

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
September 26, 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.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from September 12, 2023, was motioned by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Correspondence from the Wauconda Women's Club thanking the District for allowing the Club to use several picnic tables for their annual pig roast fundraiser was given to the Board.

Commissioner Carr received an email from Kathy Reilly asking for the Board's assistance in keeping heavy trucks and additional traffic from cutting through and parking in the Phil's Beach parking lot. Kathy also requested that the lights over the Phil's Beach entrance sign be dimmed or turned off when there are no events at the Beach, as the lights shine into her house.

The Board held a brief discussion on both topics and decided to let staff work through these issues with the assistance of the Village of Wauconda when appropriate.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from September 13, 2023 – September 26, 2023, in the amount of \$128,384.51 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – The Park District recently hosted the Chamber Women in Business Event at Phil's Beach. Twenty-nine members attended. The Wauconda police began patrolling our parking lots yesterday and issued two parking tickets that we are aware of. We have also seen an increase in parking pass sales in the last two days. We held a concert at Phil's Beach on Thursday, September 21. While the band was great, attendance was low due to questionable weather. Our next Phil's event will be a full moon viewing on Thursday, September 28. Scarecrows will once again be invading Cook Park with our annual Scarecrow in the Park event beginning on September 27. Enrollment in most recreation programs continues to do well.

B. Finance – Executive Director Staton reviewed the end of August budget reports with the Board. Overall, the District continues to do well with strong numbers in recreation revenue, interest earned,

and the collection of property taxes. Wauconda Fest, the Bangs Lake Marina, Wauconda Triathlons, and Phil's Beach all did well financially this past summer.

C. Park Maintenance – Park maintenance continues to perform routine park maintenance. Staff is preparing to install the two new HVAC units at the Community Center most likely the first or second week in October.

D. Wauconda Fest – Nothing new to report.

F. Administration – Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. Work has begun at Osage Park with the topographical/land survey being conducted this past week. Staton attended PDRMA seminars on changes for the upcoming year regarding the District's Health Insurance. He will have a recommendation on the District's Health Insurance offering for the next Board meeting. Staton, along with Director Babicz, will be attending PDRMA's *Your Role as a Safety Coordinator* workshop on September 28 in Elk Grove.

New Business

A.) 2024 Marina Fees – Manager Ftacek submitted a recommendation to the Board for 2024 Marina Fees. Staff's recommendation was to keep the Marina fees the same as they were in 2023 until a plan can be put in place for the rehabilitation of both Marinas.

B.) FGM Proposal – Discussion was held on the importance of having this study done. The Board chose to table a decision to move forward until staff can determine how long the process would take.

C.) Memorial Park Discussion – Staton described the process of the District turning over the Park to the Village. After discussing this topic, the Board asked Staton to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement to begin negotiations with the Village of Wauconda.

Unfinished Business

A.) FAQ Topics – Information for this page has been sent to the web designer. Staff is hopeful to have this project completed in the next few weeks.

B.) Bangs Lake Marina Logo and Signage – Staff is currently waiting on some information from Ed Salisbury at Wauconda Boat. Staton will follow-up next week with Ed if he has not heard back from him.

Commissioner Comments

Executive Session

None

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.