

**Bensenville Park District  
Board of Park Commissioners  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

1. Call to Order

President Johnson called the Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gibbs	X	
Johnson	X	
Karg	X	
Snyder	X	
Hernandez	X	

Staff in attendance: Director Joseph Vallez, Mary E Dickson, Park District Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Gibbs, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Agenda.

On a roll call vote:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Johnson	X		
Karg	X		
Gibbs	X		
Snyder	X		
Hernandez	X		

Motion carried.

3. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Valerie Special complimented the District on the Garden Club event.

Jessica Sove commented activities attributed to Commissioner Hernandez regarding matters not involving or occurring at the Park District. She referenced that Commissioner Hernandez appears at meetings wearing Park District shirts, expressing personal opinions, and proclaiming his position on the Park Board, which she asserted blurs the line between his personal opinions and those of the Park District. She concluded by asking that the Board take action to ensure that Board members are more careful about how they present their personal opinions both in person and in social media.

4. Staff Reports

Director Vallez report is attached to the agenda.

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Discussion was held concerning the School District's offer to sell Mohawk School property to the Park District for \$566,608. He also reported on the work at the water park which was not completed in time to open on the Memorial Day weekend. Work continues and is being monitored by the District and the architect for contract compliance and liquidated damages.

5. Action Items

A. **IGA City of Wood Dale, Arbor Park Improvements**

Commissioner Snyder moved, seconded by Commissioner Karg to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Wood Dale for Arbor Park sidewalk construction in an amount not to exceed \$26,000.

In discussion, Director Vallez presented the proposed IGA with Wood Dale regarding the construction of both City infrastructure and the Park District's required sidewalk. The City's bid opening had not yet occurred, but the Park District's project should not exceed \$26,000. The Board agreed to execute the IGA, with the not to exceed figure inserted.

On a roll call vote:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Johnson	X		
Karg	X		
Gibbs	X		
Snyder	X		
Hernandez	X		

Motion carried.

6. New Business

There was no new business.

7. Closed Session

Commissioner Karg moved, seconded by Commissioner Gibbs to enter closed session to discuss the acquisition of land and pending litigation, pursuant to 5 ILCS 2(c)5 and 11.

On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted "aye."

8. Return to Open Session

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Upon return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m., Commissioners discussed the status of discussions with the School District regarding Blackhawk School. The District has in the past, discussed putting in drainage, a track, soccer fields, and then volley ball courts, which the cost estimated at \$750,000. Director Vallez reported that the IGA under discussion was never approved by the School District. It appears the School District wants the Park District to improve their land without benefit to the Park District. .

Commissioner Hernandez asked staff to look into blocking the entrance of the Deer Grove Leisure Center when there are big events, specifically when children are being dropped off or picked up. The mix of cars and children is a problem, and the District needs to protect the kids.

A question was also raised in regard to a parent complaint concerning summer camp, because the counselor is not allowing the girls to change from swim clothes to regular clothes after camp. Director Vallez will discuss this issue with the camp counselors.

9. Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Snyder to adjourn.

On a voice vote, all Commissioners present voted “aye.” The motion carried.

The meeting stands adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved:

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President Rich Johnson

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Secretary