

WAUCONDA PARK DISTRICT
Board Meeting
February 22, 2022
Community Center

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Regular Session Minutes from February 8, 2022, was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Comments from Public

Charlie Buschick, a former Wauconda resident, offered assistance to the Park District with any historical data or questions it may have in regard to the recently purchased Wauconda Boat property. He asked that the park district consider the marina's early years when redeveloping the area.

Communications

Executive Director Staton received an invite from D118 to participate in their upcoming strategic planning sessions on April 4 and 5.

The Board received their annual IAPD membership cards in their mailbox along with a list of upcoming IPRA events.

Approval of Disbursements

Approval of the disbursements from February 9-February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$52,802.09 was motioned by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded by Commissioner Carr. Roll Call: all aye.

Committee Reports

A. Recreation – No written report. Director Babicz shared the postcard that we are going to distribute at the Business Expo letting people know about the upcoming community survey. She also shared the employment recruitment flyer, highlighting the benefits of working at the Wauconda Park District. Phil's Beach rentals are already booked for Saturdays in the month of September.

B. Finance – The January Budget report was distributed to the Board. Executive Director Staton will provide a summary at the next meeting.

C. Park Maintenance – The Parks Department has been busy with plowing and salting. The ice rinks were closed this past week due to poor conditions. Work continues on the bathrooms at Cook Park.

D. Risk Management – No written report. Our new PDRMA representative will be coming out on Thursday to tour our facilities.

E. W-Fest – The next Fest meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Micelli will be in attendance as the Park District’s Board Liaison.

F. Administration – A letter/email went out today with procedures for reserving slips at the old Wauconda Boat facility. We will start taking deposits on Monday, February 28. The Board will need to determine a new name for this facility. Executive Director Staton will bring ideas from the staff to the next meeting. A decision will hopefully be made by the March 22 meeting.

The Triathlon Committee met last week. We are focusing on athlete recruitment. Gary Vacari from Arlington Toyota is our newest committee member and is contacting many of the local clubs.

Last week, we received an email from IDNR regarding our LWCF Grant application with several questions regarding the coordination of other grant opportunities. Retired Executive Director Burton came in to assist Executive Director Staton with follow-up to these questions.

Executive Director Staton presented an update on the District’s IT services with a renewal of the 30-hour maintenance contract with Partner Tek.

New Business

A. Spikeball Tournament Request – Executive Director Staton received a request from Origin Roundnet Association of Chicago (ORAC) to host a tournament in early summer 2022. This would be a one-day tournament that operated from 9 am – 5 pm on June 4. The Commissioners seemed alright with this idea, but asked Staton to make sure that references were checked. Commissioner Carr also asked Staton to let the Chamber of Commerce know this event would be happening.

B. Hitchcock Design Contract (Comprehensive Plan) – Staton presented the Board with a contract from Hitchcock Design aid in the development of the District Comprehensive Plan spanning the next two fiscal years. A motion to approve the Contract to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the district was motioned by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Berrelez. Roll Call: all aye.

Executive Director Staton will bring a timeline update to the next Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Starkey thanked everyone involved with the WinterFest for another great event. One of his favorite parts of the video of the event was all the smiling faces from the participants. He also wanted to acknowledge Lindy's Landings involvement in the event. They did a great job and deserved a lot of the credit. Commissioner Carr thanked Commissioner Starkey for his involvement.

Commissioners Carr and Berrelez reminded the Board to share Triathlon posts on their Facebook pages.

Commissioner Micelli will not be at the March 8 Board Meeting due to a family commitment.

Executive Session – A motion to go into Executive Session for 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) was made by Commissioner Bader and seconded by Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.

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

None

Adjournment

At 7:55 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Berrelez and seconded Commissioner Micelli. Roll Call: all aye.