

Wauconda Park District
Board Meeting
October 22, 2024
Community Center

At 6:00 pm Commissioner Berrelez called the meeting to order. Commissioners Carr, Bianco, and Tallman were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. Commissioner Starkey was absent due to a schedule conflict. David Jakubek and JoAnn Freeman were present at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the regular session minutes from October 8, 2024, was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from the Public

None

Communications

The Board received a Thank You card from Ms. Debbie Monroe, Principal at Wauconda Grade School. The Thank You was for the District's assistance with Wauconda Grade School's 100-year anniversary celebration. The Park District provided the use of picnic tables for the event.

Approval of Disbursements

A motion to approve the Disbursements from October 9, 2024 – October 22, 2024, in the amount of \$107,593.47 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz reported on upcoming Halloween Events including the annual House Decorating Contest, and Trick or Treat Main Street. She also reported that staff is working on several upcoming Christmas Events including, Santa pictures at Phil's Beach, Pancake Breakfast with Santa, and Holly Jolly Christmas. The District's last Full Moon Rising event will take place in November.

B. Finance – Executive Director Staton reviewed the end of September Financial Report with the Board. There appears to be an issue in the report showing the cumulative total of all funds. Lauterbach and Amen is looking into this.

C. Park Maintenance – The Parks Department has taken all the piers out for the season. Launch ramps will tentatively come out after November 8. We will try to leave them in as long as we can.

D. Wauconda Fest – No Report. The committee will not meet again until December or early January.

E. Administration – Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. He provided an update on the Osage Park Redevelopment and provided the Board with a draft update to be posted on Facebook. The Board discussed the draft update and advised Staton to make the necessary changes and post to Facebook on Wednesday. The post would also be shared with Commissioner Starkey prior to being posted as he is out of the country.

F. Comprehensive Plan – No update provided.

New Business

- A.) Approval – Star Charities Facility Usage Request – Directors Staton and Babicz met with Trista Iodice from Star Charities regarding using Phil’s Beach as the start and finish for the Bunny Hop. In addition, Star was willing to make the Wauconda Parks Foundation the sole beneficiary of the proceeds raised at the event. Staff felt that this was a good idea. A motion to approve the Star Charities Bunny Hop event rental at Phil’s Beach provided that Star Charities pays all applicable rental fees was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Bianco. Roll Call: all aye.
- B.) Decennial Committee Meeting – At 6:07 pm a motion to take a brief recess for the purpose of holding the District’s Decennial Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Tallman and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

See Decennial Committee meeting Minutes for October 22, 2024, for details of this committee meeting.

Commissioner Berrelez called the regular session of the Wauconda Park District Board Meeting back into session at 7:00 pm. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, Tallman, and Bianco were present along with Executive Director Staton and Director Babicz. JoAnn Freeman remained in attendance.

- C.) Approval – 2025 Board Meeting Dates – Executive Director Staton presented the Board with a list of dates corresponding to the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, except for June and July which only listed the second Tuesday as Board Meeting dates in 2025. The Board held a brief discussion. Commissioner Bianco made a motion and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Wauconda Park District Board Meeting dates as presented by staff. Roll Call: all aye.
- D.) Approval – IAPD Credentials Certification – The Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) holds its annual meeting at the IAPD/IPRA Conference in January. The Park District receives one vote for any business that requires voting at the conference. Traditionally the Board has nominated the Executive Director as its delegate to the

meeting. A motion to name Executive Director Staton the District's delegate to the IAPD Annual Meeting in January, name Commissioner Starkey as the first alternate, Commissioner Berrelez as the second alternate, and Commissioner Carr as the third Alternate was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.

Unfinished Business

A. Tree Carving at Phil's Beach – Midwest Tree Service would like to go ahead with the tree carving at Phil's Beach the week of November 11. Director Staton had asked if they could provide an artist's rendering and that wasn't possible. Eric invited all the Commissioners to visit his shop where they have several carvings to look at the artist's work. The Board consensus was they are fine with what Commissioners Berrelez and Starkey, along with Director Staton decided on, to move forward with the project..

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Tallman suggested that we give a plaque or yard sign to the best decorated house for the House Decorating Contest.

Commissioner Berrelez inquired if the Scarecrows on Main Street could stay up a little longer. Director Babicz said that we would consider this for next year.

Commissioner Carr inquired about having the buildings torn down at Bangs Lake Marina. Staton hopes to have this done in the spring.

Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

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

None

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm was made by Commissioner Bianco and seconded by Commissioner Tallman. Roll Call: all aye.