



**Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Community Center
600 N. Main Street, Wauconda, IL**

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
At 6 pm Commissioner Tallman called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call: Commissioners –Berrelez, Carr, Bianco, Tallman, and Starkey
Commissioners Tallman, Bianco, Carr and Berrelez were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Starkey was absent. The following members of the public attended the meeting: JoAnn Freeman.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2025 – Regular Session Minutes
A motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes from September 23, 2025, was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll call: All aye; Commissioner Carr abstained.
4. Comments from the Public – Those wishing to comment during the public comment section of the Board Meeting may do so, provided they follow the District’s Public Comment Policy located on the District’s website at <https://www.waucondaparks.com/general/policies/>. Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker.
None
5. Communications
Director Staton received an invitation from the Fire District to attend a Strategic Plan Meeting on October 28. He presented a certificate the Park District received from Tunnels To Towers for our participation in the event.
6. Approval of Disbursements – September 24, 2025 – October 14, 2025 = \$429,932.12
A motion to approve the disbursements from September 24, 2025-October 14, 2025, in the amount of \$429,932.12 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll call: All aye
Discussion- Director Staton reviewed the report with the Board, reminding them of the \$336,282.98 expense for Osage Park Pay Order #4 that was approved at the last meeting.
7. Committee Reports
 - A.) Recreation
Director Babicz reviewed her written report. Highlights included numbers for Halloween events, upcoming new program offerings, and PDRMA Risk Management Review and SMART Goal progress.
 - B.) Finance- The finance report is discussed at the second meeting of each month.

C.) Park Maintenance

Director Staton reviewed Director Drinkwine's written report. Highlights included removal of the floating fishing pier at Cook Park, assistance with setting up the scarecrows on Main Street, vehicle repairs, repairs to swings at Country Ridge Park, and the completion of various small projects that have been put on hold over the summer.

D.) W-Fest- No report

E.) Comprehensive Plan

Director Staton reported that he is wrapping up the quarterly reports for both OSAD Grants. He gave an update on the final steps with OSAGE Park. He noted that last week there was a kickoff meeting with Featherstone for the Bangs Lake Marina. Director Staton reviewed Director Babicz's programming update related to the comprehensive plan with the Board.

F.) Administration

Director Staton recently met with ESL students from Wauconda Grade School to explore the amenities at Cook Park. Director Staton reviewed his written report. Highlights included the audit, General Obligation Bonds timeline, and an update on the Bangs Lake Outflow Project.

8. New Business

A) Approval – District's Health Insurance Plan Selection

A motion to approve the benefits options presented by staff to include PPO/HRA and HMO options, along with vision, dental, EAP, and life insurance was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll call: All aye

Discussion: Director Staton reviewed his recommendations for the District's Health Insurance Plan. Commissioner Bianco asked if eliminating the weight loss drug is worth it and should we look at increasing the percentage that the staff pays. The Board decided to include coverage for weight loss medication and communicate with staff that this option may be removed in the future as a cost savings initiative.

B) Approval - Silver Sneakers Contract

A motion to approve the Tivity Health Partner Location Agreement for a term expiring on November 30, 2026, was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll call: All aye

Discussion: The Board noted that they have had patrons ask them if we offer Silver Sneakers programs at the Community Center. Staff believes that adding this program is a great benefit to our residents and will increase revenue in the Fitness Fund.

C) IPRA Conference Information

Director Staton reviewed the information for the conference with the Board and asked them to let him know by next Board meeting who is attending and for how long.

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. Commissioner's Comment

None

11. Executive Session – If needed for the

1. Litigation – Pending or Imminent 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)
2. Personnel – Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
3. Real Estate – Purchase or Lease (Buy) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
Setting Price for Sale/Lease 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)

12. Issues to be voted on by the Board that were discussed in executive session

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:04 pm was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Voice vote: yes

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