

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
December 10, 2024
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Carr, Bianco, and Tallman were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Berrelez was absent due to a work conflict. The following members of the public attended the meeting: JoAnn Freeman, Jim Wiseman, Nicole Freeman, Beth Christianson, Edward Christenson, Shane Bonner, Lisa Albano and Mike Albano.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the regular session minutes from November 26, 2024, was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

A motion to approve the executive session minutes from November 26, 2024, was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton shared with the Board an invitation from Ancel Glink to attend their annual dinner at the IPRA/IAPD Conference in January. Staton asked the Board to confirm who would be attending so that he could provide Ancel Glink with an RSVP.

Approval of Disbursements

A motion to approve the disbursements from November 27, 2024 – December 10, 2024, in the amount of \$50,535.72 was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz reviewed her written report with the Board. Her report included updates on the Holly Jolly event, Grinch Pizza Deliveries, Grinch Open Gym, CLUB Days Off School, Preschool caroling at Liberty Arms, First Amendment Audits, and Pre-Season Basketball.

B. Finance – Nothing to report

C. Park Maintenance – Executive Director Staton reviewed Director Drinkwine’s Parks Report with the Board. Parks staff have been performing routine maintenance at all parks, preparing equipment for snow removal, replaced ceiling fans in the gym, and replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the Community Center.

D. Wauconda Fest – Nothing to report

E. Administration – Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. Unfortunately, winter weather has set in, and the Osage Park project has been put on hold for the winter. With the warmer temperatures we were able to get the asphalt down for the basketball and tennis courts. Another layer will be done in the spring. Schroeder plans to prepare the site for winter in the next couple of weeks.

F. Comprehensive Plan – Other than an update on Osage Park, staff had nothing additional to report.

New Business

A.) Presentation – Quarterly Employee Service Awards – The following employees were recognized by the Board and Director Staton for their continued years of service to the District.

Beth Christianson – Early Childhood and Preschool Supervisor = 20 years

Lisa Albano – Accounting Clerk = 10 years

Sheila Roth – Preschool Teacher = 5 years

Stephanie Marconi – CLUB/Camp Supervisor = 5 years

B.) Presentation – NISRA (Northern Illinois Recreation Association) NISRA Director Jim Wiseman and Regional Coordinator Nicole Freeman were present at the meeting to give the Board an overview of NISRA services and the District's membership with the Association.

C.) Approval – Ordinance 2024-09 – An Ordinance for The Levy and Assessment Of Taxes For the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2025, and Ending April 30, 2026. – After a brief discussion a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09 was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioner Comments – None

Executive Session

At 6:53 pm a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2.) Personnel- Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Tallman.

At 7:42 pm the Board reentered the regular session meeting.

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

None

Adjournment

At 7:43 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.