

Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Community Center
600 N. Main Street, Wauconda, IL

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
At 6 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: Commissioners –Berrelez, Carr, Bianco, Tallman, and Starkey
Commissioners Tallman, Carr, Bianco and Starkey were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Berrelez was absent. The following members of the public attended the meeting: JoAnn Freeman.
3. Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2025 – Regular Session Minutes
A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from March 25, 2025, was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll call: All Aye
Discussion- Commissioner Starkey asked about the comment under the Administration Report regarding possible signage for plants at Phil’s Beach. Commissioner Carr stated he meant the plants in the back area of Cook Park.
4. Comments from the Public - None
5. Communications – Director Staton presented a note from the site judge from the April 1 elections stating how nice it was to work with the Park District. He also presented a Bangs Lake treatment letter from Public Works and mentioned the Earth Day event flyer that was put in each Commissioner mailbox.
6. Approval of Disbursements – March 26, 2025 – April 8, 2025 = \$78,288.46
A motion to approve the disbursements from March 26, 2025-April 8, 2025, in the amount of \$78,288.46 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Tallman Roll call: All Aye
Discussion: Commissioner Bianco asked if Master Card payments can be distributed by account number, not lumped together. Director Staton said he will check with our Finance Department.
7. Committee Reports
 - A.) Recreation- Director Babicz reviewed her written report. Highlights included- Easter Events coming up, Camp Wauconda numbers, adult trips coming up, Marinas are open and staff training.
Discussion- Commissioner Tallman stated that numbers look good for spring/summer programs. Commissioner Starkey stated that he likes the table in the vestibule with marketing materials.
 - B.) Finance- No report
 - C.) Park Maintenance- Staton reviewed Director Drinkwine’s written report. Highlights included- purchase of a new truck, Phil’s Beach preparations, installation of marina piers and installation of Osage playground.
 - D.) W-Fest- No report
 - E.) Comprehensive Plan- Director Staton reviewed the new Comprehensive Plan Grid. Highlights- ADA plan, Osage Park update, Improvements at Larkdale, Recreation programming for teens and adults.
Discussion- Starkey asked where next year’s projects are listed. Discussion was had on how to make items measurable, what’s next for buildings at Bangs Lake Marina, and how we

gauge when we move forward with the plan as well as making sure we look ahead for the next year.

- F.) Administration- Staton reviewed his written report. Highlights included- Congratulations to Commissioners that were re-elected, Board elections will be the first meeting in May, new budget timeline was presented, and Facility Manager Ftacek is working the Wauconda Police Department on a Bangs Lake Marina keychain with lake information and possible QR code to register boats.

Discussion: The Board and Director Staton talked about providing an update on social media regarding Osage Park.

8. New Business

- A. Discussion and Approval – Hitchcock Bangs Lake Marina Design-

This item will be tabled to the next meeting, April 22, 2025.

9. Unfinished Business

- A.) Human Resources Coordinator- Director Staton in meeting with L&A to discuss a contract. Director Staton asked for a consensus from the Board to move forward with a contract.

Discussion- Commissioner Bianco asked if we would have the same person as our contact on a regular basis and whether we can review the hours needed based on slow versus busy times? Starkey inquired about the billing process. Discussion was had on the process of how onboarding would work.

10. Commissioners Comments- None

11. Executive Session – If needed for the

1. Litigation – Pending or Imminent 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)
2. Personnel – Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
3. Real Estate – Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
Setting Price for Sale/Lease 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)

12. Issues to be voted on by Board that were discussed in executive session

13. Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 pm by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll call: All Aye

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