

**Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Boulevard Wildwood, IL 60030
Monday, November 15th, 2021, at 7:00pm**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Anna Nelson, Matt Brueck, Becky Jante, Dan Corrigan, Frank Bruno
Absent: None
- Park District Staff Present:** Brandon Magnini, Park Dist. Manager; Katherine Atkins, Accountant
- III. Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, November 15th, 2021**
Commissioner Brueck moved to approve the agenda as stated for the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, November 15th, 2021. Commissioner Corrigan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 18th, 2021
Commissioner Brueck moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, October 18th, 2021. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
- B. Minutes of the Board Workshop – Monday, November 8th, 2021**
Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the minutes of the Board Workshop Meeting of Monday, November 8th, 2021. Commissioner Bruno seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.
- V. Matters From the Public**
-None
- VI. Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. Discussion. Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the Financial Report. Commissioner Corrigan seconded the motion. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, aye, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carries.
- VII. WSRA**
Commissioner Nelson stated the previous meeting was November 8th. WSRA Board approved the financial audit report for 2021 and the Board meeting dates through 2023. Trunk and Treat was reviewed and staff were impressed with the turnout despite the weather. WSRA will be having a 40th anniversary (of their founding) sit-down dinner for their program participants and families on December 10th. The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th, 2022.

VIII. GLCC

Commissioner Brueck noted that Keystone Fisheries dropped off 100 pike, 100 small mouth bass, 400 walleye, in Gages Lake. Park District Manager Brandon Magnini noted that the GLCC will be assisting with ice fishing and helping sponsor "Snow Much Fun" on January 22nd at Pebble Beach. No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

IX. Valley Lake Report

Park District Manager Magnini included several quotes for online purchases of in-house beneficial bacteria that can be utilized by District Maintenance Staff in additional treatments for Valley Lake ranging between \$100-\$300 on top of Clarke's professional biweekly treatments. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck laid out several proposals gleaned from Clarke Environmental for beneficial bacteria treatments for Valley Lake to the Board. Discussion. The Park District will continue to do diligent research and consider all aspects before considering further action. The Valley Lake Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00pm.

X. Staff Reports

A. Recreation/Administration

The Recreation/Administration Report was read. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck stated that he would like to see a burn pit installed at Twin Lakes Park near the maintenance facility as a possible Eagle Scout project for a Scout that has approached the District needing an Eagle project. Discussion.

B. Maintenance

The Maintenance Report was read. Discussion. Park District Manager Brandon Magnini noted that he was moving forward with tree work for a cost of \$900.00 for a partially fallen tree at Valley Lake North. Discussion.

C. Marketing/Promotions

The Marketing/Promotions Report was read. Discussion.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Valley Lake Drain/Monitoring

This item was discussed under item "B" under New Business.

B. Approval of 2021 Tax Levy

Commissioner Brueck moved for a 0% Tax Levy for the year 2021. Motion was not seconded. Discussion. Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the Tax Levy for the year 2021 as agreed upon at the November Regular Meeting and posted for 30 days in tentative form. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, nay, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. Motion carries.

XII. New Business

A. Wildwood Park District Whistleblower Protection (Public Act 740 ILCS 174 SAFE-T Act) Policy Approval

Park District Manager Magnini relayed to the Board a memorandum and policy to be reviewed and approved relating to the policy stated above. Discussion. Park District Manager Magnini had been appointed the "auditing official" for whistleblower claims for this new law at the July 2021 meeting. After reviewing the statute, it was apparent that an official District

policy, training, and staff acknowledgement form for this new law had to be adopted by the District. The new law protects whistleblowers at agencies against retaliation by reporting gross governmental misconduct. This policy as presented was reviewed by Rudow Consulting and corporate counsel. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck moved to approve the Wildwood Park District Whistleblower Protection (Public Act 740 ILCS 174 SAFE-T Act) Policy. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

B. Valley Lake Stormwater Improvements DCEO/SMC Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Review and Discussion

