

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT
April 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

President Jeremiah Johnson
Vice President Anton Mathews
Treasurer Jacqueline Herrera Giron
Commissioner George Bridges
Commissioner Janet Kilkelly
Committee Member Ted Haug

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Committee Member Shaemia Newsome

Committee Member Desiree Martinez
Committee Member Wilson Cruz

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Jay Lerner
Executive Assistant Sally Sandine, Director of Community Relations Shelby McDonald, Director of Finance & Operations Jon Beckmann, Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Kalina Mendez, Director of Recreation Errick Beverly, Superintendent of Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, Kaitlin Fischer, Director of Parks Quincy Bejster, and Attorney Mandi Florip.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEM

A. Minutes – February 27, 2024 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Vice President Mathews to approve Minutes of the February 27, 2024 (Decennial Meeting), as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Haug, Martinez, Cruz, Bridges, Kilkelly, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Newsome

Motion carried.

Staff and Board members who were not present at the last meeting introduced themselves to the committee. Committee members introduced themselves.

V. REVIEW OF THE EFFICIENCIES OF THE WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

A. Waukegan Park District Decennial Efficiency Draft Report Review

Mr. Beckmann thanked everyone for their assistance in preparing the report. He highlighted portions of the report. He noted that the District has a large number of intergovernmental agreements with other units of local government. He showcased the volunteer statistics, noting that residents enjoy giving back to the District. He also noted the number of patrons served at the various facilities.

B. Feedback from our Resident Members

Mr. Haug noted that the number of people served by the District was surprisingly large. Ms. Cruz and Mr. Martinez agreed that the volume of patrons was surprising. Mr. Martinez further noted that the large number of youth hired from the community is excellent.

VI. DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENT SURVEY ON CURRENT MEETING ITEMS

Mr. Beckmann reminded that the surveys need to be completed by the next meeting and submitted.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. Next meetings: Decennial Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 4:30 pm

Mr. Beckmann proposed a date change for the next meeting to May 14th or June 11th at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Kilkelly asked if this would complete the requirement. Staff stated that it would. President Johnson recommended the June date. The committee agreed that June 11th at 4:00 pm would be best.

VIII. EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Cruz asked when Park District meetings are held. President Johnson stated that they are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice President Mathews, second by Commissioner Bridges to adjourn.

On all ayes, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Florip
Secretary