

BENSENVILLE PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
DEER GROVE LEISURE CENTER, 1000 W. WOOD, BENSENVILLE, IL 60106

I. Call the Meeting to Order.

A. Roll Call.

At 7:04 p.m. roll call was taken:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Anderson		X
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson	X	
Wassinger	X	

Also present: Robert Jarecki, Director; Mary Dickson, Attorney; Evelyn Struck, Superintendent of Finance; G. Mark Rhodes, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; Dean Hoskin, Superintendent of Recreation; Ginger Swalve, Food and Beverage Operations Manager; Roberta Neumayer, Secretary.

Visitors present: None.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Crowe, seconded by Commissioner Wassinger to approve the agenda. After a voice vote, with all in favor, motion was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes dated November 11, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, November 11, 2009.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson	X	
Wassinger	X	

IV. Approval of Expenditures.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Wassinger to approve the Accounts Payable of 11/25/09 (\$1,447,677.31) and Payroll of 11/20/09 (\$96,378.05) totaling \$1,544,055.36

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson	X	
Wassinger	X	

Commissioner Crowe has a question on the expenses coded to Commissioner Expense and Commissioner Education. It was explained that these amounts were for registration for State Conference taken out of two different account numbers/funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to approve the Accounts Payable of 12/9/09 (\$154,756.57) and Payroll of 12/4/09 (\$84,691.84) totaling \$239,448.41

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson	X	
Wassinger	X	

V. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

VI. Communications or Correspondence – Verbal or Written Communication to Board Members/Announcements or Comments

Commissioner Johnson thanked the Park District for the flowers sent for his Mothers wake.

VII. Board Liaison Reports

A. NEDSRA- Director Jarecki emailed the NEDSRA meeting minutes to the Commissioners. The Newsflash newsletter was distributed.

B. BIG/Community Foundation- President Earley commented that they are working on the By-Laws. Discussion took place on Fenton becoming an official member as well as the Fire District. Commissioner Johnson asked President Earley to check the minutes as Fenton previously was to buy in as a member.

Commissioner Wassinger expressed his displeasure with a decision to give \$200 to the Bandits when the attorney gave a differing opinion. He would like President Earley to remove our approval. President Earley said the attorney's opinion was that funds were not for groups and were for the benefit of the four agencies. Commissioner Wassinger feels it is hard to have confidence in individuals that make terrible decisions. They need to remain true to the By-Laws and "if it is not the right thing to do, don't do it".

C. County- None

D. Township-None

E. Village of Bensenville- President Earley reported that the Bandits won.

F. Forest Preserve-None

G. BBAA- None.

H. IAPD Legislative Contact- None.

VIII. Staff Reports

A. Directors Report- Director Jarecki highlighted the following from his written report:

1. LandTech Design – Director Jarecki asked to hire LandTech Design to provide a feasibility study to convert Golf Waters into a splash pad at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Commissioners were in agreement. No formal vote was taken as this is within the Directors authority. Commissioner Johnson asked if any of this could come out of the Handicap Fund. Director Jarecki

advised that some of it could but would need to ask Larry Reiner, NEDSRA Director as to how much and how to determine the percentage in a project that would qualify for the funds. Commissioner Johnson also asked as to how much is left in the Handicap Fund which is about \$150,000.

2. Pines Park – The final construction element for Pines is the native plantings to provide a “filter strip” for rainwater runoff. Director Jarecki recommended we contract with Pizzo to perform this phase in the spring at a cost of \$7,685. There was some discussion as to whether this needed to be completed.
3. State Conference per diem – Director Jarecki suggested that the Board consider a simple resolution that identifies \$95 as the allowance with employees signing a receipt for that amount as being the meal expense limitation for the 2010 State Conference. No individual receipts for each meal would be required, the District credit card would not be used for meal purchases and room service would not be allowed. Commissioner Johnson expressed his opinion that we need to document expenses with receipts as these are public funds. Discussion continued as to per diem and whether it would be necessary to turn in receipts.

