

**Bensenville Park District
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibbs	X	
Johnson	X	
Karg		X * Ms. Karg entered the meeting at 5:42 p.m.
Snyder	X	
Hernandez	X	

Staff in attendance: Director Joseph Vallez and Mary E. Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Snyder 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 November 6, 2024 and the regular meeting of December 18, 2024.

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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 Hernandez to approve Accounts Payable dated 12/26/2024 of \$196,002.43 Payroll dated 12/27/24 of \$156,355.26 for a Grand Total of \$352,357.69. Accounts Payable dated 01/09/25 of \$454,499.27 Payroll Dated 1/10/25 of \$148,288.54 for a Grand Total of \$607,787.81.

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

Anna Szostek commented on the possibility that the Fenton Aquatic Center is closing, and encouraged the Board to consider opening an aquatic center. In this regard, she stated that the church property on Illinois Route 83 could be purchased for this purpose.

Board members commented that they had not heard the Center was closing. Director

6. Communications and Correspondence

Director Vallez stated there was none.

9. Action Item

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A. Ordinance #O2025-1 Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$761,000.00 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the District for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve Ordinance #O2025-1.

In discussion, Anthony Miceli, a representative of Speer Financial, stated that this issuance is for purposes of the annual roll-over bond. The bond bidding was strong, with the best bid submitted by Republic Bank of Chicago, at 3.56%.

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.

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

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

Discussion was held concerning:

- Issues arising from the installation of the original light poles, which were not to the specifications ordered. There has been an admission that a mistake was made by Larson Engineering. Approximately 25 poles are wrong. Director Vallez stated he is holding the contractors to the contract.
- The vacant District home will be rented to Paul Lowery, who will be responsible to be on call in the event needed as part of his residency in the house.
- Video gaming machines were discussed, they are old, and Director Vallez wants to discuss securing an update to the present machines.
- In response to a question from Commissioner Hernandez, Director Vallez reported that on-line registration is close to going live.
- Discussion was held regarding indoor soccer possibilities. Director Vallez reported that domes for such use are very expensive. The District is looking into year-round soccer programming.
- Discussion was held concerning the District's current good financial profile, particularly as to income from the golf course, and how to increase the revenue deriving from the course.

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 minutes of closed meetings, the acquisition of land, sale of land, and review of specific personnel, pursuant to, respectively, 5 ILCS 2(c)21, 5, 6 and 1.

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

13. Return to Open Session

Action on Closed Minutes

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Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to approve the minutes of Closed Sessions of the Board held on August 21, 2024, October 16, 2024, November 20, 2024 and December 18, 2024.

In discussion, attorney Dickson advised that approval of the minutes does not mean the minutes are subject to declassification.

Property Discussion

President Johnson reported that he has been contacted by a representative of the purchasers of the Church Property to discuss the District's removal of opposition to the pending zoning petition. Discussion was held concerning status of the zoning petition. Director Vallez will check on status and report to the Board. President Johnson stated if the zoning is denied, the Board should seriously attempt to negotiate the acquisition of the property, and for this Director Vallez will determine what the current offer for the property is. If the District was to make an offer, Director Vallez recommended it to be payable over time.

14. Adjourn

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

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

The meeting stands adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved:

President Rich Johnson

Secretary

