

**Burr Ridge Park District  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2019**

**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, Quigley
Absent:	Lawrence, Malloy
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director Superintendent of Finance, Jamie Janusz Members of the Public

**Approve August 12, 2019 Agenda**

Item VIIA, Under New Business, Discussion to Consider Extending 2019 Woods Pool Season, was moved to follow IV Correspondence in order to accommodate members of the audience.

**July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes were tabled until the next regular meeting.

**OPEN FORUM**

No Open Forum

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further added to the written report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion to Consider Extending 2019 Woods Pool Season**

Pacanowski presented an update on the Woods Pool Revenue which is currently estimated to be \$11,400 less in revenue compared to the 2018 season. Board Member Lawrence requested that it be placed on this month's Agenda to extend the season on the weekends through Labor Day. Pacanowski informed the Board that staffing is available to accommodate an extended weekend season for one more weekend, August 24th and 25th.

Caplis asked when the original closing day is scheduled.

Pacanowski responded August 18th.

Resident Dave Baran, 701 Gregford Rd., Burr Ridge, stated that the neighborhood near Woods Pool has been changing with new families with younger children moving in. Mr. Baran appealed to the Board to extend the pool season for a couple weeks past Labor Day in future years and put staff in place to accommodate the extended season, and market the extended season in order to increase memberships and daily attendance during that time. Mr. Baran also asked that the season be extended past Labor Day this year as there are enough high school employees to staff the pool.

Pacanowski responded that staffing availability has been gone over and there is no chance that there is enough staff available for the pool after the weekend of August 24th and 25th.

Janusz added that there are also state laws that may prohibit the pool from being open after Labor Day.

Baran asked what if the extension were for the weekends only through Labor Day. Pacanowski responded that it doesn't matter if it is only for the weekends, staffing is not available past August 25th. Remaining staff that is available to work is not available on Labor Day weekend.

Caplis stated that by mid August the students are back to school and have practices, football games, etc., college students are away at college, and staffing becomes a big issue. During the week, you have a safety and liability issue at the pool because it is not being utilized and is empty. In addition, there is a significant increase in maintenance to keep the pool up and running for the additional weeks for limited attendance for weekend usage only.

Pacanowski stated that staff is available for one additional weekend.

Caplis stated that there is a liability of leaving the pool unattended during the week that the pool is unattended.

Caplis asked for the cost estimate to keep the pool open one more weekend.

Fara stated that normal cost is approximately \$2800 for the entire week.

Pacanowski stated that to keep the pool open for the week in order to extend the season for one weekend the cost would be approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Caplis asked what the weather forecast is for the weekend.

Fara stated that there is rain forecast for this weekend, however, the forecast will not be reliable for the 24th and 25th.

Pacanowski stated that the number of lifeguards placed on staff for the 24th and 25th would be dependent on weather. If there are too many lifeguards, they would be peeled off and allowed to leave if necessary.

Mr. Baran asked that Board to squeeze a little more time out of this season and consider extending the future seasons in order to maximize utility of the pool. If needed, perhaps open the pool one week later in order to have the pool remain open longer. Weather can't be controlled.

Caplis stated that all the figures for Woods Pool will be gone over in October and extending the season will be considered.

Pacanowski added that a decision for the season will be made by early March of next year.

Caplis asked what the needs would be in order to attempt to increase the pool season for next year.

Pacanowski responded that in addition to the increased costs to have the pool remain open for an extended season, there would not be an additional burden for recruitment for employees because we would know the date in advance. However, the difficulty for Labor Day and beyond staffing would remain.

Quigley asked if the extended season will shorten or eliminate a season or employment for a college student.

Pacanowski stated that it might if the pool opened later.

Quigley asked Board Members to keep in mind that an additional \$2500 for a weekend extension will be spent when the revenue is already down from the previous year for this season.

Pacanowski stated that final numbers are not in for the season yet.

Caplis asked if the weekend extension will be marketed in order to notify people the pool is open one more weekend.

Pacanowski responded that there will be notifications on Facebook, the website, emails and signage.

It was unanimously agreed to extend the Woods Pool season one weekend, on August 24th and 25th only.

## **REPORTS**

### **Director of Parks and Recreation**

In addition to the written report, Pacanowski showed a video that was produced of Harvester Park with drone footage and set to music. This video will also be shown during a presentation at the State Conference.

Fara stated that it might be a good idea to have a shorter version of this type of video available for all the parks on our website.

Pacanowski stated that the cost would be approximately \$500 to \$600.

### **Superintendent of Finance**

Nothing further added to the written report.

### **Recreation Division**

Nothing further added to the written report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Caplis asked for verification of the United States Alliance bill.

Pacanowski responded that there was an air leak in the sprinkler pipe over the corner office.

Fara asked if there was damage.

Pacanowski responded that there was not.

Caplis asked for verification of the drumstick making by Charlie Anderson.

Pacanowski respond that he did make drumsticks out of steel.

Caplis asked for verification that 2 hours for making the drumsticks and 1 hour to install.

Pacanowski responded that the drumsticks did need to be installed and braced and that they were fabricated and not purchased ready to use.

Quigley asked for verification of the HVAC repair.

Pacanowski responded that there was a need for repair for the HVAC.

Fara asked for verification of the sprinkler head bill.

Pacanowski responded that some of the sprinkler heads were not working properly on the soccer/football field.

Caplis asked for verification of the Village water bill.

Pacanowski stated that the bill is for a longer period of time.

Fara asked for verification of a rope hood for the lifeguard store.

Pacanowski responded that it is a hood that goes over the lane lines.

Caplis asked for verification of hot dogs and buns for pool.

Janusz responded that this was for opening day.

Caplis asked for verification of \$500 for Sam's Club. How many people are under the membership? We have a membership at Costco as well. Is it necessary to have both and pay membership fees for two clubs that have the same items?

Pacanowski will be prepared to discuss next month with Lavonne Campbell in attendance.

Fara moved, seconded by Caplis and approved by roll call vote to Approve August bills.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Adjourn to Executive Session For The Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation

Fara moved, seconded by Caplis and unanimously approved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation at 7:11 pm.

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara and unanimously approved to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:16 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz Recording  
Secretary