REGULAR MEETING

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, Fara, Lawrence, Quigley
Absent: Malloy
Also present: Jim Pacanowski, Director
Superintendent of Finance, Jamie Janusz
Superintendent of Recreation, Lavonne Campbell
Members of the Burr Ridge Community Park Foundation

President Quigley presented Vice President Caplis with a 30 year service award and thanked him for his dedication and service on the Park District Board.

Approve November 19, 2019 Agenda

Agenda Items VB, Superintendent of Finance Report, and VIIA, Determine 2019 Tax Levy Extension were moved to after IV Correspondence in order to accommodate Janusz’ required attendance at the Burr Ridge Community Park Foundation meeting.

October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara to approve the October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

OPEN FORUM

Barbara Dohrman, a member of the Board of the Burr Ridge Community Park Foundation, presented the Board with a check for $5,000 for the Homestead Hill element at Harvester Park. Dohrman stated that the Foundation is proud to be associated with the Park District and this wonderful addition to Harvester Park.

In addition, Dohrman presented the Board with a check for $2,500 for the Trees Please initiative for the purpose of planting more trees at various locations in the parks.

Mary Harrell asked Board Members to remember the Burr Ridge Community Park Foundation on Giving Tuesday for donations and to share the Foundation and its mission with friends and relatives.
CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing further added to the written report.

REPORTS

Superintendent of Finance

In addition to the written report, Janusz informed the Board that the Piano Recital will be held Thursday the 21st with more than 100 people in attendance to hear their child or relative play their selection. A few of the children have participated in the program for 9 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Determine 2019 Tax Levy Extension

Janusz previously distributed a report which summarizes whether or not the park district will be going to Truth in Taxation which by law must be announced in November. The Park District will not be going to Truth in Taxation. An ordinance will be approved at the December 9, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Director of Parks and Recreation

Pacanowski reported that the painting, eaves, new carpeting at the BRCC are at plus $7,000 in the budget on those three items which would then absorb some of the unexpected HVAC repairs which total $1,300.

In addition Pacanowski reported that there was a second Little League Meeting held on November 17th with 8 parents attending. There was enough interest to form a Board. The next challenge will be to get enough interest in registration for the Little League.

Pacanowski reminded the Board that the Jiotis trial is scheduled for December 10th and 11th.

Recreation Division

Campbell informed the Board that the Holiday Parade went well and other Holiday Events are coming up shortly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business
NEW BUSINESS

Review Woods Pool Capital Improvement Expenditures 2016 – 2020
Discuss Updated Woods Pool Financial Report for 2019 Operating Season


Quigley asked if the 2019 year end included the weekend. Pacanowski stated that it did.

Quigley asked if the reduction in utilities is due to the repair of the leak. Pacanowski responded that the utilities have come down to where they normally are which would be consistent with the repair of the leak. In addition, Pacanowski noted that membership fees were down by approximately $5,500 and swim lessons were down $3,000.

Fara stated that all avenues have been exhausted in an effort to increase swim lessons and asked if the reduction was due to area competition.
Campbell stated that the two new area swim facilities are having an impact on swim lessons, in addition to Lifetime Fitness and Five Seasons.
Pacanowski added that it is hoped that most of the hemorrhaging from area competition is finished.
Caplis added that the new facilities are year round which is difficult to compete with.

Quigley asked if this downturn is expected to continue.
Pacanowski stated that the 2017 actual reflects the full impact of the two year round swim facilities. It is hoped to stabilize at that $17,500 number.

Campbell stated that efforts will be geared to compress the swim lessons into smaller blocks to save on Managers and Lifeguards next season, as well as expand the day camp usage and increase the fee for day camp.

Pacanowski stated that no official action is required at this time, however, it would be helpful for budget requirements to be made aware of any major changes in the Woods Pool operating season for the near future.

Fara asked if the salary for Dave Nowak is inclusive in the bottom line for service training. Pacanowski stated that it is currently $41,200 because Dave Nowak is able to perform training for Lifeguards. That amount would be closer the $46-$47,000. In addition, a
portion of his salary is for Pool Manager. The salary amount for Managers would be higher if this was not inclusive of his responsibilities.
Pacanowski noted that salaries will increase an additional $2,500 in 2020 due to the increase in minimum wage laws. This change in minimum wage law will impact mostly at the pool and not elsewhere in the park district.
Campbell added that most lifeguards are currently paid $8.25 to $8.50 and will be increased to $10.00 per hour.

Fara asked if the 2020 projection is based on the standard season or if the extended weeks were included in the projection.
Pacanowski stated that the budget projection was based on like numbers, standard season, not extended season. The season could be extended an additional weekend as it was this year, however, there was no increase in revenue seen with the extension of the weekend. Weather does have an impact on that. The weekend extension could also be used as an appreciation to the people who bought memberships.

