

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
February 13, 2024
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, Tallman and Bianco were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. JoAnn Freeman, Marketing Coordinator, and Island Lake resident was in attendance to observe the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from January 23, 2024, was motioned by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton shared with the Board a thank you note from the Chamber of Commerce for the District's participation in the Holiday Walk, a calendar from IAPD with upcoming event dates, and an invitation to NISRA's Recognition Night.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from January 24, 2024 – February 13, 2024, in the amount of \$136,430.72 was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz discussed her written report with the Board. Highlights included Club Days Off, Registration for Preschool beginning, and youth basketball leagues. Regarding safety and training, the safety committee will kick off our 2024 safety review with PRDMA representative Kyle Saros on Monday, February 19. On February 14, all full-time staff completed the annual sexual harassment training and Director Staton presented all full-time staff with an overview of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Finance – Nothing new to report

C. Park Maintenance – Director Staton shared Director Drinkwine's written report with the Board. Progress is moving along better than expected with the pier rebuild for the Bangs Lake Marina. Staff is anticipating they will be able to complete the middle pier as well this year leaving only the east pier to be rebuilt next season. The Board inquired if there was a way to

complete the third pier. Staton said it may be difficult, but he would talk with Director Drinkwine and see if they could get creative with planning and get the entire rebuild done this season ahead of schedule.

D. Wauconda Fest – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. Staton and the Board discussed demolition of the apartments and house at the Bangs Lake Marina, adding items from the comprehensive plan to the budget, and the comprehensive plan in general.

Staff told the Board that a small committee has been planning a staff appreciation outing to Side Outs on April 14. The night would include a pizza, salad, and pasta buffet as well as bowling.

New Business

A.) **2024 Affiliate Agreements – LYAA, WAYSC, and Northern Ice** – Director Babicz shared a draft of the 2024 affiliate agreement with the Board. Staff are not recommending any fee increases for the 2024 season. After a short discussion, a motion to approve the affiliate agreements between the Park District and affiliate groups LYAA, WAYSC, and Northern Ice was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

B.) **Ordinance 2024-03** – An Ordinance Declaring as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Other Conveyance or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Wauconda Park District, Lake County, Illinois – Executive Director presented the Board with Ordinance 2024-03, declaring several pieces of equipment as surplus with the intent of scrapping these items due to them having no to little resale value. Items include a 2027 Ford F550 Dump Truck, Half pipe ramp, 2 quarter pipe ramps, and 2 Allied Air Conditioners.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 - An Ordinance Declaring as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale or Other Conveyance or Disposal of Surplus Personal Property of the Wauconda Park District, Lake County, Illinois was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

C.) **2024 Bangs Lake Marina Hours** – The Board agreed with the staff's recommendation to change the Marina hours to focus on more weekend hours for our pre and post season this year.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Carr wanted to thank Ashley Jensen, our AM Fitness Attendant, is always very kind to all members, he witnessed her helping one of our elderly members look for his cell phone and ear buds.

Commissioner Bianco asked about our Expo Booth and if there was any commitment by the Board to attend. Staton said that our booth is normally manned by our staff, but commissioners are always welcome to attend.

Executive Session

None

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.