

**Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Blvd, Wildwood, IL 60030
Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, 7:00 PM**

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Becky Jante, Anna Nelson, Dan Corrigan, Doug Dietzen.
Absent: Commissioner Matt Brueck

Park District Staff Present: Brandon Magnini, Executive Director, Michael Dykes, Maintenance Supervisor, Kathy Atkins, Accountant.
- III. **Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 20th, 2026**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of the Wildwood Park District of Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – Monday, December 15th, 2025**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Monday, December 15th, 2025, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Dietzen, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Minutes of the Closed Session – Semi Annual Review – 10/20/2025, 8/18/2025, 11/18/2024, 10/21/2024, 11/20/2023, 8/15/2022, 12/31/2021**
President Jante entertained a motion to keep closed the Closed Session Minutes of 10/20/2025, 8/18/2025, 11/18/2024, 10/21/2024, 11/20/2023, 8/15/2022, and 12/13/2021, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.
- VI. **Matters from the Public**
- No Matters from the Public
- VII. **Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried. Accountant Kathy Atkins presented the Board with a truncated version of the monthly financial summary cover page for the monthly financial report after previous Board discussion at the December Regular Meeting had requested that report hit the key highlights tailored to a management view. Discussion. The District will continue to publish the full financial report and profit & loss detail on the website and emailed electronically to the Board prior to each meeting for transparency sake. Commissioners who would like the detailed summary report in the original format printed off can still request that as needed.

VIII. **WSRA**

The next Regular Board Meeting will take place on January 26th, 2026 at 3:00pm.

IX. **GLCC**

The GLCC will be hosting their Ice Golf event now on Saturday, February 7th due to the lack of ice this upcoming weekend. The Park District will continue to coordinate with GLCC to have our Ice Fishing Derby/Winter Fun Event now on February 14th as our reschedule date.

X. **Valley Lake Report**

The 2026 spring fish stocking proposal from Keystone Hatcheries included in the Board Packet was not discussed and will be reviewed at the February Regular Meeting.

Director Magnini shared with the Board that the District's Valley Lake Management Plan had been completed after compiling the information over the last year plus. That plan will be made available to the Board.

Magnini shared updates from the Friends of Valley Lake Group regarding informational flyers being put together for best practices for the neighbors around the lake. Discussion.

Magnini is also looking for alternative water/sediment/phosphorous testing options instead of paying for the TIGRIS testing through either Lake County or other volunteer groups. Discussion. Magnini will update the Board when he has more information.

A. Formation of Valley Lake Committee of the Board

Director Magnini stated that the Friends of Valley Lake community volunteer group had given no further direction or displayed current interest in going through the process of becoming a Committee of the Board. With the lack of traction on this, Magnini requested this item be removed from further agendas until further notice.

XI. **Staff Reports**

A. Recreation/Administration – report was read. Discussion

B. Maintenance – report was read. Discussion

C. Marketing/Promotions – report was read. Discussion

XII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. 2026-2029 Strategic Plan – Board of Commissioners Workshop Discussion

Director Magnini stated he was working on the minutes for the Strategic Workshop Discussion which will be presented for approval at the February Meeting. Magnini stated that he was working with Maintenance Supervisor Dykes to have him complete the last of the internal Staff Strategic Interview questions. Magnini will provide additional updates to the plan formation as the process continues.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bartlett Tree Service Winter Tree Pruning and Clean Cut Tree Removal Quotes for Review

President Jante entertained a motion to approve the winter safety tree pruning proposals from Bartlett Tree Service in the amount of \$7,974.00 and the tree removal proposal for Rule/Twin Lakes/Old Plank Parks from Clean Cut Tree Service in the amount of \$ 4,040.00 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Dietzen, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Dietzen, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried. Commissioner Corrigan asked Director Magnini if he thought that the Tree Inventory was useful in narrowing down these tree proposals. Director Magnini had utilized the Inventory results as he walked the parks with the two tree services to set expectations. He was also able to whittle away some of the extra services quoted out based on the reporting and status of each tree inventoried in addition to realizing that in-house Staff could handle some of the smaller removals or trimming. Commissioner Dietzen asked Director Magnini if he had an estimation on whether general scheduled tree pruning (outside of storm damage to trees) would be on a quarterly or yearly basis based on current and past trends for budgeting and forecasting expectations. Director Magnini stated that it should be a once-a-year review in the winter which will also depend on the existing needs for Oak/Elm pruning based on the inventory report and current status of the trees as reviewed by a professional arborist.

XIV. Other Business – No Other Business.

XV. Matters from the Public –

- No Matters from the Public

XVI. Closed Session – The Board did not move into Closed Session

XVII. Adjournment

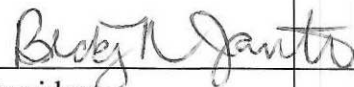
President Jante entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, at 7:31 PM. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Dietzen. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

2-17-2026



President
Board of Park Commissioners

Date:

2-17-26