

WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT
Board Meeting
August 16, 2022
Community Center

At 7:00 pm, Commissioner Starkey called the meeting to order. Commissioners Berrelez, Carr, Bader, and Micelli were present, along with Director Babicz and Executive Director Staton.

Aaron Gold from Speer Financial was in attendance to provide a presentation for the District's 2022 General Obligation Bond issuance.

Laurie Barth and Brittany Barth Niggemann were present at the meeting to share a presentation with the Board regarding a proposed development that they are considering near the Lindy's Landing site.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from July 12, 2022 was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from Public

None

Communications

Executive Director Staton shared with the Board a thank you letter from the Village of Wauconda for our support with the annual Fireworks Celebration.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of Disbursements from July 13 – July 26, 2022, in the amount of \$119,670.81 was motioned by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Approval of Disbursements from July 27 – August 16, 2022, in the amount of \$134,740.71 was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – Director Babicz shared her written report with the Board. She highlighted the District's participation in National Night Out on August 2. Numbers continue to grow in our youth programs with good registration in Computer Explorers, and theater classes over the summer.

Due to staff shortage and low numbers within the Club program, we will only be offering Club at one site this year. Wauconda School District #118 will assist in transporting the Wauconda Grade School kids enrolled in the program to and from Robert Crown Elementary School this year.

Staff is busy planning for the start of preschool in early September.

B. Finance – Executive Director Staton provided the Board with a summary of the District’s current cash balances, along with current balances in each of the District’s funds.

C. Park Maintenance – Director Drinkwine’s report outlined several projects that he is seeking approval for and are included on the agenda under new business. Clean-up from all the summer events is underway. Staff is completing routine maintenance including grass cutting, flower bed maintenance, and garbage removal.

Several of the Commissioners commented on the old apartments at the Bangs Lake Marina and the condition of the landscape in this area. Executive Director Staton advised that he would have the parks department look into cleaning up this area.

D. Risk Management – Manager Ftacek included in the Board packet a summary of the Bangs Lake Marina boat rentals through July. This has been a valuable part of the new marina business. Executive Director Staton reminded the Board that a lot of Manager Ftacek’s time has been spent at the Marina this summer and it is planned that after marina season he will begin focusing more on Risk Management tasks.

E. W-Fest – A recap of Wauconda Fest 2022 will be held on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Micelli let the Board that she would not be able to attend. Staton asked the Board to forward to him any comments they had prior to the meeting.

F. Administration – Executive Director Staton reviewed his written report with the Board. He noted that we should receive results from the Community Survey back soon possibly next week. The parks department recently hired a new staff to replace a full-time Park Specialist that left at the end of May. Phil’s Beach is currently down several staff members due to staff returning to school. Due to the shortage the Wibit and deep water will need to close earlier in the day or may be closed all day.

Staton also reported to the Board the State recently announced the availability of OSLAD grants for the upcoming year. The application grant deadline is September 30. The Board held a discussion on possible projects including the renovation of the Bangs Lake Marina, renovation of Beach Park Marina, and the renovation of Osage Park. Staton recommended to the Board that an application be completed for Osage Park due to the needs of the Park and the appeal to the application committee. A public input meeting will be held later in September and Staton will work with Hitchcock Design on a design and preparing the application.

New Business

A. Speer Financial Presentation – Annual Rollover Bonds – Aaron Gold from Speer Financial attended the Board meeting to provide the Board with information regarding the District's General Obligation Bonds. This included details of the District's issuance of its 2022 General Obligation Bonds.

B. LCB Real Estate Holding, LLC Presentation – Representatives from LCB Real Estate Holding, LLC were present at the meeting to share with the Board a development that they are considering near the Lindy's Landing site. After the presentation the Board had a discussion on their thoughts regarding the potential development and its benefits to the District and the community.

The Board directed to Staton to obtain a current appraisal of Beach Park not to exceed a cost of \$2500.

C. Bangs Lake Marina Signage – Tabled for future discussion.

D. Bangs Lake Marina Piers – Tabled for future discussion.

E. Community Center Exterior Wall – Executive Director Staton provided the Board with pictures of the Exterior Wall behind the gym. The wall has holes in the exterior surface and has rotted wood around this area. Director Drinkwine provided an estimate to repair this area. A motion to approve an expense not to exceed \$9000 to repair the exterior wall by the gym described by staff was made by Commissioner Micelli and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

F. Generator Purchase – This year during the triathlon, one of our pontoons on the work barge was damaged. Director Drinkwine has recommended that the District purchase a generator that can be used out in the field by the Parks Department to help power their welding equipment to fix this type of issue along with playground maintenance or other work in the field versus taking the broken equipment apart bringing back to the shop and then reinstalling. Staff a recommendation to purchase a portable gasoline generator not to exceed \$4800. Commissioner Berrelez inquired what we budget for this type of equipment and Executive Director Staton said that we budgeted \$5000 this year. A motion to approve the purchase of a portable gasoline generator not to exceed \$4800 was made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

G. Maintenance Barn Repairs – Portions of the Maintenance Barn exterior at Cook Park have deteriorated and need replacement. Director Drinkwine provided the Board with an estimate to replace the old rotted with treated plywood, TYPAR wrap the entire Building and then add vinyl siding to the exterior at an estimated cost of \$13,000. A motion to approve repairs to the District's Maintenance Barn as presented by staff at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Bader. Roll Call: all aye.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Starkey commented that next year the Board may want to set more than one meeting during the summer months, in particular August. It was difficult to keep up with projects only having one meeting a month in the summer of 2022.

Executive Session

None

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

None

Adjournment

At 9:45 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.