

Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Blvd, Wildwood, IL 60030
September 15th, 2025, 7:00 PM

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Becky Jante, Matt Brueck, Anna Nelson, Dan Corrigan, Doug Dietzen
Absent: None
- Park District Staff Present:** Brandon Magnini, Executive Director, Kathy Atkins, Accountant, Michael Dykes, Maintenance Supervisor.
- III. **Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, September 15th, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of the Wildwood Park District of Monday, September 15th 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, August 18th, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, August 18th, 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried.
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes – Monday, August 18th, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, August 18th, 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Dietzen, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Matters from the Public**
- Marianna Ruano was present. She is a resident of Valley Lake. She shared her concerns with the health of the lake, and the fish kill situation. She was interested in asking how the residents can volunteer, be involved, and more active in the conservation of the lake. Director Magnini will follow up with Marianna with additional details.
- Valley Lake residents Maj Kowalski and Sally Mahan were also present.
- VI. **Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. **WSRA**

Commissioner Nelson noted the next meeting was September 22nd.

VIII. **GLCC**

GLCC had their first meeting since May on September 10th. Their meeting outline, financials, and minutes from their May meeting were attached to the Board Packet. TIGRIS did a 4pbb bump treatment of the Sonar on September 2nd. Will assess going forward. The GLCC requested that Jennifer from TIGRIS visit the lake again in the fall to see what progress has been made and how to plan for next season. Discussion.

IX. **Valley Lake Report**

The fish kill in late August and the Park District's response to it was reviewed. Discussion. Additional information about other local fish kills in the area was included along with documentation and correspondence of the low dissolved oxygen and lake conditions from the IL Department of Natural Resources, Lake County Health Department, and Maj Kowalski's volunteer lake monitoring readings. The information gathered continued to support the fact that high temperatures and a heavy rain event exacerbated a previous algae bloom and low dissolved oxygen to create the conditions that led to the fish kill.

President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Any Illinois Wildlife Removal and Relocate Inc. invoice for the removal of dead fish on Valley Lake for \$6,090.00 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

ILM's treatment report from September 2nd was included in the packet. ILM's July Lake Water Quality Report that was included in the contract was also added to the Board Packet and will be added to the long term Valley Lake Management Plan. Discussion.

Commissioners would like to see the service bids for the 2026 treatment year ready for review either in December or January.

X. **Staff Reports**

A. Recreation/Administration – report was read. Discussion

B. Maintenance – report was read. Discussion

I. Lake County Tree Initiative: Director Magnini shared several slides from a Lake County presentation detailing the opportunity to apply for a tree planting grant program that the County puts on. Director Magnini completed the application materials and submitted to County. This program aims to award tree plantings to parks and areas that experience stormwater/flooding/runoff issues to help mitigate those issues. The parks submitted include Pebble Beach Park, Valley South Park, and Lakeshore Drive Park. If awarded, the County would plant the trees at no charge to the Park District for the trees or the labor. Expecting award and or notice of status by Spring 2026. Discussion.

C. Marketing/Promotions – report was read. Discussion

D. Park Safety – report was read. Discussion

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Willow Point Park Shoreline Stabilization Project

Director Magnini confirmed the shoreline permit has been approved USACOE. Waiting now on the Lake County Site Development Permit to be approved and picked up. Once the County Permit is approved, dates for the RFP to go out, sealed bid timeline/opening, and bid award approval will be updated in the bid packet draft which was included in this Board Packet for review. The Commissioners had no additional questions on the draft bid packet for this project. Updates will be given at the October meeting on timeline.

B. Sunset Park ADA Accessible Pathway Project Bids for Approval

Accountant Kathy Atkins with input from Director Magnini put together a Board memo/recommendation with an analysis of the four opened bids that were received for this project. An Executive Summary, Evaluation Criteria, Bid Evaluation Summary, and Recommendations were included. Staff recommendation was to proceed with DK Contractors, Inc.

In addition, an analysis of possible budget sources to cover the cost of the project was included in the Packet, along with the bid tabulations, and the feedback/recommendations from several PE firms that we reached out to after having conducted the bid opening. Positive recommendations from three PE firms including IMEG, Eriksson Engineering Associates, and Landworks Limited in regard to DK Contractors was included. Finally, a positive reference from the Waukegan Park District in regard to NP Paving was included. Discussion.

NP Paving proposed 6" #9 stone for the base of the path whereas DK proposed 6" CA-6 aggregate base. Discussion. Commissioners saw online that #9 stone was appropriate for this sort of application that could handle heavier vehicles as such that could be found on roadways and that CA-6 was more costly. The heaviest vehicles that would be traversing the walking path at any time would be the Park District John Deere Gator UTV vehicles.

The Commissioners agreed that NP Paving was their recommended choice to award bid. The Commissioners cited the overall lowest cost by \$28,788.00 in comparison to DK, the same standard depth of 2.5" asphalt surface course depth, the positive recommendation from the Waukegan Park District on past ADA path projects and NP's experience working with Park District projects whereas DK had more recent work with larger non-Park District projects, and the fact that NP Paving met the Park District at the non-mandatory pre-bid meeting onsite on 8/6.

President Jante entertained a motion to award the bid for the Sunset ADA Path to NP Paving for \$27,895.00 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter to the Gagewood Lions Club asking for their input and assistance on this project was included. Director Magnini and President Jante will be attending the Lions meeting on September 22nd to garner their support.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Memorial Tree Donation Request

An application for a memorial tree planting at Pebble Beach Park for a shade red oak tree was presented. The Board agreed that Pebble Beach Park on the west side of the park was a good location for this tree with its history of stormwater runoff. Planting pending a visit from an arborist to narrow down the best location within the section of the park.

B. PDRMA Health Program Membership Renewal Term

Director Magnini presented a notice from PDRMA's CEO Brett Davis notifying the Park District that their three-year PDRMA Health Insurance membership was expiring by years end; and the three-year membership term would auto-renew in 2026 unless the member agency Board made a resolution to discontinue the membership. The Board agreed that keeping the health membership as is made sense. With no changes to be made, no action was taken, and the membership will auto-renew in January 2026.

C. Other Business – None

D. Matters from the Public – Maj Kowalski and Sally Mahan, residents on Valley Lake were present. Maj provided her most up to date volunteer lake monitoring readings from September 12th. The dissolved oxygen is very low (below 1.0) at the bottom of the deep end in the middle of the lake. The dissolved oxygen 3" down was the highest DO she has ever seen with the lake turning back over. Maj also saw baby minnows in the lake after the fish kill, with the desire to stock additional fish before the winter. She also noted that there were no birds to eat the fish that died and washed up which she thought was odd along with no bullfrog sightings - with some skepticism of what caused the fish kill. Director Magnini will follow up.

Sally Mahan saw what she believes is sediment runoff and brown coloration of the lake from what she believes is runoff from the Public Works projects going on around the roads right off the lake.

E. Closed Session – The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

F. Adjournment

President Jante entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, September 15th 2025, at 8:42 PM. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried.



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Board of Park Commissioners



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