

**Wildwood Park District  
Regular Board Meeting  
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Boulevard Wildwood, IL 60030  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:00pm**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Roll Call:**  
**Present:** Commissioners Becky Jante, Anna Nelson, Frank Bruno, Dan Corrigan, Matt Brueck  
**Absent:** None
- Park District Staff Present:** Brandon Magnini, Park Dist. Manager; Katherine Atkins, Accountant,
- III. Approval of Consent Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. So moved, Commissioner Nelson. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. So moved, Commissioner Nelson. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carries.
- B. Semi-Annual Executive Session Minutes Review (5 ILCS 120/2.06)**  
Park District Manager Magnini recommended to the Board that the Executive Session Minutes of 12/31/2021 & 8/15/2022 remain closed as part of every six-months closed session review timeline. Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to keep the Executive Session Minutes of 12/31/2021 & 8/15/2022 closed. So moved, Commissioner Corrigan. Seconded, Commissioner Bruno. All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Matters From the Public**  
Lake County Board Member for District 3 Ann Maine was present. Ann Maine introduced herself to the Board as the Lake County Board representative that covers the Wildwood area and offered herself as a resource for the Park District and the Wildwood community at large.
- VI. Financial Report**  
The Financial Report was read. Discussion. Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carries.
- I. Rainy Day Fund – Discussion.** Commissioner Nelson discussed with the Board the continued purpose of the rainy-day fund (based on general savings for major emergencies, and/or major tree loss that insurance wouldn't cover) and potentially when to cap the yearly transfer of \$5,000.00. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck recommended that this practice continue on a yearly basis as additional savings couldn't hurt. \$70,484.00 is the current balance in the fund and is derived from the General Fund and is not capped or restricted for

use. Discussion. Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to approve a transfer of \$5,000.00 into the Rainy-Day Savings Fund (to be reviewed annually). So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **VII. WSRA**

Commissioner Nelson stated the next WSRA Board Meeting will take place on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm. WSRA Board met on July 17<sup>th</sup> and discussed their audit, end of season reports, and staff updates. New programs such as softball skills, pickleball, and picnic trails were added. Special Olympics added a litany of new sports such as softball, basketball, bocce ball, golf, etc. WSRA Trunk or Treat will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion was had about decorations and costumes for the event for WPD staff.

#### **VIII. GLCC**

Park District Manager Magnini reported that the GLCC had no new meeting scheduled. Rob Flood of the GLCC is looking into quotes for the treatment of lily pads around the lake/channel areas that also affect WPD Parks. \$280.00 per surface acre treatment is the current rate per GLCC's treatment contract for lily pads. The GLCC will be able to cover the majority of the cost of lily pad treatment; but with rising treatment costs it has become more difficult. Park District Manager Magnini recommended to the Board that WPD approve an "up to" amount to contribute to the treatment. Commissioner Jante noted that an additional motion for additional funds would need to be made to assist with lily pad treatment as WPD already was financially contributing to lake weed/aquatic plant treatment earlier in the season along with the GLCC. Discussion. Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to approve an up to and not to exceed amount of \$500.00 to contribute to lily pad treatment on Gages Lake that affect WPD park shorelines. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carries.

#### **IX. Valley Lake Report**

Park District Manager Magnini presented Maj Kowalski's volunteer lake monitoring reports from June with water quality and dissolved oxygen levels. The lake has looked good overall, but as of the last week has downgraded. There have been a few scheduling issues with Solitude Lake Management missing treatment the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Per Solitude, they are experiencing massive staffing shortages. Solitude came out again to treat on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Solitude did come and treat on June 20<sup>th</sup> with a preventative swimmer's itch treatment. There remains some continued communication issues with Solitude. Second round of Mukkbuster beneficial bacteria was added to the lake in-house on 7/15.

#### **X. Staff Reports**

##### **A. Recreation/Administration**

The Recreation/Administration Report was read. Discussion.

##### **B. Maintenance**

The Maintenance Report was read. Discussion.

##### **C. Marketing/Promotions**

The Marketing/Promotions Report was read. Discussion.

##### **D. Park Safety**

The Park Safety Report was read. Discussion. Park District Manager Magnini raised concern about the activity that took place on July 4<sup>th</sup> especially at Sunset Park along with some other



minor incidents during the summer. The recommendation to the Board was that the Board should strongly consider an agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's officers to patrol Sunset Park at night (after Park Safety leaves) at least on peak weekend nights. The recommendation is to also contract a Lake County Sheriff's office officer for July 4<sup>th</sup> starting next year if they can be secured (based on their schedule obligations) for a stronger presence especially on a holiday or use private security. Discussion. Another recommendation was to cease having larger WPD events at Sunset Park especially with already limited parking spots. Commissioner Jante entertained a motion to approve an up to amount of \$4,000.00 to contract with private security or Lake County Sherriff's office for the weekend nights going forward through Labor Day Weekend. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. Seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Bruno, aye, Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carries.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

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

Park District Manager Magnini stated that he and President Jante attended a pre-construction meeting on 7/17 at the Warren Township Highway Department with representatives from SMC, Highway Department, Bleck Engineering, Project Contractor (Campanella), LC Public Works, and utility companies. Discussion. Campanella will seek to store construction materials both at the Warren Township Highway Department and also at Valley South Park where the construction will be in the park and along Mill/Greentree. November 17<sup>th</sup> is the estimated date of substantial completion of the project in 2023 – with complete completion slated for June of 2024. Campanella stated that major work will start 3-4 weeks out in late August. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony on August 9<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow. Discussion.

SMC continues to work with their legal team on the draft IGA before the Park District can sign off.

### **B. Gages Lake Channel Piers Inquiry**

Park District Manager Magnini circled back to the May meeting where a few residents inquired about the length of private piers off private property into the Gages Lake Channel; and what relationship the Park District has (if any) to enforcement. The Park District continues to work with our corporate counsel to get to the bottom of the issue. Discussion.

### **C. Greenbook Lake County Property 33239 North Island Avenue**

Discussion. The Board removed this item from further agendas.

## **XII. New Business**

### **A. Dissolution of Pebble Beach Park Restoration Committee**

Commissioner Brueck moved to dissolve the Pebble Beach Park Restoration Committee. Seconded, Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion.

**XIII. Other Business**

-Park District Manager Magnini floated an idea to the Board from a resident of incorporating a lockable (opened by purchased key), resident-only kayak storage rack which would sit at Pebble Beach Park near the boat ramp and/or possibly Willow Point Park. Discussion.

-Discussion was had about WPD park use with residents v. non-residents. Discussion was had about the restrictions and fees put on non-residents for park use, programming, and parking.

**XIV. Matters from the Public**

- No further matters from the Public.


**XV. Executive Session**

-The Board did not move into Executive Session.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Commissioner Brueck moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:58pm. Commissioner Corrigan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

  
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**Board of Park Commissioners**

  
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