

**Burr Ridge Park District
Public Meeting
June 17, 2024**

PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting for the presentation and input regarding the 2024 application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) Grant Program for a Development Project at Harvester Park was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:32 pm by Vice President Caplis.

Present: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius
Absent: Quigley Late Arrival 6:40 pm
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance
Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation
Members of the Public

OPEN FORUM

Pacanowski thanked the public for attending the meeting and presented a design showing preliminary design for the OSLAD grant application which is being considered for submittal to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a grant reimbursement of 50% of the project. The early cost estimate is \$725,000 which would amount to a grant award of \$362,500 if successful. Pacanowski explained that the main hard scape items of the project are the lighted pickleball courts and parking lot. Added features to the plan will make that corner of the park district more diverse in its recreational opportunities. At the July Board meeting discussion will take place for a final decision for submittal to the IDNR which will occur before the end of July. The IDNR typically finalizes decisions in January of 2025 and if the Park District is successful, construction would begin in 2025. The construction would need to be completed within 2 years of the grant approval.

If the grant application is not granted by the IDNR, there may be a smaller project with pickleball courts at that site location by the Burr Ridge Park District.

Regarding further pickleball updates, tennis courts are being resurfaced at Stevens Park and Woods Pool and will be striped for pickleball as well. In addition, Harvester Park has been resurfaced and striped for pickleball.

Vito Abbate, 1513 E.Evergreen Ct., Darien, stated that in the past there was a plan to construct pickleball courts when the CNH property was sold.

Pacanowski responded that there was never space that was contemplated from CNH property. There is a water main used by the Village of Burr Ridge under the area the pickleball courts that will be deactivated by the Village when the CNH property is sold.

Mr. Abbate asked if the project could be postponed by the lack of sale of the CNH property.

Pacanowski responded that it could affect the start date of the project and again referenced the site development plan.

Caplis added that the Park District has applied and successfully received OSLAD grants in the past, noting that things such as the butterfly garden added to the grant request not only benefit the community, but also increase the chance for a successful grant.

Pacanowski added that the Park District has successfully received several OSLAD grants for the Park system previously.

Susan Genovese, did not sign in, asked if there are shade trees planned for the area and asked that a covered or shaded area for spectators be installed.

Pacanowski stated that shade trees will be added where they can be fit in after the project is completed. In addition, Pacanowski will look into reworking the site plan to accommodate a shaded area for spectators for the pickleball courts.

Caplis added that shade trees are typically purchased in the fall when on sale and can be added to the site at that time.

Linda Jones, 7 Hunter Ct., Burr Ridge stated that a covered area for spectators would be beneficial if added to the plan.

Mr. Abbate thanked the staff and Board for their work and for submission of the grant and offered suggestions to add checkers, cornhole bags and volleyball to the plan.

Pacanowski responded that there are already volleyball courts on site at Harvester Park. In addition, the area is limited by the size available for use.

Mr. Abbate asked if there are windscreens for the courts.

Pacanowski responded that there are 8 foot screens on 3 sides of the courts planned.

Tim O'Brien, 668 Woodglen Court, Lemont, asked if the parking lot will be used for more than pickleball.

Pacanowski responded that the parking lot is and will be used for more than pickleball, however, usage patterns are minimal except during flag football season in the fall. At that time there is additional parking available along the street.

Ms. Genovese asked if there is any use on the tennis courts at Woods Pool.

Lawrence responded that it is frequently used, especially at night. Tennis has increased since the pandemic and has created a new group of people playing tennis.

Geri Fauth, 7320 Chestnut Hills, Burr Ridge asked when the lights will go on and off at the pickleball courts.

Pacanowski responded that lights will be available on the courts until 10pm seasonally and there will be a push button activation system.

ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

Paulius moved, seconded by Lawrence and unanimously approved to adjourn the public meeting at 7:05 pm.

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:05 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 June 17, 2024 Agenda

No changes were made to the Agenda.

Approve May 15 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved to approve May 15, 2024 minutes with a correction on page 4 from “Caplis moved to Adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel Matters Pursuant to 5 IL CS 120/2 (c)(11)” to “Caplis moved to Adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation Pursuant to 5 IL CS 120/2 (c)(11)”. seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote.