Commissioner Wassinger made a motion to modify the current policy on per diems as stipulated in the memo dated 12/9/09 in regards to State Conference meals. President Earley seconded the motion.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson		X
Wassinger	X	

4. Districts’ 50th Anniversary – Director Jarecki asked for direction as to the anniversary event planned on August 27, 2010. Discussion took place on whether this would be a sit down dinner or an open house type invite. Manager Swalve said that she would be getting donations for the food as well as the beer and wine. The only cost to the District would be staff. Commissioner Crowe questioned who would be invited. Director Jarecki responded that if it was a sit down it would be limited in number whereas a drop in type event would allow for more. He anticipates inviting Commissioners, past Commissioners, current staff and retired staff, and local officials. Commissioner Wassinger expressed that it should be for all those who made agency what it is today. He asked if current staff would attend a sit down event. Discussion continued as to formal or informal. It was agreed that this should be an informal event (nice buffet) focusing on the 50th and all those involved in the 50 years.
5. IAPD Legislative update regarding changes to the Prevailing Wage Rate Act which now includes public works construction type contracts. Director Jarecki distributed an email from Katherine Harig a volunteer with Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos. She is gathering donations for an orphan home in the Dominican Republic and is looking for playground equipment. There was discussion on our liability but since the equipment would be going out of the country liability is not the same. President Earley distributed a letter from the White Pines Civic Association in regards to the re-dedication of Pine Park on May 1, 2010. They would like to hold their Spring Fling in conjunction with the rededication. They are asking for a fee waiver for the use of the Pine Room; stage setup for the band and use of the baggo games. The Civic Association would arrange for a band, food

vendors and run baggo games and other activities. Commissioner Wassinger questioned our liability. Manager Swalve said the Civic Association would need to sign a Pine Room contract for the rental and the Board would need to approve the fee waiver. The event would be open to the greater Bensenville community.

Director Jarecki informed the Board of a Holiday Open House at the Library on December 13th from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

- B. Buildings and Grounds – Superintendent Rhodes reported that the first phase of the DGLC roofing project is complete. Commissioner Johnson questioned areas of concern with the floor. Discussion continued on gym floor repairs and buckling problems. Superintendent Rhodes reported that the gym floor has been evaluated for refinishing and re-graphics at a cost of \$20,000.
- C. Recreation – Superintendent Hoskin had nothing to add to his written report. President Earley commented on the comprehensive pool report. Commissioner Wassinger asked for discussion at the next meeting so he would have more time to make comments or ask questions. Superintendent Hoskin asked if the Board could email him their questions so that he could ask Rory Joyce to be at the next meeting for discussion on the pool report.
- B. White Pines – Manager Swalve was questioned from Commissioner Wassinger as to rounds being down by 5% and what the industry average is. She believes the industry average is 7 to 8%. Commissioner Wassinger also asked her to do a report at year end on weddings/outings and our net over the past three years.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business

- A. Ordinance 474 – It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Wassinger to approve Ordinance 474 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal or Sale of Personal Property which is no longer necessary or useful to the Bensenville Park District.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	
Crowe	X	
Earley	X	
Johnson	X	
Wassinger	X	

- B. Ordinance 475 – It was moved by Commissioner Wassinger, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to approve Ordinance 475 – An Ordinance Providing For The Annual Levy Of Taxes For General Corporate Purposes; Providing Recreational Programs As Per Article 5 Of The General Park District Code; For The Payment To The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; For FICA Payments; For Bond And Interest Redemption; For The Payment Of Liability Insurance Premiums; Annual Audit; Museum Fund; And Special Handicapped Fund As Per Referendum; For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2010 And Ending April 30, 2011.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Anderson	absent	

Crowe	X
Earley	X
Johnson	X
Wassinger	X

Superintendent Struck commented on the annual levy filed with DuPage and Cook Counties.

XI. Executive Session

It was moved by Commissioner Wassinger, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to recess into Executive Session in accord with the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2A Subsection C) for the purpose of discussion of any or all of the following items:

C. For the purpose of discussion of pending or probable and imminent litigation (Section 2(C) (11)).

8:36 pm	ROLL CALL	Ayes	Nays
	Anderson	absent	
	Crowe	X	
	Earley	X	
	Johnson	X	
	Wassinger	X	

Press and Visitors excused at this time.

XII. Reconvene to Open Session at 9:07 p.m.

Press and Visitors invited to return at this time.

XIII. Action of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

A. Settlement Agreement with Village of Bensenville – It was moved by Commissioner Wassinger, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Settlement Agreement settling Case No. 2004 CH 1117. On a voice vote, all members present voted “aye”.

It was moved by Commissioner Wassinger, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to approve the Joint Water/Sewer Agreement with the Village of Bensenville. On a voice vote, all members present voted “aye”.

XIV. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Wassinger, seconded by Commissioner Crowe to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9:11 p.m.

After voice vote, all in favor, President Earley declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved: _____

President – Commissioner Earley

Secretary – Commissioner Anderson