

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
May 28, 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. JoAnn Freeman, Marketing Coordinator, and Island Lake resident was in attendance to observe the meeting. Commissioner Berrelez was absent due to a family commitment.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the regular session minutes from May 14, 2024 was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

The District received a “thank you” card from the residents of Kuester Manor, for the District’s assistance with transporting residents during a recent fire at the facility.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from My 15, 2024 – May 28, 2024, in the amount of \$80,348.84 was motioned by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz told the Board that our two new Recreation Supervisors have started in the last weeks and that they were settling in and acclimating to their job responsibilities. Staff have been busy with staff training in preparation for the opening of Phil’s Beach on June 1 and the start of Camp Wauconda on June 3.

B. Finance – Executive Director Staton discussed the end of the fiscal year financials with the Board. The District should finish the year on a positive note. Interest income has been good this past year. Several program areas did well, including Camp and Club.

C. Park Maintenance – The Parks Department has been busy with grass cutting and mulching trees in the parks. They also spent some time this past week power-washing and detailing Memorial Park.

D. Wauconda Fest – Wauconda Fest is coming up quickly, approximately one month. The current focus of the committee is wrapping up sponsorship and securing volunteers. Several

key committee members have resigned this past year and one of the challenges is finding a replacement for these individuals.

E. Administration – Staton discussed a time change in presenting the employee service awards at the next Board Meeting. He stated that District’s participation in the Memorial Day was fun, and he felt it was well received by the crowd. New Full-time Recreation staff will attend the June 11 meeting to be introduced to the Board.

F. Comprehensive Plan – Staton prepared a written report for the Board updating progress on the Comprehensive Plan. The Board tabled discussion on this report until a full Board was present and they had a chance to read the report.

New Business

A. Approval of Annual Fireworks Donation – Every year the District and the Village trade sponsorships for the annual Fireworks and Wauconda Fest. Staff recommended to the Board that the District donate \$3000 to the annual Fireworks Celebration. This donation was budgeted for in the FY24/25 Budget. A motion to approve a \$3000 donation to the Village’s Annual Fireworks Fund was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

B. Approval of Aronson Fence quote to Replace Park Fences at Beach Park, Saddlewood Park, Larkdale Park, and Sedgebrook Park – The plastic fences at these parks show signs of wear and are in bad condition, with many panels broken. Staff received a quote from Aronson Fence to replace these fences for approximately \$22,000. A motion to approve the repair of these fences at a cost not to exceed \$22,500 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

C. Approval of Bulldog Youth Sports Improvement Proposal – Bulldog Youth Sports submitted a proposal to perform field renovations on the Football Field. These renovations include spreading seed and sand around the field and overseeding many of the current wear areas at a cost of \$4100.

A motion to allow Bulldog Youth Sports the ability to make field improvements described by staff at no cost to the District was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

D. Approval of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2024-04 - An Ordinance Adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds For the Wauconda Park District, Lake County, Illinois For the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First Day of May 2024 and Ending on the Thirtieth (30th) Day of April 2025 – A public Hearing on Ordinance 2024-04 was held before the regular meeting this evening. There was no public comment to report. After short discussion, a motion to approve Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2024-04 was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bianco thanked staff for the parade preparations.

Executive Session

A motion to enter Executive Session at 6:45 pm for the purpose of discussing 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 Bianco and Seconded by Commissioner Tallman.

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.