

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:31 pm by President Quigley.

Present:	Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley
Absent:	None
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director of Parks and Recreation Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance, Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation David Nowak, Recreation Specialist

APPROVE

Approve August 11, 2025 Agenda

Caplis requested adding Item IIC Approve June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes to the Agenda.

Approve July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved to approve the July 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes with a correction on page 2 to correct the spelling of the word “nothing”, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

Approve June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved to approve the June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote.

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

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to Correspondence.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski informed the Board that a significant amount of stonework has been done on the pickleball court, the parking lot, and there has also been further progression on the putting green. This week it is anticipated that lights will be installed. The OSLAD project is progressing as it should be.

In regard to the written report regarding the CNH Development, Caplis asked if it is known how many residential homes are planned for the CNH Development by Bridge Corp. Pacanowski responded that it is not known how many residential homes are planned for the area.

Caplis stated that there needs to be an estimate given by Bridge Corp. due to the impact on schools and parks.

Pacanowski will find out and report back to the Board.

Caplis asked for an update on the bill for the dehumidifier.

Pacanowski responded that this was for an additional dehumidifier in the concession building.

Caplis also requested an update regarding PDRMA recapturing the deductible from the renter for water damage done in the Community Center during their rental.

Pacanowski will get back to the Board with an update from PDRMA.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further added to the written report.

Recreation Division

Nothing further added to the written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Woods Pool 2025 Operations

Pacanowski presented pertinent information regarding Woods Pool including a guest survey which is still in progress, daily attendance information, groups utilizing the pool in addition to

the Burr Ridge Park District camps, 2025 projected financial performance, and an architectural review of Woods Pool from July, 2025.

Malloy asked how accurate the “Projected” figures are.

Pacanowski responded that the figures are based on trends. The pool closes on August 17th and are believed to be accurate projections.

Caplis asked if groups are charged for the use of the pool.

Pacanowski responded that all groups are charged for the use of Woods Pool.

Lawrence asked if there is a camera that can be used to probe the kiddie pool leak in order to get a more complete and accurate picture of the extent of the leak and more precise estimates for repair.

Pacanowski will check into the option of using a camera to probe the leak.

Malloy asked if an outside company can come in and perform a camera probe to get a more detailed estimate.

Pacanowski will look into getting a company in for a camera probe.

Pacanowski notified the Board that due to gathering of data with meter numbers and daily readings with the kiddie pool leak and then without the kiddie pool leak, staff has a very good idea of cost estimates from a water loss from the gutter leak will be next year. Estimates are \$1,000-\$1,500 for water loss from leakage over and above standard water use annually at current conditions.

Malloy asked if there are a lot of kids that were using the kiddie pool.

Nowak responded that there were approximately a dozen children using the kiddie pool on a regular basis.

Caplis asked if there is enough room for a splash pad to replace the kiddie pool at Woods Pool.

Nowak responded that he does not have knowledge of room requirements for a splash pad and does not know if there is enough room to accommodate a splash pad to replace the kiddie pool.

Pacanowski added that it is not known if a splash pad could be installed with the present plumbing system.

Caplis asked Pacanowski to get an estimate on a splash pad and report back to the Board.

Quigley summarized that there are extremes identified for Woods Pool as follows:

- 1 – The pool shuts down at the end of this season on the 17th, and reopens next season running as it currently is with no kiddie pool. This will utilize water above and beyond due to gutter leaks, however, the pool is currently running with that financial deficit.
- 2 – The pool could experience a situation where it reopens but then gets shut down.
- 3 – The pool could reopen and then experience a catastrophic failure and shuts itself down.

In option number 1, the pool would be running with a reasonable operating loss, spending approximately \$5,000-\$10,000 on capital funds.

Lawrence stated that the operating funds are closer to \$7,000 per year. In addition, playgrounds are not compared in a similar manner as Woods Pool. Only the pool operating funds are looked at with a different rationale and all park district assets should be compared similarly. Eventually the pool may have to close. There is no desire to spend \$200,000 to keep the pool running, however, the pool is an asset which should be compared financially as a playground is.

Caplis agreed with Lawrence that eventually this pool may close, however, it costs approximately \$31,000 to run the pool and the pool does bring a positive benefit to the community. In addition, Woods Pool adds a real estate benefit for providing a community pool to residents.

Lawrence added that the Foundation offered to provide shade and additional chairs at the pool this season as an improvement and it was turned down by the park district. Only donated lounge chairs were accepted. This looks as though improvements are not being made at the pool.

Caplis added that the current pool survey had 8 responses and 3 of the 8 discussed the lack of shade availability at the pool and yet a donation for shade was turned down.

Caplis asked for an explanation of the Nationwide bill for \$1,000.

Janusz replied that it is Deferred Compensation.

Caplis asked if concessions should be raised since the purchase of concession goods this year was \$7,800 with a profit of \$493.

