

Wauconda Park District  
Board Meeting  
February 28, 2023  
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Berrelez called the meeting to order. Commissioners Bader, Carr, and Micelli were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Starkey was not in attendance due to a work conflict.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from February 14, 2023 was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Communications**

Executive Director Staton shared an invitation to the NISRA Recognition Night with the Board. Director Staton and Director Babicz plan to attend. Staton also shared an Instagram post thanking the Park District for providing a weekly meeting space to the Davinci Waldorf PTO.

**Approval of Disbursements**

Approval of Disbursements from February 15, 2023 – February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$26,403.04 was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

**Committee Reports**

A. Recreation – Director Babicz reviewed upcoming registration dates with the Board, including Phil’s Beach passes going on Sale March 1, resident registration for all Spring/Summer programs on March 6, and resident registration for Camp on March 7. Non-resident registrations will begin one week later.

B. Finance – Staton distributed the end of January financial information. He reviewed the budget reports with the Board, highlighting areas where the District continues to do well. Staff is currently in the process of writing the first draft of the FY23-24 Budget.

C. Park Maintenance – Staton informed the Board that the Parks Department is preparing to begin work on the Barn siding project and the HVAC replacement at the Community Center. The service pier at Bangs Lake Marina has been installed. The Lake is currently at a no wake status. Regular park maintenance continues in the parks, along with salting and snow removal as needed.

D. Risk Management/Support Services – Manager Ftacek provided a written report. Director Staton reviewed this report with the Board.

E. Wauconda Fest – The next Wauconda Fest meeting will be held on March 7 at 6:00 pm.

F. Administration – Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. Highlights included an update on the comprehensive plan stakeholders’ meetings, and an anticipation of the award of the OSLAD grants.

## **New Business**

A. Ordinance 2023-01 Annual Abatement Ordinance Series 2021A General Obligation Park Bonds - Director Staton presented the Board with Ordinances 2023-01 and 2023-02. Staton explained the purpose of these ordinances is to let the County know that the District does not want to collect a tax to pay the principal and interest on these Bonds. When the District first issued the Bonds it pledged the funds generated from the new facility to pay these costs. The abatement of the taxes will allow the District to maintain the intent of the original Bond issuance without raising the District's tax rate.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-01 Annual Abatement Ordinance Series 2021A General Obligation Bonds was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

B. Ordinance 2023-02 Annual Abatement Ordinance Series 2021B General Obligation Park Bonds – See minutes above for explanation.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 Annual Abatement Ordinance Series 2021B General Obligation Bonds was made by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

C. Appraisal Report Garland Road – Staton reviewed the Appraisal Report for property the District owns on Garland Road with the Board. Further discussion would take place at a future Board Meeting.

D. AED Purchase – Staton presented the Board with a proposal to purchase two new AEDs for the As We Grow Preschool and for the Maintenance Shop at Lagoon Park. Staton stated that \$1500 from the PDRMA audit incentive would be used to offset the cost of this purchase. A motion to approve two Zoll AED PLUS machines with four sets of pediatric pads in the amount of \$3,394.00 was made by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Bader. Roll Call: all aye.

## **Unfinished Business**

A. Phil's Beach After Season Hours – Nothing to report

B. FAQ Topics – Staton has reached out to our web design company to inquire about adding an FAQ page to our website. This can be done with maintenance hours that we purchase each month and have been holding to use for a bigger upgrade. Staff will bring some ideas to the next meeting.

Commissioner Berrelez suggested that we have information about how we are funding our projects as one of the topics.

C. Bangs Lake Marina Logo and Signage – Nothing to report

## **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Micelli noted the beach season is quickly approaching so we should plan to get a new logo implemented soon.

## **Executive Session**

No Executive Session

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

None

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:43 pm was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.