

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
March 14, 2023
Community Center

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from February 28, 2023 was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton shared a pamphlet with the Board he received at the IAPD Legislative Breakfast on March 3, outlining several pieces of legislation the House and Senate were working on this session.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from March 1, 2023 – March 14, 2023, in the amount of \$75,637.54 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

- A. Recreation – Director Babicz reviewed her written report. Highlights included camp registration, preschool enrollment numbers, and Easter Events.
- B. Finance – Staton will provide a written report at the next meeting.
- C. Park Maintenance – Staton reviewed Director Drinkwine’s written report with the Board. Highlights of the report included preparations for the maintenance barn siding, metal work preparation for the installation of the new HVAC system, and preparing keys for the Beach Park Marina for pick-up on April 3.
- D. Risk Management/Support Services – Manager Ftacek will provide a written report for the next meeting.
- E. Wauconda Fest – The next Wauconda Fest meeting will be on April 12 at 6:00 pm. Sponsorship, Buttons, Food Vendor applications, Golf Carts, ATM’s and security of the back gates and beer ticket trailer was discussed.
- F. Administration – Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. His report covered the topics listed under New Business and WaucondaFest.

New Business

A. LED Lighting for Ballfields at Cook Park – Executive Director Staton presented the Board with an estimate from Shinetoo Lighting for the replacement of the ballfield lights at Cook Park. This improvement is affordable because of the ComEd Rebate program. A motion to approve the replacement of all ballfield lights at Cook Park, including installation and a remote smart control system, for a total of \$19,120 was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

B. Weed Treatment of Shorelines on Bangs Lake – The Village of Wauconda has been looking into a new program for the treatment of invasive weeds in the lake. It has been decided that this program would be put on hold for this year until mapping of the weed types and what degree an application is necessary. Staton will bring the existing program through Clarke Aquatics to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Unfinished Business

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

B. FAQ Topics – Staff presented the Board with several options for website design for the FAQ page. The Board liked these samples. Director Babicz will get feedback from the Board and staff to begin generating the content for the page.

C. Bangs Lake Marina Logo and Signage – Director Staton will reach out to an independent professional designer for ideas on the logo.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Micelli informed the Board that she will be resigning from the Board in the next few months. She anticipates her last meeting will be on May 9, 2023. Executive Director Staton asked her to submit a resignation letter to the Board confirming this. The Board will discuss a replacement plan at the next meeting.

Commissioner Starkey thanked Commissioner Micelli for her tenure on the Board and stated that he appreciated her opinions during discussions of various topics.

Commissioner Starkey also told the Board that he informally met with two lake users. One who had previously been on the Bangs Lake Advisory Committee. During the conversation he stated that the Park District would be interested in assisting with this committee if it was resurrected. Starkey also talked to Staton about this. Staton has mentioned the Park District's interest in participating to Village Administrator Matson and Public Works Director Mann.

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 6:45 pm was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.