Malloy asked for details about the concession stand money.

Nowak replied that the concession stand doesn't lose money. For instance, a candy bar costs 90 cents and is sold for \$1.50. Chips cost \$1.10 and sell for \$1.50.

Caplis stated that it seems as though the prices could be raised slightly more and asked if guards are required to purchase concession stand goods.

Nowak responded that guards pay half price for concession stand goods.

Pacanowski will look into price points for concession stand goods next year.

Quigley stated that there look to be two extremes:

One is to open the pool next season the same way it was shut down. There will be less money lost in water usage since the kiddie pool will not be open with leaking water.

The other is to possibly spend money for a kiddie pool repair, a splash pad, or shade area, and then commit to keep the pool open for 3 years.

Caplis stated that normally a decision is made by October, however, if an answer can be had regarding a camera probe for the kiddie pool leak in September, the Board can move forward with a decision at that time.

Caplis asked if anything else is needed at the pool such as new siding or painting at the pool, assuming the Board moves forward with opening next season.

Lawrence asked if new siding make sense if the pool is not functioning properly.

Quigley added that a decision would need to be made to either fix the kiddie pool, make changes, or open up the pool next season with no changes and no kiddie pool. The next decision would be to commit to a 3 year operating season decision.

Pacanowski stated that painting is needed more on the interior than the exterior.

Quigley asked for verification that of the current 82 memberships, 28 reside in the park district boundaries of Burr Ridge, plus an additional 4 more in the adjacent neighborhood. Pacanowski responded that 28 are Burr Ridge Park District residents residing within a 4 block walking distance, plus another 4 residing in the adjacent neighborhood. No memberships are south of Plainfield Road.

Quigley added that another 50 memberships do not reside in Burr Ridge.

Pacanowski responded that this is correct.

Caplis stated that it is interesting where the rest of the memberships are from. In addition, there is a lack of support from the immediate neighbors of Woods Pool. There are approximately 61% of the memberships that do not pay taxes to the Burr Ridge Park District. In addition, Caplis stated that there has been an increase in the number of children in the Woods Pool neighborhood over the last couple of years, yet there were more memberships from the neighborhood in previous years.

Pacanowski added that it is because of the lack of resident memberships that there is not an increased fee for non-resident membership to Woods Pool. Non-resident membership is needed in order to run the pool.

Quigley stated that the issue of lack of neighborhood support is not usually discussed when making decisions regarding the operation of Woods Pool and should be discussed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Malloy asked for verification of the \$7,700 truck bill.

Pacanowski responded that the truck got clipped by a semi.

Caplis asked for verification that reimbursement will be made for field paint.

Pacanowski responded that this field paint is for athletic field marking paint for league park district program use, not little league use.

Caplis asked for verification of the game table for the pickle ball court.

Pacanowski responded that this is for the OSLAD project.

Caplis asked for verification of the two aquarium bills.
Janusz responded that one is for June, the other for July.

Caplis asked for verification that the concession stand \$2,026 bill is for Woods Pool.
Janusz responded that it is all for Woods Pool.

Caplis asked for verification of the cell phone bill for Gower BASC.
Campbell responded that there is no phone line in the after school care program room at Gower. The cell phone is used for Gower BASC in the fall, winter and spring, and then for day camp in the summer.

Malloy asked for verification of the pre-employment bill.
Janusz responded that a background check needs to be done on every employee every year according to PDRMA law.

Caplis asked for verification of the air conditioning bill for \$905.
Pacanowski responded that this was for the Lobby.

Caplis asked for clarification that the Lounge chairs for the pool were reimbursed from the Foundation.
Janusz responded that the reimbursement is in process.

Caplis asked for clarification for the bill for counsel for \$448.
Pacanowski responded that this was mostly for counsel for the Com-Ed culvert issue.

Lawrence asked for verification of the postage meter bill. Is it possible to make payments electronically through an app and get rid of the postage meter completely.
Janusz responded that the postage meter is not only used for bill payment. At times there are very large mailings and the postage meter is necessary.

Caplis asked for verification that the water bill for the Harvester concession building of \$2,891 includes the splash pad.
Janusz responded that it would include the splash pad in the summer.

Caplis questioned if we will be reimbursed by PDRMA for the \$19,106 bill from Water Well Solutions.
Pacanowski replied we have been reimbursed \$18,000 with the deductible.

Quigley asked for verification of the Community Center electric bill for \$3600.
Janusz responded that this electric bill is high due to the high temperatures experienced the past month.

Quigley asked if there have been any complaints received from Fieldstone residents in regard to treating the pond for algae.
Pacanowski responded that no complaints have been received and all ponds have been in good condition.

Caplis moved to Approve the August, 2025 bills, seconded by Lawrence, and approved by roll call vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Lawrence moved, seconded by Paulius and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary

h/jamie/board/minutes/brpd minutes August 11 2025