

**Burr Ridge Park District  
Regular Meeting  
July 11, 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: Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley  
Absent: Caplis  
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director

**Approve July 11, 2022 Agenda**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**Approve June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Malloy moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to Approve the June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**Approve June 20, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

Malloy moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to Approve the June 20, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

**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 final payments will need to be made to Kenneth Company, the Tower Company and the Rubber Company prior to the next Board meeting which will be in excess of \$1,000. A ribbon cutting ceremony is necessary in order for the park district to receive the official Route 66 sign.

The timeframe for the ceremony will be September as all the pathways will be refinished at that time, and landscaping and grasses will be completed and grown in as well. Details will follow.

In addition, a report on the potential location for a pickle ball court near the west parking lot will be given prior to the next board meeting. That potential site location will be approximately 700 feet to the nearest Chestnut Hills resident which is more than the 600 foot recommendation and should give a positive decibel reading.

Pacanowski informed the Board that the McCullough Pond has been treated and has shown improvement.

The totem pole at Oak Grove Park will be installed this week with a private ceremony being held by the McGirr Family in August. There will be a second ceremony after that held for the Burr Ridge Park District, donors, Burr Ridge Village Board and members of the public. Details of that ceremony will be given to the Board when received. As has been done for the Marguerite Garden, language for the plaque will connect in a human way, however, there will not be listed a date of birth and death. The saying for Marilou McGirr will be "Busy as a bee building a better Burr Ridge Love, Marilou McGirr".

There is also a bench located near the totem pole that the family has asked for a plaque to be placed noting that she was a Village Trustee and the dates of that service.

Quigley asked where the plaque would go.

Pacanowski responded it would be on the bench located near the totem pole and would be approximately 3 x 6 or 3 x 8 inches

Malloy asked for verification that there would not be date of birth/date of death.

Pacanowski responded that there would not be those dates listed.

Quigley stated that this would be a precedent for other Village Trustees to have a memorial in the park system.

Malloy added that it would open the door for Village Plan Commissioners as well.

Lawrence added that it would setup up a policy for memorials in the Burr Ridge Park District for Village of Burr Ridge employees as well.

Pacanowski stated that currently there is a standard of tenure for park district commissioners and employees and this would be lowering that operating parameter.

Quigley asked if there are park district employee memorials.

Pacanowski stated that there is a Susan Rynne Children's Playground sign at Citizens Park.

Quigley stated that it would open the door for any family member from anywhere to donate a certain amount of money in order to dedicate a memorial.

Pacanowski stated that currently there have been parameters without controversy, however, that would get difficult to avoid if memorials were to become more commonplace.

Malloy asked if memorials would also put a burden on the park district in regard to maintenance.

Pacanowski responded that currently the amount of maintenance is minimal and easily incorporated into the routine maintenance for the improvement at Oak Grove.

Malloy asked if only the name will be on the bench.

Pacanowski responded that it will be the name, Village Trustee, and dates of service as Trustee. In addition, her name is currently already on the totem pole.

Lawrence stated that the recognition is already on the totem pole.

Quigley added that in an example of extreme cases, you can have 20 people donate to install a memorial at the park.

Pacanowski stated that there have been private citizens approach to seek a memorial at the park district.

Lawrence stated that if there is a bench dedicated, there will be more people approaching to request the same service. Lawrence asked Pacanowski for his opinion.

Pacanowski responded that it will set a precedent. Marilou McGirr is being recognized on the totem pole and the family is thankful for that.

Lawrence stated that the totem pole is a tasteful and beautiful way to recognize the individual.

It was unanimously agreed not to add an additional name plaque to the bench.

#### Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further was added to the written report.

#### Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski added that the numbers for Woods Pool Memberships are a positive sign that there might not be a lot of discussion regarding operations for 2023 at the end of the year.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Approve Director of Parks & Recreation Employment Agreement

Pacanowski stated there were a couple minor changes made that were noted for the Board.

Lawrence asked for clarification of the 12 month termination package versus a severance package.

Pacanowski responded that only protection against unfair termination, not payment for work not completed, is being proposed..

Malloy moved to Approve the Director of Parks & Recreation Employment Agreement, seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote.

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

Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Willowbrook and the Burr Ridge Park District to Provide Recreational Programs and Services to the Village of Willowbrook

Pacanowski noted that this agreement is the adjusted agreement between the Village of Willowbrook and the Burr Ridge Park District. The anticipated occupancy at the Village of Willowbrook is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Accommodations will be made if that occupancy date is not met in order to continue seamlessly until the new facility is ready.

Lawrence moved to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Number 22-R-29 Between the Village of Willowbrook and the Burr Ridge Park District to Provide Recreational Programs and Services to the Village of Willowbrook, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Lawrence moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to Approve the July bills.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Malloy moved, seconded by Lawrence, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz  
Recording Secretary