

**Burr Ridge Park District  
FY 2025-26 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance  
Public Hearing  
June 23, 2025**

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Present:	Caplis, Lawrence, Paulius, Quigley
Absent :	Malloy
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director of Parks and Recreation Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation Members of the Public

The FY 2025-26 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was adopted in tentative form on May 19, 2025 and has been available for public inspection for 30 days as required by law. This public hearing affords the public an opportunity to comment on the contents of the document.

No public comments were made.

Caplis moved to adjourn the public hearing of the FY 2025-26 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance at 6:32 pm, seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote.

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

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**APPROVE**

**Approve June 23, 2025 Agenda**

Item VII A, Discuss Pickleball Striping at Harvester Tennis Court, and VII B, Discuss Hours of Lighting Operation for New Pickleball Courts at Harvester Park were moved to after Item III,

Open Forum, Public Comment in order to accommodate members of the public in attendance.

### **Approve May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to approve the May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Caplis, Paulius, Quigley

Nays: None

Abstain: Lawrence

### **OPEN FORUM**

#### **Discuss Pickleball Striping at Harvester Tennis Court**

Pacanowski provided general information regarding pickleball striping on the tennis courts. Pacanowski stated that two tennis courts have been striped for pickleball for the last seven years. Over the last 18 months, the striped pickleball courts have been paired down to one striped pickleball court and there have not been any complaints received regarding specific incidents of excessive noise until last month.

The soonest professional re-striping of the court to remove pickleball striping from the tennis courts, should the Board decide as such, would be available would be late summer or early fall.

Quigley asked if lighting is an issue with the pickleball court.

Caplis asked what time other park districts keep pickleball lighting open, and if lighting will be an issue when the new pickleball courts are open until 10 pm. In addition, Caplis asked if it is anticipated that the new courts would actually be used up until the 10 pm closing time.

Pacanowski responded that 10 pm is the general closing time of park district pickleball courts. In addition, if it is open until 10 pm, it is anticipated that play will continue until that time.

Lawrence added that the courts are being used until closing at Woods Pool, however, it is not known if that use is for tennis or pickleball.

Pacanowski added that tennis, sand volleyball, basketball lighting and baseball fields remain on when engaged until 10 pm.

Lawrence stated that pickleball has been striped on the tennis courts for 7 years and there has not been anything cumbersome. The Burr Ridge Park District Board has gone out of their way in order to move the new construction of pickleball courts away from the Chestnut Hills area. Because of those reasons, Lawrence stated that he proposes to leave the tennis court striped for pickleball at this time.

Caplis stated he wishes to leave the tennis court striped for pickleball at this time until the new courts are constructed. At that time the situation can be assessed. However, if the

courts need to be re-striped for tennis only, this may incur an additional cost to the park district.

Pacanowski stated that it may not necessarily be a cost factor once the contractors have left the new pickleball area if they haven't also re-striped the tennis court to have them return to re-stripe the tennis court; however, scheduling may come into play.

Caplis asked if there will be a porta potty available.

Pacanowski responded that it will be an Oak Grove style porta potty.

Paulius stated that she would like the tennis court to remain striped for pickleball in order to service families with children who would like to play recreational pickleball.

Lawrence asked if there is a way to enforce no pickleball allowed on the tennis courts once the new courts are constructed.

Pacanowski stated that staff is not available at all times for that enforcement.

Quigley summarized that for the time being, it is agreed that the tennis court will remain striped for pickleball as it currently is. Upon construction of the new pickleball courts on the west end of the park, the Board will assess and revisit.

Kathleen Harmon, 114 Chestnut Hills Circle, asked if once this meeting is done, there is no longer an option.

Pacanowski responded that the Board just debated and made their decision in your presence.

Ms. Harmon asked how the pickleball situation would be monitored.

Pacanowski responded that there is no dedicated staff available to monitor pickleball, however, staff does come out on weekends, holidays, evenings, and throughout the day to monitor all of the park areas, equipment, services. In addition, Chestnut Hill residents are encouraged to reach out by phone or email.

Quigley added that in addition, staff and Board would rely on the neighbors giving feedback as to how the pickleball situation is going. The plan is to let it stay as is for the summer and when the new 4 court pickleball site is open, activity in both areas will be assessed and monitored.

Donna Ryan, 113, Chestnut Hills Circles, stated that the residents of Chestnut Hills previously told the Board how much pickleball activity is at the tennis courts. In addition, it sounds as though the monitoring efforts of the park district on pickleball will be soft.

Caplis responded that if there are real problems with pickleball, the residents of Chestnut Hills will make the park district aware.

Kate Niemiec, 109 Chestnut Hills Circle, stated that she works from home and she and her co-workers can hear pickleball whenever it is played. Ms. Niemiec is concerned that there is no firm plan in place for monitoring of pickleball in the future. Instead of waiting until there are complaints from the neighbors, Ms. Niemiec would like to be proactive and have something placed on the agenda in order to ensure follow-up.

Caplis stated that the pickleball players do not want it striped for tennis, and tennis players don't want it striped for pickleball. The majority of pickleball players will be playing on the new pickleball courts and will also socialize in that area in addition to playing pickleball. Caplis asked when the new pickleball court construction is anticipated to be finished. Pacanowski replied October. Caplis asked that Pickleball be placed on the November agenda.

Joe Niemiec, 109 Chestnut Hills Circle, asked if social drinking will be allowed at the new pickleball courts.

Pacanowski responded that there is no alcohol allowed in the park and monitoring will be in place to address that situation if it arises.

### **Discuss Hours of Lighting Operations for New Pickleball Courts at Harvester Park**

Pacanowski opened the discussion by stating that arguments can be made for both sides of the issue – turning the lights off earlier, and leaving the lights on until 10 pm, which is the same as baseball, basketball, tennis and volleyball.

Ambient lighting in the parking lot on the west end of the park which stay on, may encourage the pickleball groups to linger longer than 10 pm.

Caplis stated that the new pickleball courts are not near any residences, and as such should stay on until 10 pm and see if there are any negative occurrences by doing so.

Pacanowski added that there will be play rules established and posted as well.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further added to the written report.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Director of Parks & Recreation**

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski notified the Board that the new playgrounds have been well received.

Paulius added that neighbors are attending the new Whittaker playground often in family groups.

Lawrence added that Woods playground is well attended and asked if the swings can be painted in order to blend better with the play set.

Pacanowski responded it would cost approximately \$10-15,000 to powder coat/electroplate the swing set and it does not wear exceptionally well.

Caplis asked what the life expectancy of the current swing set is. Pacanowski responded that it is approximately another 5-7 years.

Pacanowski informed the Board that Playworld will be retrofitting the cone spinner on Tuesday.

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski updated the Board on the OSLAD project that there is a large electric line on the east end that will need to be worked around. Engineering is working on specs and CAD designs in order to get the exact location of the electric line. Also, the Big Wheel Highway which is part of the OSLAD project should be usable by mid to late summer.

In addition, Pacanowski presented renderings of the butterfly garden interactive displays as well as some of the signage that was created as a joint effort by Pacanowski and Dave Nowak.

Pacanowski notified the Board that PDRMA might have settled by paying the medical bills for the visitor who tripped over the rocks in Harvester Park for \$5,200.00 ish. Tort immunity is now swinging away from those holding tort immunity according to PDRMA's lead attorney. There will be some painting on the rocks in order to further highlight the fact that there are indeed rocks stacked, some signage and other informational improvements around the playground.

Pacanowski informed the Board that no communication has been received from the ComEd attorney regarding the culvert.

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski notified the Board that the Woods Pool kiddie pool leak will need to be addressed at the end of the season. The leak is in the same region as the last leak in that area which cost \$15-20,000 to repair. In addition, the pool pump blew and is being repaired. The backup pump is currently being used.

Lawrence asked for the current number of family and individual memberships. Campbell reported that there are 61 family and 9 individual memberships.

### Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further added to the written report.

Quigley asked for information regarding \$10,000 grant money to the Foundation. Janusz responded that there was a DuPage County small non-profit award program offered. These funds were also received last year which were used for those in need for day camp and before and after care at Gower. Last year there was \$5,000 received in round 1, and \$10,000 received in round 2. In addition to giving certain information such as their yearly salary, prospective recipients must send us in writing why they need the funds. This year the grant is for \$10,000, however, the grant agreement is currently not allowed for day camp.

Caplis asked how long the grant money is good for.

Janusz responded one year.

Caplis asked if it goes through the Foundation.

Janusz stated that the check goes through the Foundation, however, the child is registered through the park district, and once awarded, the check from Foundation is given to the park district and placed as a credit on the child's account for use for before and after care.

Caplis asked how much after care costs.

Campbell responded \$8.00 per hour.

Caplis asked if that is 1 hour per day.

Campbell responded that after care is offered 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Caplis asked if after care is offered at the park district.

Campbell responded that it is offered at Gower West in the cafeteria.

Caplis asked if that grant money could be used for a preschooler.

Janusz responded that it could, however, this year's grant can only be used for before and after care.

### Recreation Division

Nothing further added to the written report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Approve Low Bid & Authorize Contract for Harvester Park Recreation Improvements OSLAD Project

Caplis moved to Approve and Authorize J & R 1<sup>st</sup> in Asphalt as Low Bid Contract for Harvester Park Recreation Improvements OSLAD Project, seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote.

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

#### Adopt Ordinance 25-01 FY 2025-26 Budget & Appropriations

Caplis moved to Adopt Ordinance 25-01 FY 2025-26 Budget & Appropriations, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote.

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

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Caplis asked for verification of a very low \$57.00 water bill for Woods Pool.  
Janusz stated that this is the only bill received as of this date.

Caplis asked for verification that the survey invoice is for the new pickleball courts.  
Pacanowski responded that it is for the OSLAD Project for the pickleball courts.

Paulius asked for verification of the Harris computer system bill for \$500.  
Janusz responded that this is for the W2 paper forms.

Caplis asked for verification of a \$200 dehumidifier for landscaping.  
Pacanowski will check into it and get back to the Board.

Caplis asked for verification of the \$1,246 bill for the concession stand window repair.  
Pacanowski responded that this is for an inoperable key assembly repair.

Lawrence asked for verification of Mike Kuchta monthly computer service fees.  
Janusz responded that his fee is by the hour at \$120, versus the industry standard of \$145 to \$175 per hour. Total fee for Mike Kuchta per year averages \$12,000.

Caplis stated that Pleasantdale is having a Harvest Fest type event and the Village of Burr Ridge is sponsoring it. Caplis wished Harvest Fest could return to the Burr Ridge Park District and asked if the Village of Burr Ridge sponsored the Burr Ridge Park District Harvest Fest.

Campbell stated that the Village always sponsored the Harvest Fest event at the Burr Ridge Park District.

Pacanowski asked for permission to sign a check for Beary Landscaping which will be over \$1,000 when received. Pacanowski is working with Beary in order to have them create a more detailed invoice which will itemize all landscaping services. The Board unanimously agreed to allow Pacanowski to sign the check and notify the Board of the details of the invoice/check.

Caplis moved to Approve June, 2025 bills, seconded by Paulius, and approved by roll call vote.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Caplis moved, seconded by Lawrence and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Stednitz  
Recording Secretary