

Wildwood Park District
Regular Board Meeting
Rule House 33325 N. Sears Blvd, Wildwood, IL 60030
Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, 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, Anna Nelson, Dan Corrigan.
Absent: Commissioner Doug Dietzen

Park District Staff Present: Brandon Magnini, Executive Director, Michael Dykes, Maintenance Supervisor, Kathy Atkins, Accountant.
- III. **Approval of Agenda – Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 17th 2026**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of the Wildwood Park District of Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 20th, 2026**
President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Corrigan, Second: Commissioner Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.
- V. **Matters from the Public**
 - Sally Mahan was present. No further Matters from the Public.
- VI. **Financial Report**
The Financial Report was read. President Jante entertained a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.
- VII. **WSRA**
The Regular Board Meeting took place on January 26th, 2026 at 3:00pm. Director Magnini will be attending the March 16th meeting in Commissioner Nelson's place. RecTrac has been adopted as their new registration software. The WSRA Chorus went around to all partner agencies and performed. Their Winter Wonderland event took place with 80 guests in attendance. Floor hockey is now being offered as a new Special Olympics activity. Carter Bruntjen, a Recreation Manager for WSRA, earned the right to compete in a World Golf Tournament in Sweden for individuals who are deaf.
- VIII. **GLCC**
The GLCC held their Ice Golf event now on Saturday, February 7th and made \$4,600.00. The Park District held the Gages Lake Ice Fishing Derby/Winter Fun Event February 14th in conjunction

with the GLCC. Thank you to the GLCC for representing at the event and assisting families with drilling holes and teaching some families how to ice fish. The GLCC 50/50 raffle netted \$143 in proceeds for the GLCC.

IX. Valley Lake Report

Director 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 and the volunteer group minutes from the February Meeting. Discussion.

Magnini also secured alternative water testing through Lake County Lake Lovers volunteer equipment sharing group with several volunteers who live around Valley Lake. The Board thanked Sally Mahan who was in attendance at the meeting for her and her husband stepping up to help with the testing along with Cliff and Jan Ward.

A. 2026 Spring Fish Stocking Keystone Hatcheries Proposal

President Jante entertained a motion to approve Keystone Hatcheries Estimate #26979 pending the removal of Channel Catfish (at a total of \$150.00), and reduction of the Triploid Grass Carp from 30 to 10 (new total of \$120.00) as presented up to \$2,900.00. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

X. Staff Reports

A. Recreation/Administration – report was read. Discussion. Commissioner Brueck asked what a First Amendment Audit was and how Staff were informed of First Amendment Auditors in the area. Commissioner Nelson stated she was informed that Warren Township and the Gurnee Park District had individuals come and film inside the administrative offices; and wanted to give WPD Staff a heads up to be prepared and re-train Staff on proper procedures. Discussion. Director Magnini stated the Gages Lake Ice Fishing Derby and Winter Fun Event was a great success with families enjoying the yard games, ice painting, hot chocolate, bonfire, smores, and ultimately the fishing. WPD took in about 27 pre-registrations and took in 26 on-site cash only registrations which was great to see. Collectively, the District brought in about \$1,300.00-\$1,500.00 in profit for the event less \$200-\$300 of expenses while including \$550.00 in sponsorship dollars. Commissioner Nelson stated that she is happy that the District is hosting the Daddy Daughter Dance at Warren Township and believes it is helping registration and enhancement of the event. President Jante acknowledged Warren Township Supervisor Elmer Fallos for joining the Harvest Fest Committee and securing two Township ADA buses for Harvest Fest patron transportation from our event parking areas.

B. Maintenance – report was read. Discussion

C. Marketing/Promotions – report was read. Discussion. The Board reviewed three concept logos for WPD's 50th Anniversary put together by Marketing and Events Coordinator Maggie Woznick. Preliminary discussions were had on style and application for the logos. A further Staff meeting will be held to further refine the artwork.

- D. 2026 IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference Report** – The Board was presented with detailed summary reports of Conference educational sessions, exhibit hall vendor engagement, networking, and social activities undertaken by Director Magnini, Maintenance Supervisor Dykes, and Commissioner Nelson. Discussion.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

I. Approval of Board Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

President Jante entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Strategic Planning Workshop of Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Updates to Board Policy, Policy/Procedure, and Personnel Policy Manuals for official adoption

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Board Policy and Procedure Manual to allow a member of the Public Body who is on active military duty to attend a meeting remotely if a quorum is physically present per Public Act 104-0438 SB 243 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Board Policy and Procedure Manual to abide by the statute that the Park District is prohibited from holding or scheduling a regular or special meeting on the day of an election per Public Act 104-0438 SB 243 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Policy and Procedure Manual to abide by the adoption of the Illinois Bivens Act statute that the Park District is prohibited from conducting retaliatory action against an employee who in good faith discloses or threatens to disclose a violation of the Illinois Bivens Act per Public Act 104-0440 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Nelson. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Personnel Policy Manual to adopt the revisions of the IL Employee Blood and Organ Donation Leave Act per P.A. 104-0193 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner

Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Personnel Policy Manual to adopt the Family Neonatal Intensive Care Leave Act per P.A. 104-0259 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

President Jante entertained a motion to amend the Wildwood Park District Personnel Policy Manual to adopt the Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act per P.A. 104-0076 as presented. So Moved: Commissioner Nelson, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. Roll Call: Commissioner Nelson, aye, Commissioner Brueck, aye, Commissioner Corrigan, aye, Commissioner Jante, aye. All in favor, motion carried.

XIII. **Other Business** – Commissioner Nelson stated that she will not be in attendance at the March Regular Meeting.


XIV. **Matters from the Public** –

- No Matters from the Public

XV. **Closed Session** – The Board did not move into Closed Session

XVI. **Adjournment**

President Jante entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 7:47 PM. So Moved: Commissioner Brueck, Second: Commissioner Corrigan. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.



Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners



President
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