

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
January 24, 2023
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, and Micelli were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Facility Manager Ftacek was in attendance to present the 2022 Bangs Lake Marina Report. Commissioner Bader was not in attendance due to a work conflict.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from January 10, 2023 was motioned by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton shared with the Board a Thank You note from the Wauconda Police Department, thanking the District for their involvement with the annual Shop with a Cop Event. Staton acknowledged the work of Facility Manager Mark Ftacek with his assistance in transporting the participants to Wal-Mart in Lake Zurich using the Park District van.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from January 11, 2023 – January 24, 2023, in the amount of \$46,453.82 was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

Commissioner Carr inquired about a water bill at the Bangs Lake Marina for \$2500. Staton explained that for a period of time the water had been shut-off at the old sign shop. A faucet in a slop sink was left open while the water was shut off. After winterizing the pipes in the old apartment buildings, the water was turned back on and the faucet in the sign shop was left on. Staton agreed with the Board that he would contact the Village to see if there was any warning system in place to detect an unusual use, so that this would not happen again in the future.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz shared with the Board that registration for the upcoming Sweetheart Dance was going well, and that staff was working to get as many people off the wait list as possible. She also reported that Dance costumes were beginning to come in and the recreation staff would be attending the upcoming IPRA Conference later this week.

B. Finance – Executive Director Staton reviewed his written Finance Report with the Board. Revenues in recreation programming continue to increase and the District is performing well in relation to this year's budget. Staff has been spending conservatively and will be looking to replace a park vehicle this fiscal

year. Staton will also review the bond payments that were paid in December with Lauterbach Amen staff to ensure that these payments were accounted to the correct accounts.

C. Park Maintenance – The Parks Department continues with routine maintenance of parks and facilities. Work has begun to install electricity in the maintenance bays at Bangs Lake Marina.

D. Risk Management/Support Services – Manger Ftacek submitted a written report. Executive Director Staton reviewed this report with the Board.

E. Wauconda Fest – A Wauconda Fest meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17. Bands for this year’s Fest were finalized. The committee continued to discuss beer pricing. The Committee is looking to increase the number of volunteers that are Basset certified this year. Increased focus will be on beer servers and ID checkers.

F. Administration – Staton discussed his written report with the Board. He advised the Board that they should download the conference app to view sessions. The conference will not be printing catalogues this year.

Staton reviewed stakeholders’ meeting dates with the Board. Commissioner Starkey inquired if the Board could see the final on-line survey before it is available to the public.

New Business

A. Bangs Lake Marina Report - Manager Ftacek was in attendance at the meeting to review his 2022 Bangs Lake Marina Report with the Board. Ftacek provided a detailed report outlining daily revenues and receipts. He went over each segment of the new business and offered suggestions for future improvements. Commissioner Carr expressed that Ftacek, and his staff did a great job of taking on a new business and making it successful. Commissioner Starkey shared the same sentiments.

Unfinished Business

A. Phil’s Beach After Season Hours – Staton advised the Board that there hasn’t been much progress on this item, but staff is planning activities at Phil’s during the Fall hours outside of the traditional Phil’s Beach hours.

B. FAQ Topics – Nothing new to report

Commissioner Comments

None

Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Real Estate at 7:17 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Micelli.

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.