

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
November 14, 2023
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, Tallman, and Bianco were present, along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. JoAnn Freeman, Marketing Coordinator and Island Lake resident was in attendance to observe the meeting. Debbie Yakimisky, Recreation Supervisor, was also in attendance to present the 2023 Phil's Beach report to the Board and make a recommendation regarding Fitness First Fees.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from October 24, 2023, was motioned by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

A motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from October 24, 2023 was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Carr.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

The District received a Thank You letter from the Chamber of Commerce for the District's cooperation in promoting and assisting with the Farmers Market, along with a second Thank You from the Chamber of Commerce for the District's support of and participation in the Trick or Treat Main Street event.

Staton also gave the Board a letter soliciting donations for the Wauconda Police Department's Shop with a Cop Program. The Recreation Staff normally contributes enough funds to sponsor at least one child.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from October 25, 2023 – November 14, 2023, in the amount of \$155,057.83 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: Supervisor Christensen graduating from Professional Development School, Club Days Off had twenty-six participants on November 6 for a movie day and nineteen participants for Bowling on November 22. The Menagerie Dance program will be holding their Winter Showcase on Saturday, December 9 and the District will also be hosting Breakfast with Santa that morning as well. Fitness First Member Appreciation week will happen November 13-17.

Directors Staton and Babicz have completed the PDRMA Slips, Trips, and Falls evaluation which is due on November 15. Director Babicz and Supervisor Marconi will be attending the PDRMA Risk Management Institute on November 17.

B. Finance – Staton will provide the Board with a written report for the next meeting. Director Staton and Treasurer Carr met to briefly discuss the current fiscal year’s budget.

C. Park Maintenance – Executive Director Staton reviewed the Parks Department report with the Board. Highlights included: the Marina piers have been taken out with the service pier at the Bangs Lake Marina due to come out the week of November 13. Winterizing of the outdoor bathrooms at all park locations has been completed. Parks staff has begun installing Holiday decorations around the District.

Commissioner Starkey inquired about the old skate park equipment that was being stored behind the Barn. Executive Director Staton explained that the District is going through the process to label these items as surplus equipment (no longer usable) and will be removing the equipment in the near future.

D. Wauconda Fest – Staton reviewed several bands that have been booked for Wauconda Fest 2024 with the Board. The Board suggested looking into Gina Gonzalez and Abey Kay bands for some of the open slots.

F. Administration – Triathlon registration will go live at the end of the week. The FAQ page on our website has gone live. Commissioner Starkey suggested working with the pie chart for property taxes to make it easier to read and adding some information on how to report vandalism and emergencies in the parks.

New Business

A.) Phil’s Beach Recap – Supervisor Yakimisky presented her 2023 Phil’s Beach Report to the Board. Based on Yakimisky’s report the following motions were made and approved by the Board.

A motion to approve the open hours for the WIBIT to be Monday-Sunday from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

A motion to approve changes to the 2024 Phil’s Beach Fee Structure as follows:

Individual Season Pass \$34/\$43
Family Season Pass \$110/\$138
Additional Family Members \$15/\$17
Senior Pass Annual \$2/\$25
Senior Pass Daily \$1/\$6
Individual Daily Pass \$8/\$10 (No Change)
Twilight After 5:00 pm \$3/\$5 (No Change)

was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

B.) Fitness First Fees – Supervisor Yakimisky presented a brief report to the Board regarding Fitness First memberships. A Motion to approve the following Fitness First fee structure effective January 1, 2024:

Individual Monthly = \$22/\$28
Individual 3-Month = \$54/\$68
Individual Annual = \$198/\$248

Individual +1 Monthly = \$35/\$44
Individual +1 3 Month = \$87/109
Individual +1 Annual = \$319/369

Student Monthly = \$15
Student 3 Month = \$36
Student Annual = \$132

Senior Monthly = \$13/\$18
Senior 3 Month = \$36/\$45
Senior Annual = \$ 132/\$181

Senior+1 Monthly = \$19/\$24
Senior+1 3 Month = \$51/\$64
Senior+1 Annual = \$187/\$237

Open Gym Daily \$6 with Fitness First \$8
Open Gym Monthly \$15

was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

C.) Marina Rebuild – Executive Director Staton reviewed the costs to rebuild the west pier at the Bangs Lake Marina with the Board. A motion to approve the costs of materials to rebuild the west pier at a cost not to exceed \$75,000 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

D.) November 28 Meeting – Executive Director Staton suggested to the Board that the November 28 meeting be moved to an alternate date because he would be out of town on November 28. The Board held a brief discussion and decided to reschedule the meeting for December 5. A motion to reschedule the November 28 Regular Board Meeting to Tuesday, December 5 was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Staton will send appropriate notification to the local newspaper and post notices at the Community Center.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioner Comments

None

Executive Session

At 7:08 pm a motion to enter Executive Session for:

Personnel – Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Real Estate – Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) Setting Price for Sale/Lease 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)

was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded By Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.