

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
November 9, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:00 p.m. by President Quigley.

Present: Board Members: Bergholz, Fara, Malloy, Quigley
Absent: Caplis
Also Present: Jim Pacanowski Director of Parks and Recreation,
Superintendent Of Finance Jamie Janusz,
Superintendent Of Recreation Lavonne Campbell

APPROVE

November 9, 2009 Agenda

No changes were made to the November 9, 2009 Agenda.

September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – Bergholz moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to approve the September 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes: Bergholz, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Fara

October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes – Bergholz moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to approve the October 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

Ayes: Bergholz, Fara, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Malloy

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation

Jim Pacanowski reported that no new information was available from DuPage County regarding the wetland permit for the Harvester Park Wetland Project.

The irrigation project at Harvester Park will be completed within a few days.

There has been no further correspondence from Little League regarding the possibility of Little League directing a portion of their funds to enhance drainage of the ball fields at Harvester Park. Regular maintenance of the ball fields will be completed by the park district and the fields will be in shape and ready for next season.

Superintendent of Finance

Jamie Janusz gave a detailed account of several conversations she has held with Commonwealth Edison in order to resolve the past four years of overcharging for electric at the Burr Ridge Community Center due to the wrong meter installed in the building. In addition, Janusz has received contact information for Commonwealth Edison from the Village of Burr Ridge. Janusz has notified Commonwealth Edison that lack of attention to the matter will result in a letter to be forwarded to park district legal counsel, Barb Gosselar. Pacanowski added that the electric bills have gone down since Commonwealth Edison changed the meter.

Janusz added that the current monthly kilowatt hours is 10,600 compared to past monthly bills of as much as 51,000 kilowatt hours.

Janusz advised the Board that it is doubtful it will be necessary to hold a "Truth in Taxation" meeting. The Equalized Assessed Value is not expected to increase and with new growth expected to be under \$5 million, we would not levy more than 5% which does not require a public meeting.

Recreation Division

Lavonne Campbell gave a power point presentation to the Board recapping the successful Halloween Event held at the Burr Ridge Community Center. Campbell notified the Board that adults will be charged a nominal fee next year, possibly \$2.00 per adult. In addition, there will be a nominal fee for children ages 1 to 2 years old. There are several activities and food and drinks that are available to all age groups. The nominal fee that is planned for these two age groups, in addition to the current charge per child, will further offset the cost of the event.

Pacanowski added that the event is held as a way of giving back to the community and is not expected to generate a profit, however, the goal will be to approach break even as much as possible. Pacanowski expressed an interest in involving community service clubs and area schools in order to expand the Halloween Event in future years. Participation by clubs such as the Jaycees, Kiwanis, and area schools that can help sustain a long term interest and investment in the event would be required. The completion of the wetland enhancement project will lend another dimension to future Halloween activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Oak Grove Development

Pacanowski informed the Board that his recommendation for the development of Oak Grove Park would be to wait until an announcement regarding the possibility of \$150 million in new state aid is determined. There will be hearings in the near future to discuss the methods for distribution for that state money. There are currently no additional park district projects that would be affected by waiting to develop Oak Grove Park. Two projects listed in the Master Plan in addition to the Oak Grove Park Development are the splash pad and the sledding and skating areas at Harvester Park. Any of these projects may meet requirements for qualifying for the \$150 million in state funds. The state should make an announcement regarding the availability of these funds within the next 6 to 12 months.

Quigley added that an immediate development of Oak Grove is not necessary. Bergholz asked if there is a downside by not beginning enhancements at Oak Grove Park in the immediate future.

Pacanowski responded that the downside is the possibility of cost increases next year.

Fara asked when a resubmittal could be made to OSLAD for Oak Grove.

Pacanowski responded that a resubmittal would occur in July.

The Board unanimously decided to place the Oak Grove Development on hold.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Board Member Fara asked for clarification of restroom services.

Pacanowski responded that the concession facility restrooms are cleaned Monday through Saturday.

Malloy moved, seconded by Bergholz, and unanimously approved to approve the November bills.

ADJOURN

Fara moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary