

**Burr Ridge Park District  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2025**

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 of Parks and Recreation  
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance  
Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation

**APPROVE**

**Approve March 10, 2025 Agenda**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**Approve February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to approve the February, 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**Approve February 10, 2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to approve the February 10, 2025 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

**OPEN FORUM**

No Open Forum

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further added to the written correspondence.

## **REPORTS**

### **Director of Parks & Recreation**

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski informed the Board that the culvert on the wetland trail in the ComEd easement had to be torn up for short term emergency remediation due to the culvert being plugged up and causing flooding on Vine Street. The culvert is in critical wetlands and the process has begun for permitting to replace the culverts. If no progress occurs after a couple weeks, Pacanowski will make attempts to expedite the process.

### **Superintendent of Finance**

Nothing further added to the written report.

### **Recreation Division**

In addition to the written report, Campbell notified the Board that registration began for non-residents today with most of the day camp weeks half full and several of the athletic camps full.

Caplis asked what swim level is being taught in the swim lessons laid out in the brochure. Campbell responded that all swim levels will be taught and will be separated accordingly during that time frame.

Paulius asked if there is a noticeable difference between the resident and non-resident registration process.

Campbell responded that for the athletes camps it makes a difference as most are filled up by residents. It also slows the process down somewhat and allows for any errors or issues to be corrected.

Paulius asked if there is any way to get the brochure out before the registration process begins.

Campbell responded that most of the registration is an online process. In addition, the printer's response time and the US Post Office delivery time for the brochure is inconsistent and unpredictable.

Pacanowski added that the brochure was done very nicely and referenced the report previously distributed that shows the amount of activity on our website over the last several days of the brochure going online and the start of registration

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Discuss Playground Replacements at Woods and Whittaker Parks**

Pacanowski presented updated renderings showing proposed changes for the playground replacement at Woods Playground.

The color of the unit was changed to reflect a more integrated color scheme for the wooded and natural environment.

Two renderings were presented; one with a 22 foot tower and one with an 18 foot tower. Pacanowski presented the differences between the two, noting the loss of ADA amenable elements on the 18 foot tower, as well as the ability to appeal to older children.

In addition, Pacanowski referenced the surveys from the Woods Pool residents which showed that there was not "opposition" to a slide over 15', but fell in the not interested category. However, high interest was shown in slides between 8' and 14', the size of this slide.

The 22' tower is caged with mesh and bars which will help protect privacy from the tower for close area residents.

Lawrence asked if there may be negative feedback for the replacement of the playground unit if the pool then needs to close in the next couple years.

Pacanowski responded that the current playground unit is in need of replacement regardless of the outcome of the pool over the next couple years.

Lawrence asked how old the current unit is.

Pacanowski responded that it is at least 25 years old.

Lawrence asked for an idea of the cost of the current unit.

Pacanowski responded that a comparable unit would cost between \$125,000-\$130,000 installed.

Lawrence stated that the proposed playground unit would be an increase of 33% for the playground.

Pacanowski responded that each neighborhood park requires renovation just once every 15-20 years and it would be a disservice if the best unit within the budget was not put into the playground.

Caplis added that whether Woods Pool were to be closed or not, the playground unit will need to be replaced at the park.

Caplis asked for verification that the 22 foot tower is \$171,265 installed.

Pacanowski responded that it is.

It was unanimously agreed to install the 22 foot tower playground unit.

Pacanowski presented the updated rendering of the Whittaker Park unit which now includes a 4 piece rocker element.

Paulius asked if the current swings will remain.

Pacanowski replied that they will remain.

Caplis asked why this unit is more money than the Woods unit, and why it is more money to install.

Pacanowski responded that this unit is bigger and more complex which adds to the purchase price and the amount to install due to the complexity of the unit.

Caplis asked why there is 2.5% bonding included for Woods and .25% for Whittaker in the proposal.

Pacanowski responded that bonding is for labor which is included in the contract.

Pacanowski informed the Board that 50% of the OSLAD grant money for the pickleball courts will be awarded up front if requested, which will ease up funding timing for other projects.

Caplis asked when the playground replacement units will occur.

Pacanowski responded that the order will be placed immediately with delivery 4-6 weeks after the order is placed. Installation will occur soon after delivery. Woods Playground will occur first and should be completed by the end of May. Whittaker will occur directly after.

These projects were in the preliminary budget.

Lawrence asked what the EWF service would have cost.

Pacanowski responded that it is less money to dump and spread mulch with in-house or contracted landscape personnel and will not be using the EWF service from the installer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discuss Potential Future Improvements at Harvester Park**

Pacanowski presented the Board with an annotated (by the Director), somewhat out of date site plan that was proposed at a recent Village of Burr Ridge Plan Commission meeting for the CNH property development. A summary of potential recreational and property improvements, previously discussed with the Board, within Harvester Park and adjacent private land was requested by and discussed with Bridge Representatives. An adjusted proposed site plan by Bridge for CNH is still in progress with the Village.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Caplis asked if the scoreboard deposit will be reimbursed.

Janusz responded that it already has been reimbursed.

Caplis asked for verification of the bill from Andy's Landscaping for January 19th.

Pacanowski responded that this bill was just received for services rendered at the end of the season.

Caplis asked for verification that the water bill for the Community center is only \$90.

Janusz responded that the water bill for the Community Center is separate from the playground water consumption bills.

Caplis asked for verification of the Bond fee bill.

Janusz responded that it is to publish Emma (Electronic Municipal Market Access).

Lawrence asked for verification of the Official Finders LLC bill.

Pacanowski responded that this is for referees for the basketball program.

Caplis asked for verification of the bill for the butterfly interactive.

Pacanowski responded that this is the deposit for the interactive.

Caplis asked for verification of the Storytime Train bill for \$5,600.

Campbell responded that the venue bills the park district after the event due to a long standing relationship with the park district.

Lawrence moved to Approve March 2025 bills, seconded by Paulius, and approved by roll call vote.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Stednitz  
Recording Secretary