

**Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Boulevard Wildwood, IL 60030
February 20th, 2024, at 7:00pm**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Anna Nelson, Frank Bruno, Dan Corrigan, Becky Jante, Matt Brueck.
Absent: None
- Park District Staff Present:** Brandon Magnini, Park Dist. Manager; Katherine Atkins, Accountant, Michael Dykes, Maintenance Supervisor
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 20th, 2024**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 as presented. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 16th, 2024**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 with the edits of changing the wording of the location of Top Shelf Ice Arena from Vernon Hills to Gurnee Mills in the WSRA report as well as edit of removing Katherine Atkins “in attendance” during the Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 Closed Session (as she was not in attendance). So moved, Commissioner Corrigan. Seconded, Commissioner Bruno. All in favor, motion carries.
- B. Minutes of the Closed Session – Tuesday, January 16th, 2024**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of Tuesday, January 16th, 2024 with the edit of removing Katherine Atkins as “in attendance” during the Closed Session (as she was not in attendance) as well as changing the time of the conclusion of Closed Session and return to Regular Session from 7:52pm to 7:55pm. So moved, Commissioner Nelson. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Matters From the Public**
-No further matters from the Public.
- VI. Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. Discussion. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report. So moved, Commissioner Corrigan. Seconded, Commissioner Brueck. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye. All in favor, motion carries.
- VII. WSRA:** Commissioner Nelson reminded the Board that the WSRA (Friends of the WSRA) Shining Star Fundraiser Event on March 8th 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Warren Township Senior Center has been

rescheduled to April 19th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The next meeting will be March 11th, 2024 at 3:30pm. Park District Manager Magnini noted that he met with WSRA leadership and staff at their facility to discuss 2024 WSRA inclusion policies and to pick up new WSRA informational trifolds for the WPD office.

VIII. GLCC

Park District Manager Magnini reported that he, Maintenance Supervisor Dykes, and President Jante attended the February 8th GLCC meeting. The agenda, financials, and the minutes from their September 2023 meeting were included in the Board Packet. Discussion. Based on a budget surplus from 2023, GLCC is looking into conducting a two-time aquatic weed treatment program in 2024 and will assess the lily pads in a similar way. The WPD GLCC web page has now officially launched with pertinent information about the GLCC.

It was nice to see a few new faces (Wildwood Residents) attending the meeting. The next meeting will be March 14th at 7:00pm.

IX. Valley Lake Report

I. Fish Stocking

Park District Manager Magnini had reached out to the IDNR to see if they could provide free fish stocking for Valley Lake in 2024. The Park District did receive IDNR's recommendation on supplemental fish stocking which was shared in the Board Packet along with Keystone Hatchery's 2024 Spring Fish Pricing. Discussion. The Board asked Park District Manager Magnini to follow up with the IDNR and Travis from Black Lagoon (their fisheries expert) to determine whether adding any additional Channel Catfish would be preferred over a 10-15 count of Triploid Grass Carp and how many panfish (bluegill, etc.) should be added. Discussion. Commissioner Corrigan noted that the Largemouth Bass population seemed to be doing well, and some more Bluegill wouldn't hurt; and Commissioner Nelson stated she would continue to discuss with resident fishermen around the lake their opinion. Accountant Katherine Atkins noted there was enough in the Valley Lake expenses budget line-item in the current fiscal year budget to cover spring fish stocking. Discussion.

President Jante entertained a motion to approve an up to amount of \$1,000.00 for fish stocking in Valley Lake for spring 2024 to include fish TBD and delivery costs. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye. All in favor, motion carries.

X. Staff Reports

A. Recreation/Administration

The Recreation/Administration Report was read. Discussion.

B. Maintenance

The Maintenance Report was read. Discussion. Katherine Atkins and Park District Manager Magnini gave updates to the Board on ComEd quoting out monthly pricing for adding LED security lights at Sunset Park.

C. Marketing/Promotions

The Marketing/Promotions Report was read. Discussion.

D. IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Report

The IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Report was read. Discussion. Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Bruno, and Park District Manager Magnini/Maintenance Supervisor Dykes recapped their experiences, classes attended, and overall takeaways from the 2024 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Parks and Recreation State Conference.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Valley Lake Stormwater Improvements DCEO/SMC Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Review and Discussion

Park District Manager Magnini stated once again that the major construction has been done and is complete. In the spring, additional native plantings will be added around the newly retrofitted plunge pool. President Jante has signed an Addendum to the original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that modifies the grant funding deadline for the overall project (at the state level). Commissioner Nelson asked if Lake County Stormwater Management/Bleck Engineering had responded to our inquiry of why the plunge pool level was unnaturally higher than usual. Park District Manager Magnini stated that Bleck had responded and indicated they were aware of the situation and the lake was artificially elevated for the time as the engineers had placed a coil on the Valley North outflow structure which artificially inflates the level of the water temporarily.

B. Gages Lake Channel Piers Inquiry

Park District Manager Magnini stated that the Park District's attorneys with Ancel Glink have now responded to the Gages Lake Channel Piers Inquiry with their recommendations and sample ordinance if the Park District should decide to adopt an ordinance in respect to managing the length of piers in the Gages Lake Channel. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck disagreed with adopting any ordinance regulating or controlling the length of piers throughout the Gages Lake Channel area as it could not be applied fairly to residents throughout the lake, the Park District has no ability to enforce it, and is not something the Park District should be involved with. Discussion. The Board unanimously agreed that no further action will be taken on this matter and there will be no adoption or enforcement of any ordinance that regulates the length of piers throughout the Gages Lake Channel.

XII. New Business

A. Sunset Piers

Commissioner Jante discussed with the Board some proposals she was looking into for an upgraded temporary pier system at Sunset. Discussion was had and further quotes will be obtained and discussed.

XIII. Other Business

-Park District Manager Magnini reminded the Board to complete their required Statement of Economic Interests filing by May 1st. Reminder was also given to submit their mini biographies for the WPD website and communication purposes.

-Accountant Atkins stated to the Board that her Park District email account had been temporarily hacked and a sizable amount of emails with a fake invoice (with the attachment being blank) had been sent out to certain email contacts. Kathy asked the Board to make sure any suspicious messages are deleted. Park District Manager Magnini stated that he had taken the steps to reset Kathy's account, and our third-party IT company had been working on the issues and beefing up security further on Kathy's account to further prevent issues like this. The Board and Staff should continue to

be vigilant and scan their emails carefully on a day-to-day basis to avoid phishing and spam. The Park District does have an effective IT security system and cloud-based backups through our professional third-party IT/security provider.

-Commissioner Frank Bruno indicated to the Board that he is stepping down and submitting his resignation as Commissioner on the Wildwood Park District Board due to personal family matters. Frank thanked the entire Board, Staff, and Wildwood Residents for their support during his time on the Board and was pleased the direction the Park District has been heading during the time he was on the Board. Frank Bruno submitted his official signed letter of resignation to President Jante and Park District Manager Magnini. Frank's resignation became official as of 8:15pm Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

XIV. Matters from the Public

No further matters from the Public.

XV. Closed Session

The Board did not move into Closed Session.

XVII. Adjournment

President Jante moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 8:18pm. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

4-10-24

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