

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
November 14, 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, Paulius, Quigley
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance
Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation

Approve November 14, 2022 Agenda

No changes were made to the November 14, 2022 Agenda

Approve October 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve the October 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to Correspondence.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

Nothing further was added to the written report.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further was added to the written report.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Campbell notified the Board that the 9 am and 1 pm Storytime Trains were both sold out before 9:00 am on the day registration began. A

third train at 5pm will be added and offered to those on both of those waitlists. There are currently enough on those waitlists to fill a third train.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss 2023 Aquatic Weed Program for McCullough Park

Pacanowski summarized the communication between the park district and the two Homeowners Associations of Fieldstone regarding sharing the cost of herbicide treatment of McCullough Park Pond. One HOA declined to participate because they treat their property. The second HOA asked what cost sharing programs are held with other homeowners that border park district ponds and also asked that tree removal occur by the Burr Ridge Park District before cost sharing of herbicide treatments would be considered. Pacanowski estimates that it is approximately \$6,500-7,000 for herbicide treatment per pond; McCullough, Kraml and County Line Estates. One could spend \$30,000 tomorrow and still not completely remediate the entirety of the tree issues.

Paulius stated that \$21,000 a year for pond maintenance on 3 ponds; McCullough, Kraml and County Line Estates, is a lot of money and it would be beneficial to give the property away.

Pacanowski responded that it was previously attempted to give pond properties away and was unsuccessful. Kraml and McCullough Pond are used by residents as a walking area in addition to occasional fishing. There is arguably room in the budget to add herbicide treatment for McCullough Pond.

Caplis stated that the park district is not the cause of the algae problem of McCullough Pond. The cause is fertilizer leaching into the pond.

Quigley added that if the situation gets any worse than it got last summer, the park district will not be able to fund remediation. Additionally, the homeowners are responsible for fertilizer going into the pond.

Caplis asked that the diagnosis of fertilizer going into the pond exacerbating the problem be added to correspondence with the HOA.

Lawrence added that it should be noted in communication with the HOA that because of the homeowner's fertilization of property, we feel a shared responsibility as proposed is fair.

Pacanowski stated that a notation could also be added that commitment to herbicide treatment costs are not to exceed \$7,500.

There was some discussion of surrounding areas that eventually feed into McCullough Pond and street runoff possibly contributing to the algae bloom.

Lawrence asked if it would be wise to not treat the pond again next year to see if the algae bloom occurs since it has not been an issue previously. It should not be the responsibility of the park district to commit to annual treatment of the pond.

It was unanimously agreed that Pacanowski will draft a response to the HOA stating that the park district has answered an unusual occurrence of a crisis at McCullough Pond last summer but will not be committing to an annual herbicide treatment program at this time. The pond will be monitored and assessed as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Determine 2022 Tax Levy Extension

After discussion with Janusz concerning the CPI at 5%, the Board determined that it will not be going to Truth in Taxation and will levy 4.95% over the aggregate of last year (2021). The levy will be approved at the December meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Caplis asked for verification of the tree bill at Citizens Park.
Pacanowski responded that this was for tree removal next to the Salomone property.

Caplis asked for verification of the Supply Fuel Fleet.
Pacanowski responded that this is for gas for the vehicles.

Quigley asked for verification of the Harvester Connector Path bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for the path between the main path and the concrete of the Tower.

Lawrence asked for verification of the RPZ valve bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for the valve which controls the backflow which must be winterized.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Lawrence moved, seconded by Caplis, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary