

WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT  
Board Meeting  
October 11, 2022  
Community Center

At 7:00 pm, Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, Micelli, and Bader were present, along with Executive Director Staton. Aaron Gold from Speer Financial, Inc. was also in attendance at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from September 27, 2022, was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from Public

None

Communications

Commissioner Starkey shared with the Board a message that he received to contact Jim Davis regarding the early than normal date for the piers to be taken out at the Bangs Lake Marina. Executive Director Staton advised that he had talked with Mr. Davis and informed him that Commissioner Starkey was out of town and may not return his call right away.

Executive Director Staton mentioned that the Board had information on the upcoming NISRA Fashion Show and the annual IPRA/IAPD Conference in their packet.

Staton also included in the Board packet a letter of support that he had written to Mayor Sode in support of the Village's Stormwater Capital Improvement Grant that the Village had recently applied for.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from September 27 – October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$45,865.03 was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz was not present at the meeting but provided a written report for the Board. Executive Director Staton reviewed her report with the Board highlighting: an

increase in participation for Coffee, Cards, and More, Winners of the Annual Scarecrow Contest, Athletic numbers continue to increase, and upcoming preschool events.

B. Finance – Staton advised that a financial report would be presented at the next meeting on October 25.

C. Park Maintenance – The Park staff continue with routine park maintenance. They have begun taking the marinas out of the lake. Winterization of the splash pad looks to begin this week. Winter equipment is being checked and prepared for the upcoming season. Director Drinkwine is researching the cost of some future projects including the cost to rebuild the launch pier at the Bangs Lake Marina and the cost of new doors for the barn.

D. Risk Management – Facility Manager Ftacek will provide a report at the second meeting of the month on October 25.

E. Wauconda Fest – The Wauconda Fest meeting planned for October 5 was cancelled due to low attendance. The meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton provided the Board with a written report. The Board was presented with a copy of the recently completed Needs Assessment Survey. Director Staton will be meeting with Lacey Lawrence from Hitchcock Design later this week to discuss the next steps to get back on track with the comprehensive plan.

Staton will be taking time off on October 17, October 26-November 1 and November 24-November 29.

The application for the Osage Park OSLAD grant was submitted on time. The District will not hear for three to four months if we receive the grant. If the District doesn't receive the grant they could apply again during the next cycle or look at doing pieces of the project (for example the pickleball court) outside of the grant cycle.

### New Business

A. Bond Ordinance 2022-05 – An ordinance providing for the issue of \$224,035 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, of the District for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain outstanding alternate bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the purchaser thereof.

B. Ballfield Improvements – Executive Director Staton has been working with LYAA and Northern Ice to develop a plan for field improvements to all the District's Ballfields. Staton presented the Board with a plan to begin making repairs to all the fields with shared costs

between the three organizations. A motion to approve the ballfield improvement plan presented by Director Staton with a cost not to exceed \$8000 was made by Commissioner Bader and Seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

C. District's Health Insurance – Staton presented the Board with his recommendation for the District's Health Plan options. Staton recommended the following options to the Board regarding the District's Health Plan: a PPO plan with a \$1500 deductible and \$1000 HRA with a RX1 plan and an HMO Plan with Rx 1. Both options include Dental/Ortho, Life Insurance 1 x annual salary, Vision \$400, and Domestic Partner Eligibility. A motion to approve the District's Health Insurance Benefit Options as recommended by Executive Director Staton was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

D. Bangs Lake Marina Piers – Discussion on the replacement of the service pier at the Bangs Lake Marina was tabled until the next meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

A. Tree Trimming – Discussion on a tree trimming quote received by the District for work at Phil's Beach and along the Liberty Lakes Trail was tabled until the next meeting.

B. Phil's Beach After Season Hours – Executive Director Staton advised that staff had no updates on this topic at this time.

C. Signage Bangs Lake Marina - Executive Director Staton advised that staff had no updates on this topic at this time.

D. FAQ Topics - Executive Director Staton advised that staff had no updates on this topic at this time.

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Starkey stated that he had a conversation with Mayor Sode about the Parks Foundation collecting funds for the Memorial Path Project and donating the funds to the Village for the Path. Starkey asked the Board if they were Ok with, he and Director Staton revisiting this topic with Foundation President Robert Berrelez. There was no objection.

#### Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

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)

was made by Commissioner Bader and Seconded by Commissioner Berrelez Roll Call: all aye.

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

None

Adjournment

At 8:20 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.