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

Approve May 15, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved to Approve May 15, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote.

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

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski reported that there is a leak in either the gutter system or the pipe that connects the gutter to the well at Woods Pool. There will need to be an assessment made to identify the more reasonable way to repair the leak and get an estimate at the end of the season. Hopefully memberships will continue to increase.

Quigley stated that the hot weather should help membership.

Lawrence stated that advertising of daily passes may actually hurt membership registrations. Pacanowski responded that a percentage of marketing is dedicated to daily passes, however, there is a good amount of neighborhood families not participating in memberships of the pool. The daily passes help to offset the lack of memberships.

Campbell added that day camp participation also helps offset the lack of memberships which is charged at \$5.00 per child.

Caplis asked if families that were previous members of Woods Pool can be sent marketing information for the pool.

Campbell stated that marketing was done prior to the start of the season targeting those families.

Superintendent of Finance

In addition to the written report, Janusz notified the Board that there are several FOIA requests made and responded to.

Recreation Division

Campbell notified the Board that M&M Mars has agreed to donate for the National Night Out event with 1200 ice cream bars.

There are approximately 30 families participating in the Family Camp Out event. In addition, a Taylor Swift event with a show and DJ is being planned. Marketing will be forthcoming regarding this event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Going to Public Bid for Woods and Stevens Parks Tennis Court Resurfacing

Caplis moved to Approve Going to Public Bid for Woods and Stevens Parks Tennis Court Resurfacing, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

Approve Resolution for Harvester Park OSLAD Grant Application

Lawrence moved to Approve Resolution for Harvester Park OSLAD Grant Application, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote.

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

Approve Gateway SRA Sixth Amended Articles of Agreement

Caplis moved to Approve Gateway SRA Sixth Amended Articles of Agreement, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

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

Motion Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Executive Session Meetings Occurring Prior to November 2022

Pacanowski stated that executive session verbatim tapes are required to be maintained for 18 months.

Caplis asked if the statute states 18 months.

Janusz replied that the statute states 18 months.

Caplis stated that statute of limitations is 2 years and in some instances 4 years and would prefer keeping the tapes for 4 years. As a public body Caplis prefers keeping the tapes longer than the 18 month statute.

Pacanowski stated that the typed minutes are still available.

Lawrence stated that this Board is above board and would rather be more cautious and save the tapes for a longer time than necessary as opposed to destroying them.

Quigley asked if keeping the recordings after 12/14/20 and destroying anything prior would be preferable.

Caplis stated that he requests keeping all executive session tapes from 7/27/20 on. In addition, Caplis requesting putting review of destruction of audio recordings on the Agenda every 6 months

Caplis moved to Authorize the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Executive Session Meetings Up To And Including June 22, 2020. Seconded by Paulius, and approved by roll call vote.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Malloy asked where the recycling area is located.

Pacanowski responded it is located in the wetland area in the southwest corner.

Caplis asked for verification if the broken spring at the garage is the Wick Building.

Pacanowski responded that it is.

Caplis asked for verification of \$1,400 for paper goods.

Janusz responded that this is for a year supply of paper towels, toilet paper, etc.

Paulius asked for verification that the ball field and court lights replaced is for the basketball court lights.

Pacanowski replied that all the lights were replaced. Fitzgerald replaced the ball fields and basketball court lights.

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

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

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING:

5ILCS 120/2(c)11 Discussion of Pending Litigation

Caplis moved to Adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing 5 IL CS 120/2 (c)11 Discussion of Pending Litigation, seconded by Lawrence at 7:32 pm.

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

RECONVENE TO REGULAR PARK BOARD MEETING

Lawrence moved to reconvene to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote at 7:45 pm.

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

Motion to Authorize Settlement of the Litigation Captioned Edgar Pal v. Burr Ridge Park District

Lawrence Moved to Authorize Settlement of the Litigation Captioned Edgar Pal v. Burr Ridge Park District in the amount of \$468.98. Seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary

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