

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2022**

FY 2022-23 BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing 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, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley
Absent:	Lawrence
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation Members of the Community

OPEN FORUM

Quigley read the following statement:

“The FY 2022-23 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was adopted in tentative form on May 16, 2022 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 this document.”

No public comment was made on the FY 2022-23 Budget and Appropriations.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

Caplis moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to adjourn the public hearing at 6:33 pm.

Ayes: Caplis, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley	Nays: None	Abstain: None
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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:33 pm by President Quigley.

Approve June 20, 2022 Agenda

Agenda Item VIIA, Discuss Aquatic Weed Issue at McCullough Park, under New Business was moved to after Agenda Item IIC, Approval of Executive Meeting Minutes.

Approve May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Paulius moved, seconded by Caplis and approved by roll call vote to Approve the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Approve May 16, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Malloy moved, seconded by Caplis and approved by roll call vote to Approve the May 16, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Aquatic Weed Issue at McCullough Park

Pacanowski stated that he has had communication between residents and management of Fieldstone regarding weeds at the McCullough Park Pond. Pacanowski supplied the Board with photos of the pond from the day of the board meeting. The issue is being brought to the Board in hopes of a resolution. A couple facts regarding the pond are that each pond is unique. McCullough pond is at the end of all the ponds within the subdivision that make up Fieldstone. The pond is approximately 36” deep or less in part due to silt build up. Most of the abutting properties are fertilized which then goes into the pond which is a source of nutrients for algae. Aeration will do nothing to stop the growth of algae. It is supposed to add diffused oxygen to the water to keep aquatic life alive. Aeration is important if herbicide is applied as algae consumes oxygen. The park district had an aerator at one time which kept breaking due to clogging in the shallow pond. It was fixed 3 times and replaced 2 times. An estimate from Marine Biochemists have indicated that application bi-monthly would be approximately 70-75% successful and would still have occasional algae blooms, especially if there is no control over the nutrients getting to the algae which is the fertilizer from the resident’s lawns.

Paulius asked if the algae is worse this year than in previous years.

Pacanowski responded that it seems worse than usual this year as the filamentous algae is massive.

Paulius asked if the treatment would need to be repeated every year.

Pacanowski stated that you could try to treat the pond a couple times but if you don’t treat the pond consistently you are just wasting money as the problem will definitely just return.

Quigley asked about the maintenance of Kraml and County Line Ponds.

Pacanowski responded that those ponds get bi-monthly applications from mid-May through the end of September and are somewhat successful in controlling algae. Those ponds are, however, deeper than 3 feet with Kraml being 9 feet deep with consistent

flow at all times. McCullough Pond is less than 3 feet deep with sediment. County Line Pond is more parallel with McCullough.

Caplis asked how deep County Line Pond is.

Pacanowski responded that it is probably as deep as McCullough or a little deeper.

Quigley stated that treatment of a pond is not something that is done 1 or 2 times, but should be a long term maintenance program.

Malloy asked what the cost of treatment of the Kraml and County Line ponds is.

Pacanowski responded that it is \$5,500-\$6,000 for County Line and \$7,500 for Kraml. The estimate received for McCullough is \$8,000-\$12,000 depending on whether or not extra services listed in the agreement are required.

Quigley asked if there are consequences to the fish with treatment.

Pacanowski responded that chemical treatment is EPA approved and the EPA also follows County stormwater rules.

Caplis asked if the fish will die off upon treatment.

Pacanowski stated that there will be some number of fish killed and the park district would need to be prepared to scheduled cleaning that up as soon as it occurs.

Malloy asked if fertilizer can be prevented from leaking into the pond.

Pacanowski stated that residents can be asked to go natural or stop fertilization.

Quigley asked what happens if the pond is just left alone.

Malloy asked if the rain would wash it away.

Pacanowski responded that the rain does not wash the filamentation away.

Quigley stated that there is then unsightly consequence.

Caplis asked if there is a smell and if there are fish you can catch.

Pacanowski stated that the fish are mostly carp.

Quigley opened the meeting up to residents for Open Forum.

OPEN FORUM

Richard Barrett, 705 Kenmare Drive, stated that there is a smell which is exacerbated by the degree of algae. Mr. Barrett asked what the solution is going to be and what needs to be done to facilitate creating a solution.

Pacanowski responded that the Board is meeting tonight with this item on the Agenda in order to formulate a solution.

Quigley added that this year is one of the worst seasons for ponds all over the area.

Treatment of the pond does not guarantee 100% removal of the algae and must also be continued on a regular basis.

Tom Dykstra, 6837 Fieldstone Drive, stated that 3 ponds above McCullough have an aerator and are chemically treated and are fairly clear.

Caplis asked how deep those ponds are.

Mr. Dykstra stated that they are similar in depth.

Caplis responded that the shallowest of the ponds in the Fieldstone Subdivision is McCullough.

Mr. Dykstra stated that the smell is bad.

Pacanowski responded that if there are fish that have died, even if they were up in the other ponds, they will end up in McCullough Pond. The oxygen readings that were taken during the fish kill were low in all of the ponds.

Mr. Dykstra suggested that the Fieldstone Club work together with the Burr Ridge Park District to treat McCullough Pond.

Todd Hassell, 402 Kenmare Drive, stated that the HOA looked into ownership of the ponds leading into McCullough and it was discovered that ownership of the residents was 5% into the ponds edge, 5% Fieldstone, and 5% Fieldstone Club, and the vast majority of all the ponds belong to the Burr Ridge Park District.

Pacanowski responded that this not the case and described the boundaries of the property lines.

Caplis suggested the HOA discuss the ownership of the ponds with the Village of Burr Ridge as typically ownership of pond property stays with the HOA of the subdivision.

Mr. Hassell stated that the HOA did discuss this topic with the Village.

Pacanowski will bring the PIN number and plats to the park district attorney for verification that ownership does not belong to the park district.

Mr. Hassell asked if the park district currently maintains the treatment for algae on two other ponds for \$6,000 to \$8,000, he respectfully requests that as taxpayers that McCullough Pond get equal consideration and be treated for algae as well.

Pacanowski stated that this is a fair point, however he asked residents to please also remember that a significant fallen tree removal, \$10,000-\$12,000, was just performed with another \$20,000 for large tree removal from McCullough being spent over the last several years. There is significant operational expenses that go into the McCullough Pond area.

Malloy asked if Andy's is used for tree removal.

Pacanowski stated that Frank's is used for large tree removal.

Caplis asked if any changes of Flagg Creek or grading have occurred that would affect the pond.

Pacanowski said the last change that occurred was many years ago with the spillway and plug.

George Trumbull, 1204 Kenmare Drive, stated that when the pond had the leak nobody from the park district cleaned up the mess. That is what started the issue at the pond.

There were trees in the water that were not removed. Trees were not trimmed and were falling in the water causing erosion.

Caplis asked if some of the tree issues are on resident property.

Pacanowski stated that the trees run parallel to the shoreline and provide habitat.

However, it would cost a lot of money to drain the pond and remove the dead trees from the pond.

Karen Trumbull, 1204 Kenmare Drive, stated that the last 3 years there has been an unpleasant odor which keeps property value down. There are dead fish floating. There used to be wildlife around the pond and now there is nothing.

Mr. Hassell stated that an aerator is needed and perhaps negotiations with Fieldstone Club and Fieldstone will allow for the purchase of an aerator.

There was some discussion on how many aerators and type that may be needed.

Suresh Ravanam, 806 Kenmare Drive, asked if money from the Burr Ridge Park District budget is tight, would it be possible to treat the pond at least once a month?

Quigley responded that the park district needs to make a decision regarding McCullough Pond and closed off open forum.

Caplis stated that some of the cost could possibly be shared with the Fieldstone subdivision HOAs.

Pacanowski stated that he could pursue that avenue.

Malloy asked if aerators could be put in.

Pacanowski responded that the pond would need to be cleaned out first which is quite expensive, and then the number of aerators needed would be figured out based on square footage which would all then need to be maintained on a regular basis. The treatment would occur from May through September. A percentage of fish die off would occur upon chemical treatment of the pond which would need to be scheduled to be cleaned out within 1 to 2 days of occurrence. If one of the the Fieldstone HOA demonstrates more stewardship, it would make sense to approach the other HOA in order to contract their fair share of ownership of the problem and ask for collaboration. I

It was unanimously agreed to move forward executing the treatment plan suggested by Marine Biochemists for this year and approaching the Fieldstone HOAs for collaboration with the park district on a more permanent treatment plan of the pond.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report Pacanowski provided information regarding prevailing wages in response to a previous Board request.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further was added to the written report.

Recreation Division

Campbell reported that there are currently 78 family memberships and 7 individual memberships at Woods Pool as compared to last year which were 85 family and 9 individual memberships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Ordinance 22-01 FY 2022-23 Budget and Appropriations

Paulius moved to Adopt Ordinance 22-01 FY 2022-23 Budget and Appropriations, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Malloy asked for clarification of the chainsaw carving bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for the new totem pole for Oak Grove Park.
Caplis asked for the date of the totem pole unveiling.
Pacanowski responded that details for a date are being worked out with the family and will possibly be August 13th or 15th. There may be two different unveiling dates.

Malloy asked for clarification of the bass and minnow bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for stocking at the Harvester Park Pond.

Malloy asked for clarification if the bill for the pool dumpster is monthly at \$182.
Pacanowski responded that it is a monthly bill.

Paulius asked for clarification of a \$10,000 drain line repair bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for payout for work completed.

Caplis asked for verification of the J&R Asphalt bill.

Pacanowski responded that this is for completed work at Stevens Park, Oak Grove, and Citizens. Harvester East lot and the pathway will occur later in the summer.

Caplis asked for verification of the fire sprinkler repair bill for \$1,720.

Janusz responded that this is for the sprinkler at the Burr Ridge Community Center.

Caplis asked for verification of Hitchcock Design bill for \$2,000.

Pacanowski responded that this is for Rt. 66 and pickle ball work.

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve the June bills.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1 for Discussion of Personnel Matters Involving Specific Employees of the Park District.

Caplis moved to Adjourn to Executive Session For The Purpose of Discussion of Personnel Matters Involving Specific Employees of the Park District, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved at 8:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Caplis moved, seconded by Paulius, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary

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