

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:30 pm by President Quigley.

Present: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley
Via Telephone:: Paulius
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance

Approve January 10, 2022 Agenda

No changes were made to the Agenda.

Approve December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Paulius

Approve December 13, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve the December 13, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Paulius

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

Pacanowski presented the Board with our color palette of poured in place rubber for the Route 66 playground element project. There is a check request in the bills for labor deposit. The Director requested authorization to sign and disburse a deposit check for materials not to exceed \$20,000 prior to the next Board meeting. Consensus of the Board is being sought to approve administration's signature.

It was unanimously agreed by the Board for a one-time approval for signature for a check for the deposit for poured in place rubber in an amount no greater than \$20,000.

Caplis asked for verification of the contract agreement draft for testing for the poured in place rubber.

Pacanowski responded that there will be a test for depth for the rubber and Pacanowski will be present during this test. Grading will be important as well as the depth of rubber.

Caplis asked if there will be 3 days site security at this time as noted on the agreement.

Pacanowski stated that there will be site security as well as a site fence installed.

Caplis stated that in the contract agreement, number 10 should not be signed as stated as it currently states that the Burr Ridge Park District will pay attorneys fees if they lose a dispute. The contract agreement should state that it will be paid only if PTL prevails in a dispute.

Pacanowski will make the necessary change to number 10 of the contract agreement.

Pacanowski also informed the Board that there was a positive Preschool Instructor COVID test and as such, in abundance of caution, since preschool teachers crossover in instruction, all preschool was cancelled for the week.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further added to the written report.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski notified the Board that Before and After School Care at Gower will proceed as Gower School proceeds with COVID protocols.

Quigley asked for verification of Burr Ridge Middle School availability only to those showing COVID vaccination status.

Pacanowski responded that Burr Ridge Middle School activities are available to students who are vaccinated and require showing vaccination status. The Burr Ridge Park District is not requiring vaccination status at this time and therefore is not eligible to utilize the Burr Ridge Middle School for activities at this time.

Caplis asked for verification that there is not a 3rd and 4th grade basketball league offered by the Burr Ridge Park District.

Pacanowski responded that there is a struggle with that age group as there are travel teams for 3rd and 4th grade as well as a lot of competition in the area as leagues are flourishing in the area for 3rd and 4th grade leagues and our offering was cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Development of Public Bid Documents for Harvester Park for Tennis Court Resurfacing

Pacanowski summarized the timeline of the bid process and what the approximate costs of the bid and alternate bids would be.

Lawrence stated that he is pro 4 pickle court plan. It is a growing sport and serves 35 – 54 year olds and also serves a demographic that is different than one that is currently served at the park district. Lawrence stated it would be better to install a 4 pickle ball court properly, even if that means delaying installation in order to install it properly.

Malloy agreed with Lawrence and does not wish to waste an opportunity to install a 4 pickle court that would be well worth it in the long run.

Lawrence added that \$65,000 is being spent on poured in place rubber for a playground element which is comparable to the amount it would cost to install a 4 pickle ball court.

Quigley asked if this is the place to install that 4 pickle ball court.

Lawrence responded that there isn't another place to install it.

Caplis asked if west of the fitness equipment and basketball fields would accommodate the 4 pickle ball courts.

Pacanowski responded that it is sloped, elevated, has chinkapin oak, a swale, and would require a tremendous amount of excavation.

Caplis would like to get an alternate bid for the 4 court pickle ball and if necessary, installation can be delayed if needed. Alternately if possible, a 4 court pickle ball bid and a 2 court as an alternate.

Pacanowski stated that bidders might take the bid for a 4 court pickle ball more seriously and more competitively.

Lawrence suggested that the bid go out as a 4 court pickle ball court, with the 2 court as the alternate bid.

Pacanowski stated that the bids would be less likely to come in as ridiculous numbers if bid out in that manner.

Quigley stated that no recent information has changed his mind on 4 pickle ball courts. Nothing has been done half way at the Burr Ridge Park District. Re-doing the tennis courts will be cramming pickle ball courts in the area, which is not the way things are typically done at the park district and will only end up being an acceptable pickle ball court. Secondly, if you watch pickle ball, there are a lot of people, and there is not enough space to accommodate all these people. There are people that love pickle ball and will avoid certain spots because they are jammed together and because people become aggressive because pickle ball is the only thing that matters as they are passionate about pickle ball which you have seen here at the meetings. Credit should

be given for being passionate but things can go from passionate to aggressive. Quigley stated that his concern is that tennis will not be able to be played because it is next to pickle ball and will be overrun with pickle ball players. In addition, when pickle ball is being played, 6-8 months out of the year, this will no longer be a neighborhood type park catering to a broad group of people because pickle ball folks will be taking over. If that is what you want to do, that is great, but they make noise, they do what they want because it is popular and there are a lot of people. This will change the complex of the park district.

Caplis replied that maybe the complex of the park district should be changed. In addition, there are an enormous amount of people utilizing the Oak Brook Park District. Pacanowski responded that Oak Brook, has an indoor pool, it is 5 times the size, has a gymnasium, a weight room, and other amenities, and the usage is mostly inside, not outside.

Caplis stated that their parking lot is not much larger than the Burr Ridge Park District and they do have pickle ball there.

Quigley agreed that pickle ball is popular, however, board members should think about whether or not putting 4 courts in the tennis court area is the right answer.

Paulius stated that there were pros and cons for a 4 pickle ball court option and would be interested in seeing a bid on the 4 pickle ball court option.

Pacanowski suggested that the Chestnut Hills letter be amended slightly to include that a 4 court option is being considered.

There was some discussion regarding the level of noise between the skill levels of pickle ball players and as such the Chestnut Hills letter should be changed to say "can create noise".

Review FY 2022/23 Anticipated Budget Schedule

Pacanowski presented the board with the schedule for the FY 2022/23 Anticipated Budget.

Discuss Large Special Events – Harvest Fest

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski stated that it is time for the park district to shift large special events to smaller, pre-registered events.

Caplis asked what the vision is for the Halloween Event.

Pacanowski responded that it would be an outdoor event with limited indoor elements and would be advance registration.

Caplis stated that Harvest Fest should be placed on pause this year due to COVID restrictions and limited finances due to COVID, however, Harvest Fest should not necessarily be forever over as Harvest Fest has branded the Burr Ridge Park District.

It was unanimously agreed that Harvest Fest should be paused this year and the Halloween event should be reduced in size.

Approve IRS Mileage Rate Reimbursement

Caplis moved, seconded by Lawrence, and approved by roll call vote to Approve IRS Mileage Rate Reimbursement of 58.5¢ per mile.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Paulius

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Lawrence asked how often the furniture is stored.

Pacanowski responded that the bill is monthly, however, it is necessary to continue storing the furniture as having furniture in the building would promote gathering, lingering, and lounging of groups which would not be abiding by COVID protocol restrictions and social distancing guidelines.

Lawrence asked why there is not an Andy's Landscaping bill.

Pacanowski responded that this is their down time with employees on unemployment until sometime in March, with very few itemizations and outstanding charges which can be combined into the next bill.

Caplis asked for verification of 2 charges for Teatro Tetrzinni.

Janusz responded that there were additional tickets purchased.

Caplis asked for verification of the Welcome Back Party.

Janusz responded that this is for the Senior Geneva day trip.

Caplis asked for verification of the RPZ test bill.

Pacanowski responded that this is through former plumbers of Glinke Plumbing and there are few companies that perform this test.

Lawrence moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve January bills.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Paulius

ADJOURNMENT

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary