

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:32 pm by President Quigley.

Present: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley
Absent: Paulius
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance

Approve August 15, 2022 Agenda

Item VIA Unfinished Business, Discuss Potential Four Court Pickleball Bordering the West Parking Lot of Harvester Park, was moved to after IV Correspondence.

Approve July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Lawrence moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to Approve the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum other than Pickleball discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Potential Four Court Pickleball Bordering the West Parking Lot of Harvester Park

Pacanowski summarized that the discussion was previously left open to re-examine the possibility of other sites that a court could be located with more clarity given on available finances. Research was conducted and presented to the Board with a potential location, along with a capital forecast prior to the Board meeting. Pacanowski provided an exhibit, an overhead drone picture, and a preliminary grading plan of a possible alternative location for a pickleball court. The costs presented are for an unlit 4 court layout with a 6' chain link fence surround and a 4' divider fence in the middle.

Pacanowski stated that there is an active village water main directly through the site. As more details are known regarding the sale of the CNH property, it may be possible to render the water line obsolete. However, this decision will not be known for quite some time as the property has not been sold yet and it is not known what the use of the property will be.

In addition, Pacanowski held discussions with Com Ed regarding the substation and any potential health hazards due to the close proximity to the courts. After discussions and research regarding magnetic fields it was determined that there are no reported issues regarding potential health hazards that have been identified.

Pacanowski added that there is an OSLAD grant program, however, since this would be a singular use project, the likelihood of the project passing the first cut for an OSLAD grant is not probable.

Pacanowski provided details regarding construction costs including engineering design costs which do not include removal of the water main or lighting. Lighting would be an approximate additional \$130,000 - \$140,000.

Caplis asked how high the fence on the East side of Com Ed is.

Pacanowski responded that it is 6' with a wind screen.

Quigley added that there is also barbed wire on the top.

Lawrence asked if there would be a possibility to add lighting to the project in the future.

Pacanowski stated that there would be no negative impact to the project if the lighting was not added at the time the courts were installed and then added at a later date.

Malloy asked if the tennis courts still need resurfacing the next year.

Pacanowski responded that the intention is to resurface the tennis courts next year in order to remain consistent with maintenance standards.

Lawrence asked if the maintenance will be high for the pickleball courts.

Pacanowski stated that the maintenance will not be major.

Lawrence asked what the lifetime expectancy of the courts is.

Pacanowski replied that it is 10-15 years.

Malloy asked for verification of the 6' chain link fence for pickleball and if that is a normal height.

Pacanowski responded that the 6' fence is around the perimeter and some are 10' at pickleball courts. The difference between a 6' and 10' fence for our lineal feet is approximately \$12,000.

Quigley stated that it is assumed that all projects scheduled for this year would be taken care of. The first year there are about \$400,000 in projects for the year with Capital Development Fund just under \$7,000. The next year it is about \$400,000, and the last year \$350,000 with the need to use Operating Funds in order to cover costs. With the

challenges of COVID over the last couple of years it looks as though 2019 was used as a reference for distribution of funds.

Pacanowski responded that increases to Annual Operating Fund Balances are not being generated but are breaking even, however, the Operating Funds that will be utilized are already accrued. Once the cushion is gone through, the only way to fund would then be to fund by cutting operating costs.

Caplis stated that the levy can be increased.

Janusz stated that a levy increase would be minimal.

Caplis asked if \$45,000 can be taken from the Capital Asset Fund and the remaining \$350,000 from any Operating Fund.

Pacanowski responded that can't be done.

Quigley stated that the money may need to be cut somewhere else.

Pacanowski stated that it may have to come from the next source of Capital Funding.

Caplis stated that cash would be gone somewhere in the year 2025/2026.

Pacanowski responded that refinancing would need to be considered.

Quigley stated that if the costs for the pickleball courts is currently \$210,000 will it be another 10% in 2 years.

Pacanowski responded that asphalt is approximately 70% higher than in the previous two years and may actually come down when the project is bid out. It is an unpredictable market.

Caplis stated that he would be agreeable to have a preliminary plan to place a pickleball court in the alternate location near the west parking lot without lighting only if a decision regarding the water main is reached prior to the project beginning.

Malloy asked if the Village gave any indication when the water main issue would be rendered.

Pacanowski responded that the zoning will be new, however, it will not be done until the property is sold, a development plan created, etc. Only then can the Village attempt to try to get the water main either moved or rendered obsolete.

Malloy asked if the water main is currently used.

Pacanowski responded that it is a pressure release water main and is used.

Lawrence asked if the Village will re-route the water main.

Pacanowski responded that it is possible, but no decision will be made until the CNH property is sold.

Quigley stated that there most likely won't be an answer regarding that property for another 2 years from the Village of Burr Ridge.

Pacanowski stated that there was optimism that there would be an answer in our proposed timeline.

Malloy asked how many parking spaces are being lost in the west lot with the proposed pickleball court project.

Pacanowski responded that 15 spaces would be lost, however, there is accommodation for single side parking along 71st street.

Lawrence asked if the Chestnut Hills homeowners had any problems with the proposed new site.

There were no problems from members of the public.

Board Members asked Pacanowski to prepare correspondence with the Village officially requesting assistance with the water main to either abandon, expedite the process, or move the line.

Pacanowski will prepare correspondence and report back to the Board next month.

Caplis asked that Pacanowski hold discussions regarding the 20 acres of land on CNH property to the east of Harvester Park.

Pacanowski stated that discussions have already been held with Village officials for a possible dual purpose use.

Bill Voigt, 166 Foxborough Place, Burr Ridge/Pleasantdale Park District resident, stated that he agrees with the Board's stand regarding the water main and that the pickleball group would be happy to go to the Village to attempt to get answers regarding the water main. In addition, Mr. Voigt would ask that the park district not have an architect draw the pickleball court without input or viewing other pickleball sites and discussing any possible mistakes made when those facilities designed the pickleball courts.

Mr. Voigt also offered an option of utilizing the area north of the baseball field and south of the parking lot as a site for a pickleball court.

Caplis stated that there is an easement there.

Pacanowski stated that is not the easement as that is the area on the southern edge of the parking lot to the left of the fence of the field

Mr. Voigt also stated to Chestnut Hills residents that their home prices will escalate due to pickleball courts being installed.

Donna Ryan, 113 Chestnut Hills Court, Burr Ridge thanked the Board for looking for an alternative location and Jim Pacanowski for his efforts.

Janelle Barcelona, 8437 Walredon Avenue stated that it is impressive what the park district staff and Board have done and that it was creative to have had communication with Com Ed.

Julio Padilla, 7240 Chestnut Hills Drive, thanked the Board for listening to homeowners and for moving the potential pickleball court from 50' to 850' away from the Chestnut

Hills homes. In addition, Padilla responded to Mr. Voight that values of homes only would increase if courts are far away from homes.

Kate Niemec, 109 Chestnut Hills Circle, thanked the Board for listening to homeowner concerns as she can already hear conversations of players on the tennis courts. In addition, trespassing and parking was a nightmare during the 2 days of resealing of the parking lot at Harvester Park. That was a sample of what it would be if pickleball courts were located on the tennis court area.

Julio Padilla added that Chestnut Hills residents never stated that they were against pickleball courts. They only asked that they not be placed 50 feet from their homes.

Susan Coleman, 6460 Hillcrest Drive, Burr Ridge/Pleasantdale Park District resident, stated that it is very important that the park district install the pickleball courts if at all possible. It is an important attribute, good for the residents, and a facility that she would use.

Linda Jones, 7 Hunter Ct., Burr Ridge, stated that she is very encouraged that the Board and staff is working hard to make the pickleball courts happen.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to Correspondence.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report Pacanowski informed the Board Rt. 66 has exceeded all high expectations. In addition, a Rt. 66 monument will be installed in 2 weeks and the remaining chain link fence will be removed.

Caplis asked if there were any complaints regarding hitting their heads when going on the slide.

Pacanowski stated that there have been no complaints, however, it is necessary to duck your head if over of certain height. Pacanowski will look into getting customized padding created.

Pacanowski informed the Board that the McGirr Private Memorial went well with about 60 family members attending. The public memorial will be held Saturday at 2pm.

Pacanowski asked the Board whether to proceed with efforts to mobilize the Fieldstone Homeowners Associations to contribute towards chemically treating the pond or whether the park district will continue to treat the pond at an estimated cost of \$7500 per treatment.

Caplis stated that the homeowners are contributing to the cause of the problem of the pond and therefore should contribute towards the solution of the problem. It was unanimously agreed to proceed with efforts to gain contributions from the Fieldstone HOAs for treatment of the pond.
Pacanowski will submit site results to the HOA and request a 3-way split after labor day.

Superintendent of Finance

In addition to the written report, Janusz stated that the audit has begun and is proceeding well.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski added that a busy summer is wrapping up.

Caplis asked if Dave Nowak had gone on vacation as the pool turned green in his absence.

Pacanowski will look into the issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Resumption of Discussion

Discuss Potential Four Court Pickleball Bordering the West Parking Lot of Harvester Park

Quigley asked if anything else was needed for Pacanowski to proceed. In addition, what is the cost, assuming a couple years go by before receiving an answer from the Village regarding the water main.

Malloy asked if the Village abandons the water main will the pickleball court be built on top of it.

Pacanowski stated that the main would most likely be able to remain in the ground and be built on top of it.

Malloy would be in favor of moving forward with the pickleball courts if the water main is not an issue and if there is not an alternative location.

Pacanowski stated that the potential location that Mr. Voight suggested is not viable as there are elevation issues and ingress/egress issues making it an impractical site location.

Quigley stated that if the water main issue is taken care of then it would be an approximate \$200,000 project to figure out if it can be managed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Agreement with Michael Mazulla to Operate the Concession Stand for Fallball 2022

Caplis recommended the following be added to the agreement on page 2 Section C: “Any such indemnification covered by this agreement shall not be limited or barred by any limitation of any workers compensation or similar law.”

Caplis moved as Amended to Approve Agreement with Michael Mazulla to Operate the Concession Stand for Fallball 2022, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Malloy asked for verification of the \$5,000 water bill.
Janusz stated that this is for normal fill for the pool.

Malloy asked for verification of the pool concessions stand.
Janusz stated that concessions are sold at the pool and the funds that come in are offset.
Pacanowski added that it averages to \$3 in purchases being sold for \$4

Caplis asked for verification of the final payment to Kenneth Company and asked if there is a retainer being held.
Pacanowski stated that there is no retainer as everything is finalized.

Caplis asked for verification of a \$526 attorney fee.
Pacanowski responded that this is for the Director of Parks and Recreation Employment Agreement.

Caplis asked for verification of a \$12,000 Imagination bill.
Pacanowski responded that this is for the final payment of 3 trampolines for the Rt. 66 playground element.

Lawrence asked for verification of the \$657 wifi bill.
Janusz responded that this is for 2 routers.

Caplis asked for verification of a bill for horseback riding lessons for \$3,000.
Pacanowski responded that this is for a contractor’s invoice for horseback riding lessons offered in Palos Hills in the Summer.

Lawrence asked for verification of mulch pick up in Indiana.
Pacanowski responded that the pick up was in Homer Industries in Lockport.

Caplis asked for verification of a screwdriver set at Grainger for \$13.00.

Pacanowski stated that there were specialized sets needed for the Rt. 66 project.

Caplis asked for verification of a bill for Village of Willowbrook senior trips.

Pacanowski stated that this was owed to them with the balance remaining with the Burr Ridge Park District.

Caplis asked for verification of \$2,300 for senior supplies for Temptations.

Janusz stated that this trip was still contracted at the Burr Ridge Park District prior to the agreement with Willowbrook.

Caplis asked for verification of engraved badges for Rt. 66 for \$135.

Pacanowski responded that this is part of the tower.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary

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