

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:33 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, Laura Borshell, Front Desk, Christine Shiel, Fischer Farm Manager, Jason Louro, Interim Superintendent of Recreation, 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 Gibbs to approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting for October 2, 2024, and December 4, 2024, and the regular meeting of November 20, 2024.

In discussion, Commissioner Karg noted that the November 20, 2024 minutes state the 18th hole was at issue, whereas it should be 17th hole.

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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 Gibbs to approve Accounts Payable dated November 27, 2024 of \$1,569,781.93 Payroll dated November 27, 2024 of \$238,002.00 for a Grand Total of \$1,807,783.93. Accounts Payable dated December 12, 2024 of \$226,217.10 Payroll Dated December 13, 2024 of \$150,274.96 for a Grand Total of \$150,274.96.

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 Mike Jaffee advocated for the acquisition of a ping-pong table for the seniors in the Oak Room.

6. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez stated there was none.

7. Board Liaison Reports

A. NEDSRA: Director Vallez stated he is meeting with the new director, and that he will offer the Park District as the location for the 2025 Holiday Party.

B. Community Foundation: Commissioner Karg stated there was no report, as there was no quorum.

- C. BBAA: Mr. Aguinaga reported BBAA is sponsoring a Winter Clinic, and is planning to use the D’Orio field in the next year. Director Vallez stated he wants to hold a conversation with the Commissioners to discuss the District’s future relationship with BBAA, and to develop guidelines for use of the District’s properties.
- D. Chamber of Commerce: Commissioner Karg reported there was no report.

8. Staff Reports

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

Discussion was held concerning:

- the Mohawk School property, and the Village’s use of the part of the property it acquired to do a \$150,000 remediation project.
- The water park condition. The crack noted earlier in the deck is getting larger, and the contractor who did the work will be called back and will have to most likely reconstruct the 3 foot by 75 foot area affected, which was most likely caused by the concrete not curing properly. It is estimated the work is about \$100,000. The District has held back funds from the contractor.
- DGLC parking lot lighting project continues to be an issue, and the rehabilitation of the error will be approximately \$200,000, which amount is being withheld from the contractor.
- The Village’s decision not to require dog tags for dogs in the Village, and the impact it may have on the District’s plan to open a dog park.
- Redmond Lot negotiations continue. The Commissioners asked that Director Vallez provide the Board with a written contract for evaluation to continue the negotiations. Director Vallez was directed to counter for the four lots at \$280,000.
- Commissioner Hernandez asked staff to evaluate programming costs. Director Vallez stated the goal is always to make programming costs minimal, but recognizes the costs may not be affordable. He stated he would work with staff to understand the affordability of programming.
- Commissioner Hernandez suggested the District work on spotlighting new staff, something Director Vallez stated is done on an on-going basis.
- Commissioner Hernandez also commented on the lack of information in the brochure about 37 Bar and Grill.
- President Johnson asked that staff investigate the condition of the peace pole.
- The Commissioners commended Director Vallez and Mr. Palian on their length of service to the District.
- President Johnson asked about the work on the 17th hole, which was discussed. Staff continues to investigate ways to lessen golf balls leaving the property at this location.
- Discussion ensued over how the District can offer programming to members of the Village police force, particularly as to members no longer active duty. Director Vallez stated he will discuss this matter with the Village.

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9. Action Items

Approval of 2025 Golf Rates for White Pines Golf Club

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the 2025 Golf Rates for White Pines Golf Club.

In discussion, Andrew Godfrey stated the rates are recommended for increase across the board for non-residents. The rates proposed are solid, and still lower than those at neighboring courses. Approximately 95-98 percent of those golfing at White Pines are not District residents.

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.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Old Business

There was no old business.

12. Closed Session

Commissioner Gibbs moved, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to enter closed session to discuss the acquisition of land, sale of land and review of specific personnel, pursuant to, respectively, 5 ILCS 2(c)5, 6 and 1.

On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted “aye.” The Commissioners entered Closed Session after a short break.

13. Adjourn

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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 8:21 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary