

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2011**

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 7:00pm by President Rob Quigley.

Present: Board Members Caplis, Fara, Malloy, Quigley
Absent: Bergholz
Also Present: Jim Pacanowski, Director of Parks and Recreation,
Jamie Janusz, Superintendent of Finance,
Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation
Audience Members: Kim Wenkus, Mary Harrell, Tori Harrell, Ron White,
Joe Pellegrino

APPROVE

October 10, 2011 Agenda

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to move Item VIA Woods Pool Operations Discussion 2011, to Item IVB to accommodate members of the audience.

September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Fara moved, seconded by Caplis, and approved by roll call vote to approve the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Caplis, Fara, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Malloy

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Woods Pool Operations Discussion 2011

Pacanowski presented the Board with final budget figures for Woods Pool Operating Report 2011. Total deficit for the season was \$15,715.00. Campbell added that an additional \$1,000 to replace a broken pump was spent three days before the end of the season.

Quigley stated that the family and individual memberships remained approximately the same as the previous year.

Caplis stated that any time the pool shows a deficit of more than \$10,000 it is red flagged and placed on a watch list and discuss by the Board. It is disappointing that

more families are not members of the pool and it is the goal to at least break even on the operation of the pool.

Malloy added that all of the parks in the district will require funds, and Woods Pool is one of the parks requiring funds.

Janusz added that there was an unusual amount of maintenance required for painting this year, which will not be required every year.

Pacanowski added that approximately \$3,000 of the painting was for the basin which will not be required on a regular basis, but could repeat in several years depending on weatherization.

Fara added that expenses for the pool are being held in check very well. Swim lessons need to be looked at and managed better.

Campbell responded that swim lessons will be looked into very carefully next year and will be combined and consolidated which will require less staff and possibly allow the pool to open later which will save money.

Quigley asked audience members if there were any questions.

Kim Wenkus, President of the Burr Ridge Park Foundation, offered a check for \$3,000 for the operation of Woods Pool in order to help offset the deficit of Woods Pool in order to keep the pool operating in 2012. One of the Foundation's goals is for aqua facilities, and the continued operation of Woods Pool is vital.

The Board thanked the Foundation for their generous offer and unanimously agreed to move forward with the 2012 Operations for Woods Pool.

REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski shared photos from the Elm School visit to the Harvester Park Wetlands for an outdoor science study. In addition, some photos were taken which will replace outdated photos that are framed and hanging at the Burr Ridge Community Center.

All Hallow's Eve events are being prepared and it promises to be another great event.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further added to the written report.

Recreation Division

Nothing further added to the written report.

NEW BUSINESS

Harvest Fest Review

Pacanowski informed the Board that Harvest Fest had a great turnout, with a variety of elements, and with no operational concerns. Threatening weather in the area may have had an impact on the attendance.

Fara asked if there is software available to allow the citizens to perhaps get an email regarding Harvest Fest next year.

Pacanowski responded that there are some electronic links being used with schools, however, those links only allow for a very small amount of information. In addition, it has been the past experience that society in general still wants a hard copy in their hands advertising events.

Campbell added that Gower School still allows handouts of some special events, Harvest Fest being one of those events.

Little League Baseball Discussion

Tabled upon arrival of Little League President.

Review Preliminary Project List for 2012-2018 Master Plan

Pacanowski provided a preliminary project list for the 2012-2018 Master Plan. If the Board has any items or projects to be added to the list, please provide details.

Malloy asked if new funds will be available in the budget.

Pacanowski responded that it will be up to the Board to decide if refinancing is in order, at what amount, and the list will need to be prioritized. It will then need to be put in place for the next fiscal year.

Janusz added that all funds will be listed as items under the Capital Asset Fund.

Playground/Audits Update Plan

Pacanowski provided a report on the condition of the parks and playgrounds which are excellent.

Fara asked for specifics on roadway signs announcing when there is a park.

Pacanowski responded that generally when there is a park in the area, there will be signage with a teeter totter on it, which is what the village utilizes.

Fara asked if none of the parks had these signs.

Pacanowski responded that the report lists which parks do not have signage. Some do and some do not.

Caplis asked if plans are being pursued for a sled hill at Harvester Park.

Pacanowski responded that there are some basic plans being drawn up for the Board to look at.

Fara asked if there will be a need for fill being trucked in.

Pacanowski responded that drainage, a swail, a retainer wall, a significant amount of fill, and stairs would be needed to construct the sled hill.

Set Special Executive Session Meeting Date for Retirement/Social Security Discussion

The Special Executive Session Meeting Date for Retirement/Social Security Discussion was set for Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Burr Ridge Community Center.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Caplis asked for verification of the water bill for the Harvester concession stand.

Pacanowski replied that the concession stand bill also covers the irrigation system for the ballfields. In addition, the bills have been estimated reads in the past and not actual reads until this month. At the time of the actual read, the bill amount came into question, and it was discovered that there was a slow leak in the irrigation line.

Pacanowski has requested that the meter be moved in order for meter readings to be

actual as opposed to estimated in order for any possible leaks to be caught on a timely basis in the future.

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara and approved by roll call vote to approve October bills.

Ayes: Caplis, Fara, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

VII NEW BUSINESS

Little League Baseball Discussion (Previously Tabled)

Ron White, President of the Harvester Park Little League, formerly known as the BRWB Little League, addressed the Board to notify them that the league boundary change to include Darien, and a name change was requested due to low enrollment in Little League. Membership is currently down to approximately 180 and are working with 10 kid roster teams as opposed to 12 kid roster teams. This reduction in enrollment is due in part to travel teams, and an increase in popularity for soccer and lacrosse. In order to maintain a little league for Burr Ridge and Willowbrook residents, Darien residents were asked to be invited into the league.

Caplis asked if by inviting Darien residents into the Harvester Park Little League, it would disable the NYC league.

Ron White stated that they would be competitive leagues, as both would be serving Darien residents.

Fara asked if NYC is moving their entire roster into the Harvester Park Little League.

Ron White stated that NYC will still be operating their league.

Caplis asked if NYC joins the Harvester Park Little League will we be allowed the use of Darien fields?

Ron White stated that right now both leagues are operating separately and will not use each other's fields.

Caplis expressed concern that if one of the leagues does not survive due to the competition of both leagues, there will be an imbalance of non residents using Harvester Park fields, if the Harvester Park league is the surviving league.

Pacanowski added that the little league situation would be similar to a non resident programming situation currently at the park district. Non residents pay a slightly higher fee to utilize our programming because they do not pay taxes to our park district. The same principle could be used for the Little League since it is essentially the same scenario.

Caplis agreed.

Fara agreed with a non resident fee as well. In addition, maintenance of the fields is performed with taxpayer fees which should be offset by a higher non resident fee.

Ron White added that if additional members are not added to the Harvester Park Little League, there will not be a league in existence for the Burr Ridge residents.

Caplis asked what Willowbrook thought of the change in Little League boundaries and name changes.

Pacanowski responded that Willowbrook was on board with both changes.

After some discussion it was agreed that Pacanowski and Ron White would work on a reasonable non resident fee for Darien residents in order to be prepared for the Little League November 1st registration. Pacanowski will also prepare a document for future Little League Boards as to proper protocol and steps necessary to complete before the start of each season.

Caplis moved to allow Harvester Park Little League to proceed with registration of Darien residents with a non resident fee, payment specifics to be determined at a later date, Fara seconded, and approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Caplis, Fara, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary