

**Bensenville Park District  
 Board of Park Commissioners  
 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
 Wednesday, November 20, 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, Phyllis Schmitt, Special Projects, Christine Shiel, Fischer Farm Manager, and Mary E. Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, 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. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the regular meeting of October 16, 2024. Minutes from October 2, 2024 were not available.

On a roll call vote:

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<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 Accounts Payable

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Accounts Payable dated 10/31/24 of \$550,069.65 Payroll dated 10/18/24 of \$181,702.01 Payroll dated 11/01/24 of \$170,688.79 for a Grand Total of \$902,460.45. Accounts Payable dated 11/14/24 of \$378,437.50 Payroll dated 11/15/24 of \$160,420.01 for a Grand Total of \$538,857.51.

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

Resident Peter Carbonaro commented in regard to the continuing incidence of golf balls leaving the course at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and entering his property, despite the installation of netting at the hole. He is frustrated at the continuing inability to prevent this, as he has sustained personal injury and property damage.

Resident Mike Jaffee complimented Andrew Godfrey for the work at White Pines, stating that the Course is headed in the right direction. He also commented on prior Minutes which addressed an issue with a fitness instructor, commenting that the minutes were inaccurate.

6. Park District Decennial Committee On Local Government Efficiency Act Meeting

A. Call to Order

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President Johnson called the Committee Meeting to Order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was said.

C. Approval of Minutes - November 6, 2024

Member Hernandez, seconded by Member Gakovic, moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 20254 meeting.

<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		
Gakovic	X		
Vallez	X		

Motion carried.

D. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)

Member Pannos commented that she read the information provided by the District for Committee review, and the information concerning the Personnel Policy was old, with no updates or appendices included. She also stated she did not believe the Committee had input into the Report, which was provided for review, and asked how the Report was prepared. Director Vallez, working with the staff, provided the report. It will be updated to include Member Pannos' comments regarding recreation programming.

E. Survey of Residents in Attendance - Input On Matters Discussed 1. Email Addresses

No residents were present.

F. Approval of Decennial Committee Report

Committee member Gakovic, seconded by Committee Member Snyder moved to approve the Report, as amended, for submittal.

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

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Karg	X
Gibbs	X
Snyder	X
Hernandez	X
Pannos	X
Gakovic	X
Vallez	X

Motion carried.

G. Adjournment

Committee Member Karg, seconded by Committee Member Gibbs moved to adjourn the Committee meeting. On a voice vote, all members present voted “aye.”

8. Board Liaison Reports

- A. NEDSRA: Ms. Schmidt commented on NEDSRA activities, including the December 5, 2024 final board meeting of the year.
- B. Community Foundation: Commissioner Karg commented on an upcoming meeting, however there was no agenda yet.
- C. BBAA: Mr. Aguinaga reported a meeting was held on November 11, BBAA is working on a winter clinic.
- D. Paul Palian reported that the annual meeting is scheduled at White Pines.

9. Staff Reports

Staff reports are attached to the Agenda for the meeting. Commissioner questions arising from the Staff Reports:

- Commissioners commented on Director Vallez’ report that the School District sold half of the Mohawk School property to the Village. The District continues to want \$575,000 for the remaining half of the property.
- Director Vallez commented on work issues at Fischer Farm, and the need to redo some of the work undertaken by a current contractor.
- In response to a question from Commissioner Karg, Director Vallez stated that the fitness center roof was replaced about fifteen years ago. It is experiencing several leaks. Resident Pannos suggested that the District have a drone view of the roof taken, which will show leaks and heat escape issues.
- In response to a question concerning the lighting on the new sign, Director Vallez stated it is code compliant.

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10. Action Items

A. Approval of 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Commissioner Karg, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

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.

B. Ordinance 584 An Ordinance Providing for the Annual Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve Ordinance 584.

In discussion, Ms. Struck commented that the levy increase is 4.99%, but the District will not secure the whole of the increase as it is based on the CPI.

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. Ordinance #585 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Hereto Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay the Principal of and Interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014A, and General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2024

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It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve Ordinance #585.

In discussion, Ms. Struck stated that the abatement is for annual taxes for the White Pines Bond issue.

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. Acceptance of the Bensenville Park District's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024

It was moved by Commissioner Snyder, seconded by Commissioner Karg to Accept the Bensenville Park District's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 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.

11. New Business

There was no New Business.

12. Old Business

There was no Old Business

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13. Closed Session

Commissioner Hernandez moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs, to enter closed session to discuss minutes of Closed Session meetings.

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.

14. Adjourn

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

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

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary