

WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT
Board Meeting
April 12, 2022
Community Center

At 7:00 pm, Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, and Micelli were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Bader was absent due to a conflict with travel for work.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from March 22, 2022, was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from Public

None

Communications

None

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from March 23-April 12, 2022, in the amount of \$64,480.01 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz discussed the past weeks Easter events. She updated the Board on the District’s plan to begin using Constant Contact to market programs and services. We stated that we have slowly begun to collect names for our list. Executive Director Staton added that we may be able to pull some email addresses from the registration system, but this could be time consuming. Club registration has begun for the next school year with a decent amount of registration coming in the first week. Athletic program registration continues to increase with over one hundred and eleven participants signed-up for session three programs.

B. Finance – Shannon from Lauderbach and Amen has been on vacation the past week. She has been working with staff at Sage Software to redevelop our budget report which was broken in the software. Staff hopes to have this issue resolved by the next Board Meeting.

C. Park Maintenance – Director Drinkwine provided a written report. Parks staff recently unplugged a drain at Meadowview Park which was causing a backup of rain and snow melt in

the area. Playground mulch has been ordered to fill the District's playgrounds over the next few weeks. A new slide for Meadowview Park arrived this week and will be installed soon. The District has been waiting for this slide since June 2021. The first section of the piers has been installed at the New Marina. Due to staff shortages later this week, the Parks Department will be back next week to hopefully finish the installation at this location.

D. Risk Management – A written report will be provided at the next meeting.

E. W-Fest – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19 in the Board Room.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton reported that he met with the owners of the property at Dock's and that they had inquired about the Park District paying for half of their parking lot paving project since the District uses the area to park trailers and cars that are using the Marina. The Board was in agreement with Staton's recommendation not to agree to this inquiry because this is not a priority project of the District and the District does not have the funds available for this project at this time.

Executive Director Staton also met with Brittany Barth-Niggeman from Lindy's Landing in regard to Lindy's leasing the Beach front at Beach Park to host some of their activities this summer. He noted that the beach is not permitted for swimming and that he would investigate with PDRMA and the Lake County Health Department the requirements for swimming to be allowed at this location. Staton will follow-up with the Board at the next Board meeting.

The Board was reminded that the District's annual meeting is normally the first meeting in May. Staton inquired if the Board still wanted to hold elections during this timeframe. The Board agreed that they would hold elections on May 10.

Two tenants are still in the apartments at the former Wauconda Boat. Executive Director Staton asked the Board to start thinking about how they will want to redevelop this park site. This will most likely be tied into the comprehensive plan discussion.

New Business

A. Clarke Aquatics Proposal – Jennifer Biancalana and Jeremy Stoltzner from Clarke Aquatics were present at the meeting to present to the Board information about the herbicides sprayed into the lake as part of the annual Village of Wauconda Lake Weed Control Program. After the presentation Jennifer stated that she could put together a short Q and A for the District to have which would be helpful when participants ask questions. A motion to approve a onetime treatment of the shorelines at Cook Park, Beach Park, Phil's Beach, and the former Wauconda Boat in the amount of \$2792.00 was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

B. Gaspers Rental -Request for Alcohol 9/17 – Donna Gaspers had written the Board a letter requesting permission to serve beer and wine at her brother's memorial service to be held at

Phil's Beach on September 17, 2022. After a short discussion, a motion to approve Donna Gasper's request to serve beer and wine to the guests at her brother's memorial service on September 17, 2022, was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

C. Marina Name – At a previous meeting the Board had come up with several names for the new marina formerly known as Wauconda Boat. Executive Director Staton asked the Board to submit their top three choices to him prior to tonight's meeting to help facilitate this discussion. Three commissioners liked the name Bangs Lake Marina, two commissioners liked the name Wauconda Marina, two commissioners like Spirit Water Marina, and two liked Boats and Bait on Bangs. After a short discussion about each of these names, a motion to approve the new name of the marina as Bangs Lake Marina and to officially name the Marina in Beach Park, Beach Park Marina was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye

Unfinished Business

A. FY22-23 Budget – Executive Director Staton presented the Board with a draft of the FY22-23 Budget. Staton gave a brief overview of each of the funds and stated that the District was currently budgeting in a deficit for the upcoming year due to several capital projects that had not been completed in the past few years due to budget constraints caused by COVID. Executive Director Staton will review some of the numbers and provide a better summary at the next meeting.

B. Intergovernmental Agreement – Century Tree Program – The Board was presented with the final draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Century Tree Program with the Village. After a short discussion a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement related to the Century Tree Program between the Park District and The Village of Wauconda was made by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Berrelez stated that she was looking for the volunteer sign-up genius space on our website and could not find it. Director Babicz stated that she would look into it and follow-up. Commissioner Berrelez also stated that she liked our website and thought that it was very nice.

Executive Session – Not needed

Issues to be voted on by the Board that were discussed in Executive Session

None

Adjournment

At 8:35 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.