Commissioner Jante noted the intergovernmental agreement for Valley Lake Stormwater Improvements that was attached to the Board packet was still being reviewed by the State's Attorney for approval. Discussion. The IGA will not be signed by the District until approved by the State's Attorney. The District must confirm with Lake County Stormwater Commission that the District is committing to the \$26,541.00 to contribute to the overall project (reconfiguring berm at Valley Lake North and retrofitting of Valley Lake South plunge pool), that the District had budgeted prior to the current fiscal year. Discussion. A motion was made to approve the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for Valley Lake Stormwater Improvements in the amount of \$26,541.00. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. So seconded, Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, aye, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. Motion carries. A motion was made to reserve \$34,500.00 which includes the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and potential project overages. So moved, Commissioner Brueck. So seconded, Commissioner Bruno. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, aye, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. Motion carries.

C. Wildwood Park District Employee Automobile Damage Review

Commissioner Brueck circled back on one of the District's park security staff members that had experienced damage to weather stripping of his windshield to his vehicle off District property while off the clock. Discussion was had whether damage stemmed from verbal altercation in park with patron at an earlier time (with no concrete evidence) and whether to reimburse for damage in a nominal amount. Discussion was had regarding validity of claim and direction District should take. Discussion. Agenda item was tabled and will be discussed again at the December Regular Meeting.

D. IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights 2022 Conference Registration Approval

Park District Manager Magnini presented to the Board the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference early bird registration rates and conference schedule. Discussion. The Board approved that Park District Manager Magnini be the District's delegate to the IAPD Annual Business Meeting with Commissioner Nelson being the alternate. Commissioner Nelson moved to have the Board registered for the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights 2022 Conference with the "No Frills" registration and hotel lodging for up to \$3900.00 total for 5 Board Members as budgeted for FY 21-22. Commissioner Bruno seconded the motion. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, aye, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. Motion carries. Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve up to \$1,000.00 for Park District Manager Brandon Magnini to attend conference with "No Frills" registration and lodging. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Frank Bruno, aye, Matt Brueck, aye, Dan Corrigan, aye, Anna Nelson, aye, Becky Jante, aye. Per Diem costs will be discussed as an agenda item on the December Regular Meeting.

E. Rule Park Driveway Exit Discussion.

Commissioner Brueck presented to the Board PowerPoint slides from a Board meeting several years ago with resident concerns about the exit at Rule House parking lot and safety concerns with driving after recent resident communication about cars not fully stopping at the stop sign and speeding out of the parking lot. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck also presented a quote from Nabar Sealcoating for \$13,300.00 to reroute and pave a new exit out of Rule Park back onto Sears Boulevard. Discussion. Potential solutions were discussed such as removable speed bumps, and better education to program participants about being safe and driving carefully out of the lot. Discussion. Agenda item will be tabled and discussed again at the December Regular Board Meeting.

F. Dog Washing Station Discussion

Commissioner Brueck presented to the Board a brief informational brochure in the Board Packet advertising an industrial dog washing station that residents may like due to the sheer number of dogs that walk in the parks. Discussion.

G. Property Tax Appeal Grays Pointe Apartments

Park District Manager Magnini and Kathy Atkins included in the Board Packet an appeal from the Grays Pointe Apartments for a reduction in \$100,000.00 of assessed value in property taxes in which the District is a taxing body in that geographical area. Discussion was had whether the District would wish to pursue this appeal and use legal counsel to fight it. After discussion, it was determined that the cost of using counsel and the amount being appealed would not be worth the fight in the long run for the District. Discussion.

XIII. Matters from the Public


-None

XIV. Executive Session (NONE)

A. Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). The Board did not move into Executive Session.

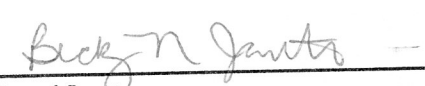
XVI. Adjournment

Commissioner Brueck moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, November 15th, 2021, at 9:21pm. Commissioner Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.


Secretary

Board of Park Commissioners

12-21-2021
Date


President

Board of Park Commissioners

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