

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 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. Public Hearing

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to open the Public Hearing.

Director Vallez informed the Board that the funds from the proposed bond sale will be used to pay for the Capital Projects previously discussed, including but not limited to: Sunrise Park, pool basin repair, Fischer Farm.

There was no public present.

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, to close the Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote:

| | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Gibbs | X | |
| Johnson | X | |
| Karg | X | |
| Snyder | X | |
| Hernandez | X | |

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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On a roll call vote:

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

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2024.

In discussion, Commissioner Karg noted that Commissioner Snyder was absent, but shown to have seconded a motion. The correction 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.

5. Approval of Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg 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.

On a roll call vote:

| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Johnson | X | | |
| Karg | X | | |

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| Gibbs | X |
| Snyder | X |
| Hernandez | X |

Motion carried.

6. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

There was no public present.

7. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez provided the latest copies of Wazzup Bensenville.

8. Liaison Reports

A. NEDSRA – Ms. Schmidt reported that the NEDSRA golf outing is 9/19 and that 136 golfers were participating. The Rise Event is 11/1 from 6 to 9 p.m.

B. Bensenville Community Foundation – Commissioner Karg reported that the Foundation will participate once again in the Suburu Feel the Love campaign, and recommended Director Vallez submit for a portion of the grant funding.

B. BBAA- BBAA is using D’Orio field for practice. A recent situation with the Raiders occurred.

D. Chamber of Commerce – An individual is resigning meaning the Chamber will be looking for a new director.

9. Staff Reports

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

Director Vallez reported on his plan to address the acquisition of Mohawk School. He intends to see if the School District will transfer title to the Park District, and then the Park District will secure grant funding to acquire the Park. If there is no funding forthcoming, the deed will contain a reverted clause to return the property to the School District

Discussion also ensued concerning the recent confrontation at D’Orio involving the BBAA and Raiders, concerning the use of the fields. The BBAA believed it had use of the fields until 6:30; the Raiders said they had a contract allowing them to use the fields commencing at 6. The BBA was correct, but the Raiders also had a contract signed by the former Superintendent of

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Recreation. A Raiders representative was of particular concern in that he used foul language in front of the residents present, including the youth athletes. The Park District staff will monitor future use to avoid future confrontations.

Commissioner Snyder stated that the District’s plan to provide welcome packets to new residents based on water billing would not capture those residents who lease rather than own properties.

Discussion of Veteran’s Day activities occurred.

10. Action Items

There were no action items.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Old Business

President Johnson reported that there is comment on social media concerning the District’s decision to sell the four Redmond Lots. He pointed out that the District had declared the lots surplus many years ago, with the intent to sell the lots to secure funding for other Park projects. The District asked the Village whether it was interested in buying the lots, or exchanging the lots for the provision of water to Fisher Farm at not cost to the District. The Village was not interested in this, however, Director Vallez stated, the Village’s position may be changing based on recent discussions with the Village.

President Johnson also asked whether volunteers were needed at Harvest Fest, offering to volunteer his own time. Volunteers are welcome, and should contact Ms. Schiel at the Farm.

Commissioner Karg asked whether pickle ball would return to be played at the gym. Director Vallez replied it would soon return,

13. Closed Session

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to enter closed session to discuss specific personnel pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c)1.

On a roll call vote:

| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Johnson | X | | |
| Karg | X | | |

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| Gibbs | X |
| Snyder | X |
| Hernandez | X |

Motion carried.

14. Adjourn

On return to Open Session, 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 6:50 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary