

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
July 11, 2023
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez and Carr were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. JoAnn Freeman, Marketing Coordinator and a Village of Island Lake resident, Park District residents Adam Tallman and Kathy Bianco, along with Charlie Buschick, an Ingleside resident, were in attendance to observe the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from June 13, 2023 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Approval of the Executive Session Minutes from May 30, 2023 and June 13, 2023 were tabled until the next meeting.

Comments from the Public

Charlie Buschick addressed several concerns he has about the cleanliness of the bathrooms, parking during July 3 Fireworks, and the condition of the piers at the Bangs Lake Marina. The Board listened to and thanked Mr. Buschick for bringing his concerns forward. Executive Director Staton commented that staff would address as many issues this season as possible.

Communications

None

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from June 14, 2023 – June 27, 2023, in the amount of \$107,470.49 was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Approval of Disbursements from June 28, 2023 – July 11, 2023, in the amount of \$220,347.36 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz reviewed her written report with the Board. Highlights included a summary of Camp Wauconda enrollment for this summer through week 5. An update on “Astro” the rock snake, and a review of other summer program registration numbers.

B. Finance – No written report. Staff is currently reviewing May information with Lauterbach and Amen. The process of moving over data from our old accounting system to the new system is cumbersome and has taken a bit more time than expected.

C. Park Maintenance – Staton reviewed Director Drinkwine’s written report with the Board. In addition to Fest set-up and tear down, the Parks Department has been busy with routine park maintenance.

Commissioner Starkey inquired about the Phil's Beach signage lights and asked staff to investigate getting these working.

D. Risk Management/Support Services – No written report. Executive Director Staton reported to the Board that these items would be included in the Administration and Recreation Reports in the future due to staff changes.

E. Wauconda Fest – Staton discussed the Fest with the Board. Final numbers should be in next month's report, but overall, it looked like another good year financially. A wrap-up meeting will be held at the end of August, early September.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton reviewed his written report. Highlights included a Fireworks recap, details about the upcoming Triathlon, and an update on the Comp Plan and OSLAD Grant.

New Business

A.) Approval of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2023-04 – The Board held a brief discussion on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. A motion to approve Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2023-04 was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

B.) Committee on Local Government Efficiency – Executive Director Staton provided the Board on the requirement of the District to appoint a Committee to evaluate the District's efficiency. More discussion at a future meeting.

C.) Board Vacancy – The Board took action to appoint two residents to the Board to fill vacancies left by the resignation of John Bader and Michelle Micelli. A motion to appoint Adam Tallman and Kathy Bianco to fill the two vacancies on the Park Board of Commissioners until May 2025 was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll call: all aye.

D.) Oath Of Office - Tallman – Newly appointed Commissioner Adam Tallman took the Oath of Office.

E.) Oath of Office – Bianco – Newly appointed Commissioner Kathy Bianco took the Oath of Office.

Unfinished Business

A. FAQ Topics – Tabled

B. Bangs Lake Marina Logo and Signage – Tabled

Commissioner Comments -

Commissioner Carr mentioned that he recently read an article about the noise created by Pickle Ball and that we may want to consider preventative measures when installing the courts at Osage Park as part of the OSLAD grant.

Commissioner Bianco thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to serve the community.

Executive Session

None

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.