Quigley referenced previous discussions with residents where it was stated that the pool would remain open for 3 years and the following criteria would be used to keep the pool open after that.

1. Operating loss of $10-15,000 every year
2. Capital expenditure of $10-15,000 every year

The operating loss has been $16-19,000. The capital is $30,000. Can you look at the next 2-3 year and anticipate a $20-25,000 operating loss and not know where capital is going to be. Ten years ago 70 family memberships and 20 individual memberships was considered very good. We are now going to fall $20,000 short. There are also fewer residents than non-residents purchasing memberships in the pool.

Again to summarize, $20-25,000 operating loss, $20,000 capital for fewer and fewer district residents. We are essentially subsidizing for non-residents.

Campbell stated that day camp utilizes the pool each week as well as girls camps, and sports camps.
Pacanowski added that in a fair assessment you would attach some value to the service Woods Pool has for other programs such as day camp and sports camps.
Quigley asked if there were no other pools that day camp could go to for the swim portion of day camp.
Pacanowski stated that there is a versatility and flexibility for the Woods Pool offering for day camp. It is a value that is recognized for day camp. There is also a value in having an aquatic facility in our park district. In addition, there is a partnership with the community in learning to swim programs that offer value. Whether or not overall value equals financial loss is up to the Board.

Campbell added that day camp does pay a fee for the use of Woods Pool.
Quigley stated that there is a picture here that all the effort and work put into Woods Pool, yet it doesn’t get better.
Fara added that there is too much money with minimal benefit to the park district. Money going into the pool is pulling money away that could be used in other areas of the park district. At what point do we determine that the value of the pool is not worth the cost going into the pool.

Quigley added that it would actually be cheaper to give the 30 to 40 resident families that are joining the pool $500 to go elsewhere.

Caplis added that pools will historically lose money. Hinsdale is losing money with their pool, Woodridge is losing an incredible amount of money on their aquatic center.

Pacanowski expressed hesitation over a potential “Save the Pool” process as it leaves a mark on the district and is a bruising process, regardless of the outcome of those discussions.

Fara expressed concern that there are more and more memberships that are not within the Burr Ridge Park District boundaries. The rest of the community is not getting the money committed to Woods Pool. The Board is responsible for helping Administration spearhead money properly across the board.

Caplis stated that some discussion was held with the Burr Ridge Meadows and Woodview Estates to have a possible mandatory membership to Woods Pool, however, the Homeowners Association felt the membership fee was too high to force a mandatory membership fee.

Lawrence asked what percentage of attendees at Harvest Fest are residents, and what percentage of the Concerts on the Green are residents. Pacanowski responded that approximately 70-75% of Woods Pool are non residents. Quigley added that the concerts are paid for by the Village. Harvest Fest costs no more than $7,000, Woods Pool is costing $45,000. Pacanowski stated that there has been public discussion in the past as to whether the Pool should be looked upon as a program or a facility.

Fara asked Pacanowski to look at the demographics for the area to see if there is a turnover occurring in the area. The leak, a new pump, chlorinator and roof have been provided and a large sum of money has been dedicated with those items. If a turnover is occurring it may be worth sustaining the pool for a period of time.

Pacanowski stated that a survey could be done in the area. Fara stated that a better solution may be to contact the Homeowner Associations to get figures and also to drive around the area to see if there are a large number of homes up for sale. Pacanowski asked if this topic should be added to the Agenda before the FY2020 budget. Fara responded that it was agreed to keep the pool open for 3 year which brings it through 2020.
Lawrence added that for the amount that was spent for the repair of the leak, chlorinator, roof and pump one more year with new data. Pacanowski added that decisions would need to be made based on consistent data, not just one year.

**Discuss Development of a Self-Guided Tree Walk at Oak Grove Park**

Pacanowski will be working with a representative from the University of Illinois for a self-guided tree walk at Oak Grove Park.

Lawrence asked if headset will be used for the walk. Pacanowski stated that they will most likely not be used, however, there will probably be a connection with the website or smart phone.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Caplis asked how much gravel was received for free from M&M Mars. Pacanowski responded that quite a bit of mini river rock was received.

Caplis asked if it was stored at Vulcan Materials. Pacanowski responded that it came from their plant facility.

Caplis asked for verification of delivery of gravel from Vulcan. Pacanowski responded that the mini river rock served as the base for the low ground on the wetland trial, however, C6 white stone needed to be added on top of that base.

Fara asked if the garbage cans were replaced. Pacanowski responded that the 55 gallon painted steel garbage drums were replaced.

Fara moved, seconded by Lawrence and approved by roll call vote to Approve November bills.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz Recording Secretary