

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
January 23, 2024
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Tallman, and Bianco were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioners Berrelez and Carr were unable to attend the meeting. JoAnn Freeman, Marketing Coordinator, and Island Lake resident was in attendance to observe the meeting and Facility Manager Mark Ftacek was in attendance to provide the Board with a 2023 Marina Report.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from January 9, 2024, was motioned by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

A motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from December 12, 2023 was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton presented the Board with a “Thank You” from the Wauconda Police Department for the District’s assistance with the Shop with a Cop Program this past Holiday season.

Staton also shared an email from Commissioner Carr with notes from the recent Bangs Lake subcommittee meeting. This committee will be added to future agendas under Committee Reports.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from January 10, 2024 – January 23, 2024, in the amount of \$31,524.01 was motioned by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz discussed the upcoming Sweetheart Dance, FAQ section of the website, and the IAPD/IPRA Conference.

B. Finance – Director Staton just received the monthly budget report from our accounting team and has not had a chance to review. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

C. Park Maintenance – The Parks Department has been busy rebuilding the Marina Piers for the Bangs Lake Marina. In addition, they have been spending a lot of time on snow removal due to recent storms. The Board also discussed adding a shoveling priorities section to the FAQ page on the website in light of some recent comments on social media referencing the District’s response after the most recent snowstorm. Staff will update this information.

D. Wauconda Fest – At the last Fest meeting, the committee’s main topic was security. Staton will discuss options with the Wauconda Police. The next Fest meeting will be on February 21 at 6:00 pm.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton told the Board that he received a letter of resignation for Parkman Jason Seidenzahl. Seidenzahl has been with the District for approximately 10 years and is going to join the pipefitters union. Staton wished Seidenzahl luck in his future endeavors.

New Business

A.) 2023 Marina Report – Facility Manager Ftacek attended the meeting to recap the 2023 Marina season. Ftacek discussed revenues and expenses with the Board along with suggestions for the upcoming season.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioner Comments

None

Executive Session

None

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.