

**Burr Ridge Park District
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:30 pm by President Quigley.

Present: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director of Parks and Recreation
Lavonne Campbell, Superintendent of Recreation

APPROVE

Approve December 9, 2024 Agenda

Item VII D Review Tax Objections Against Burr Ridge Park District Filed with Illinois General's Office was removed, Item VII E was changed to Item VII D.

Approve October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote to approve the October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minute.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Paulius

Approve November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to approve the November 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minute.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Malloy

Approve November 11, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Paulius and approved by roll call vote to approve the November 11, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minute.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: Malloy

Approve December 2, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

The December 2, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next Regular Meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No Open Forum

CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the Correspondence.

REPORTS

Director of Parks & Recreation

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski informed the Board that the ice rink was opened last week and in great shape.

Superintendent of Finance

Nothing further added to the written report.

Lawrence reported to the Board that there were zero donations to the Burr Ridge Park Foundation on Giving Tuesday.

Recreation Division

In addition to the written report, Campbell reported that Pancakes with Santa had approximately 600 people in attendance which is the largest attendance for this event. Little League helped Kiwanis run the event and proceeds will be used for a new scoreboard for Little League. Kiwanis bought the first Little League scoreboard and wished to contribute for the replacement. Little League may take over running this event starting next year.

Pacanowski added that there are many activities and options for adults and seniors in the Scoop and Grapevine for the residents and the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Coop Agreement is working out very well.

Caplis stated that there are very little senior options in much larger communities, especially as compared to the Burr Ridge/Willowbrook Senior Program.

Campbell noted that the Darien Senior program has shut down and the Hinsdale Senior program is not running any activities.

Paulius asked if the Burr Ridge/Willowbrook program has picked up these adults and seniors into our programs.

Campbell stated that Darien and Hinsdale residents are participating in our programs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discuss Cook County Highway Department "Plainfield Road, County Line to East Avenue, Project Improvement" and its Potential Impact to McCullough Park

Pacanowski summarized the Board's previously stated concerns for the County's improvements at Plainfield and County Line Road potentially being too close to the McCullough Park sign and referenced the distributed photograph with field markings at the site in the written report. Pacanowski noted that the present sign is 19-1/2 square feet and if it is made smaller it will not be easily read. In addition, moving the sign, in reality constructing a relocated replica, is costly and would then require restricted dimensions or a special variance from the Village. The robust concrete columns are 3 x 4 feet and 4 feet tall. Some discussion was held regarding the line designating the curb, sidewalk, and its distance to the sign.

Pacanowski stated that a corner of the current sidewalk may need to be redone.

Caplis stated that the sign should stay where it is at.

Pacanowski stated that lighting on the sign may be an option to pursue with the County.

Lawrence added that it would be a good safety measure to add lighting to the sign near the intersection.

Caplis added that electric will be worked on and installed during the improvement project and will be easy to add at that time.

Quigley asked Pacanowski what is needed to proceed.

Pacanowski asked:

1. Does the Board have an issue with the curb being 27 feet from the new curb vs. what it is currently?

After some discussion, the Board unanimously decided that the sign should stay where it is in relation to the new curb, but will need to be illuminated.

2. Is the Board interested in pursuing fair market value on the property from the County? The proceeds will easily be used back in McCullough Park for maintenance of trees, etc.

Malloy asked if the County stated how much they would give for the property.

Pacanowski stated that they did not.

Caplis stated that they would make a determination of value, the park district could accept or decline that offer, they could then use eminent domain and be given just compensation for the property.

The Board unanimously decided to pursue fair market value for the property from the County for the land being requested.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Playground Replacements at Woods and Whittaker Parks

Pacanowski discussed the need for playground unit replacements at both parks and asked the Board for consensus to proceed with both projects. In addition, Pacanowski distributed letters in the written report that would be sent to neighbors of Woods and Whittaker Parks asking for input for play unit preferences from the residents. The Board unanimously agreed to proceed with both playground projects.

Approve Lowest Responsible Bidder for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Services – April, 2025 – April 1, 2027

Pacanowski distributed the results of the bid in the written report and is confident that Beary Landscape will be a good fit and recommended accepting the Beary Landscaping bid.

Malloy moved to Approve Beary Landscaping, Lowest Responsible Bidder for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Services – April, 2025 – April 1, 2027, seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

Discuss Village’s Parkview Basin Daylighting and Detention Improvement Project Grant Application

Pacanowski notified the Board that the Parkview Basin will not negatively impact Stevens Park, and will in fact, enhance the area. The storm drains are old and the area is wet. The village intends to pursue a natural habitat in that area, and may also install a double rail fence in the area closest to the park border for aesthetic appeal.

Quigley stated that the area is never dry and will be an improvement.

Approve Levy Ordinance 24-02

Caplis asked in light of the tax objection, will the same objection be raised for the levy this year.

Pacanowski responded that the objection was based on a 3 year average with one of the years being the pandemic and the ratios contained in the complaint are not replicated, far different, in this levy.

Caplis moved to Approve Levy Ordinance 24-02, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Caplis asked for verification of the Centurisk bill for \$1,200.00

Pacanowski and Campbell responded that this is for Software Risk Management.

Malloy asked for verification of the Autumn Blaze bill for fertilize for \$3,300. Is the fertilizer applied everywhere?

Pacanowski responded that the fertilizer is not applied everywhere, but in certain specific places.

Caplis asked for verification of the chainsaw chain bill.

Pacanowski responded that it broke and is a normal maintenance repair.

Caplis moved to approve the December bills, seconded by Malloy and approved by roll call vote.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11 DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Malloy moved, seconded by Lawrence, and approved by roll call vote to Adjourn to Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing 5 ILCS 120/2(c) 11 to discuss pending litigation at 7:03 pm.

Ayes: Caplis, Lawrence, Malloy, Paulius, Quigley Nays: None Abstain: None

ADJOURNMENT

Malloy moved, seconded by Paulius and unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Stednitz
Recording Secretary