suggested that with all the capital projects due to commence, the District should secure signage alerting the public to future capital projects which will be underway.

10. Action Items

A. Approval of \$24,525.25 from Donegal Services, LLC for White Pines Golf Club Range Building Demolition

Commissioner Karg moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approval of \$24,525.25 from Donegal Services, LLC for White Pines Golf Club Range Building Demolition

In discussion, Director Vallez reported that the District received three bids for the work, with this one being the lowest 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.

C. Approval of Change Order for IHC Construction Companies, LLC for White Pines Golf Course Camera and Data Conduit Installations Not to Exceed \$50,000.

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the Change Order for IHC Construction Companies, LLC for White Pines Golf Course Camera and Data Conduit Installations Not to Exceed \$50,000.

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In discussion, Director Vallez stated that the change order was to fund installation of wire to allow wifi from the main building to the halfway house.

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 Bensenville Park District Building Access and Visitor Policy #P240821

At the request of Counsel, this item was removed from the agenda, until she could confer with Staff.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Old Business

Commissioner Karg asked that staff send to her information regarding the Decennial meeting. She also expressed concern over the operation of the District I-pad, which she will discuss with Evelyn Struck.

13. Closed Session

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to enter closed session to discuss minutes of closed meetings pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c) 21.

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		

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Motion carried.

14. Adjourn

On return to Open Session, it was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to adjourn.

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

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary