

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2023**

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
Absent:	None
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation

Approve August 14, 2023 Agenda

No changes were made to the Agenda.

Approve July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Malloy moved, seconded by Caplis and approved by roll call vote to Approve the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

Approve July 10, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Lawrence moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to Approve the July 10, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski asked that all Board Members RSVP to Barb Barkstrom by the appropriate date for the picnic in September.

Caplis asked if spouses can be brought.

Pacanowski responded that Board Members may bring significant others to the event.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski stated that Mark Pasqualini will be celebrating 25 years of service at the park district. It is customary to present a \$300 gift card to the employee for 25 years of service and Pacanowski asked for permission to make this purchase.

Board Members unanimously agreed to purchase the \$300 gift card to present to Pasqualini for 25 years of service.

Superintendent of Finance

In addition to the written report, Janusz reported that the Park Foundation Boat Regatta event at Woods Pool was a great success and fun for the whole family. It was the first attempt at this fundraiser and it was well organized and attended. It is expected that there will be an increase in attendance at subsequent Regatta events and discussion will be held as to how to organize and tweak the event in order to accommodate higher numbers of attendance. In addition, it is expected that there will be more adults entering the race based on comments received after the event.

Pacanowski added that perhaps the event should go later into the evening to accommodate adult participation which will also take advantage of lighting that was installed at the pool for the event.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Campbell notified the Board that the programs are flipping over from summer to fall activities. There is a meet and greet at Gower School on Wednesday, and BASC currently has close to 100 enrolled. Memberships for Woods Pool saw an increase of 33 memberships with the last-ditch effort to increase membership with the reduction of membership pricing to \$100.

Pacanowski added that the pool closed yesterday and a more complete financial report will be available at the next Board meeting with discussion held in October for the next season of Woods Pool.

Campbell notified the Board that a new event called Hogwarts Express will be held in September on the same afternoon as the Pedal the Parks event. The Hogwarts event is similar to Storytime in activities but is based on the Harry Potter stories. There are currently 85 enrolled in this program.

Campbell informed the Board that Action Cleaning is going out of business, and to prepare for the closing of this business all floors, carpets, and furniture is being cleaned prior to that closing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Gateway Special Recreation Association Update

Pacanowski summarized the written report regarding the update on Gateway Special Recreation Association.

Caplis stated that Willowbrook parents should be complaining to Willowbrook Parks and Recreation that they are no longer participating in Gateway and have left for SEASPAR. Pacanowski explained that the parents will not notice any difference in accommodations for their children as the Burr Ridge Park District will be obligated to supply assistance regardless of whether or not Willowbrook participates in Gateway SRA or SEASPAR.

Caplis asked if there should be a non-resident charge added on to compensate for the loss of Willowbrook's participation in SRA.

Pacanowski stated that there is a slight fee increase already added on for non-residents, however, an even higher fee would discourage participation in our programs.

Caplis asked where the nearest SEASPAR location is.

Pacanowski stated that the closest SEASPAR location is in Darien.

Quigley asked if there could be 50 participants from Willowbrook needing one on one aid that would now need to be paid for by the Burr Ridge Park District instead of Willowbrook.

Pacanowski responded that there would not be enough qualified staff found to cover high numbers such as that. The maximum number of participants would therefore be controlled due to lack of qualified staff availability.

Malloy asked if aids could be offered to residents first.

Pacanowski stated that in essence it is offered to residents first since residents get first chance at registration with non-resident registration available one week later.

Caplis asked why Willowbrook left the SRA.

Pacanowski responded that Willowbrook was not satisfied with the program and were looking for more. However, their fee will be double with SEASPAR.

Pacanowski has asked Willowbrook to consider a cost sharing for future one on one aid costs associated with Willowbrook residents in the future as they may occur.

Pacanowski also stated that he feels the SRA is not strong enough to survive longer than another 1 to 1-1/2 years if Oak Brook were to also leave the SRA. There would then have to be a deal made with same in order to continue offering that package of programming.

Harvester Park Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid Results

Pacanowski informed the Board that the Village of Burr Ridge will be coming out with equipment in order to assist with lifting the posts in order to prevent damage to the posts which are expensive.

Pacanowski added that due to current circumstances, the potential for new pickle ball courts on the west end will not be able to be completed until most likely Fall of 2026 at the very earliest. With the tennis courts being resurfaced and painted within the next couple weeks, now would be the time to decide whether or not to paint one of the courts for a pickle ball court in order to allow for recreational pickle ball play until the four courts planned on the west end can be completed. At the time the four courts are completed, the tennis court could then be repainted at an additional cost or leave as is with one pickle court option.

Paulius asked if there have currently been any complaints regarding pickle ball play at the tennis court.

Pacanowski stated that there have not been any complaints and noise mitigation should not be an issue with one court.

Caplis asked when the courts would be striped.

Pacanowski responded that at the earliest in two weeks and/or possibly before the next meeting.

It was unanimously decided to stripe one of the tennis courts at Harvester Park for a pickle ball court when resurfacing.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Caplis asked if chlorine and pool chemicals are being looked at being purchased online or at Sam's Club for a cheaper price.

Pacanowski will ask Dave Nowak to look into it.

Malloy asked if a new car purchase should be looked into as car repairs are increasing.

Pacanowski responded that the repairs are increasing and some repairs have not been made that are needed. However, the Ford Ranger has low mileage, about 50,000, and it is a vehicle that should be considered putting money into repairs as opposed to purchasing a new vehicle as this type of vehicle is no longer made and is a great utility vehicle for what is needed at the park district.

Quigley asked for verification of an air bag repair bill.

Pacanowski responded that the air bag sensor was broken and had to be repaired.

Caplis asked for verification of Frank's Tree Service Bill.

Pacanowski responded that this was for Lake Ridge Club trees.

Caplis asked for verification for mulch purchase from Homer.

Pacanowski stated that this is for playground mulch which is more expensive. Landscape mulch is purchased from A Block and is less expensive.

Malloy asked for verification of Rachele Hapon bills.

Campbell responded that this is for several Art Classes which were held over the summer.

Quigley asked for verification of the drinking fountain repair bill.

Pacanowski responded that this is due to children getting sand in the water fountain which occurs each summer.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Paulius moved, seconded by Malloy and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary

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