

**Burr Ridge Park District  
Regular Meeting  
October 16, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Burr Ridge Park District was called to order at the Burr Ridge Community Center at 6:32 pm by President Quigley.

Present:	Caplis, Fara, Malloy, Quigley
Absent:	Lawrence
Also present:	Jim Pacanowski, Director Superintendent of Finance, Jamie Janusz Superintendent of Recreation, Lavonne Campbell Members of the Public

**Approve October 16, 2019 Agenda**

No changes were made to the Agenda

**July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara to approve the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara to approve the August 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

**August 12, 2019 Executive Session Minutes**

Caplis moved, seconded by Fara to approve the August 12, 2019 Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

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

**September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Malloy moved, seconded by Caplis to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

## **OPEN FORUM**

Bill Voight, 166 Foxborough, Burr Ridge, USA Pickleball Association Member, is an Ambassador for pickleball in this region and proceeded to share what surrounding area park districts are doing regarding pickleball, as well as hoped to ensure that money is spent appropriately in order to avoid any wasteful spending for proper striping of pickleball courts.

Pacanowski informed the Board that the park district currently utilizes the tennis courts for pickleball. There are faint lines for pickleball on the Harvester Courts. These courts are due to be resurfaced in 2 years at which time they will also be striped for pickleball at the same time as it is restriped for tennis. A corner pickleball court is also planned for the northeast corner of the existing tennis court area. It will be lined for pickleball but will be multi-purpose. There will then be 3 courts at Harvester Park. This summer one court at Woods Pool was also striped for pickleball. Small introductory classes for pickleball were held at Harvester Park and were also partnered with and held at Willowbrook Performance. There is a nationwide trend for pickleball and its popularity is recognized, however, the park district has not been approached by residents. Campbell added that Willowbrook Performance is starting a program at that facility and offering it through the Adult Programming advertising in the Scoop where an unlimited pickleball program would be offered for a monthly fee of \$10.00. Pacanowski added that at the conclusion of 2021 there should be 3 nice pickleball courts available at Harvester Park. At this time, it is not known if designated hours will be needed for the sport. Designated hours are only assigned when the usage dictates that necessity.

Malloy asked if a tournament was planned.

Bill Voight stated that an enormous amount of planning, space, and effort is required for tournaments.

Bill Voight asked that in order to ensure the pickleball courts are laid out properly and safely, that the plans/drawings are shown to him prior to beginning restriping.

Pacanowski stated that input from Voight will be sought, however, the only footprint available is what is currently already there for the tennis courts.

Voight added that Pickleball is a social sport similar to flash mobs. It is published what level pickleball will be played, and when and where they are playing.

Fara asked what the approximate cost is to build a single pickleball court.

Voight stated that if there isn't enough space for at least 4 courts, it is not worth doing.

Fara asked if there are 2 tennis courts side by side, is that the same footprint as 4 pickleball courts?

Voight responded that 2 tennis courts are the same as 6 pickleball courts. That is what was done in Hinsdale - 6 pickleball courts replaced 2 tennis courts. Games last about 10 minutes, losers go off, new players come on, there are 6 courts going on at one time, that's why it's a social gathering. It becomes a small community of pickleball players who then also socialize at area locations.

Pacanowski added that if you were going to take the existing 2 tennis courts and make it pickleball courts it would not be far off the estimate for replacing the tennis courts. With netting you would be buying 6 instead of 2, however, they are smaller so the cost would be close to the same. That figure is in the Master Plan. It should be somewhat of a

wash. The tennis courts are being taken down to the gravel. The surfacing for pickleball is not different than tennis.

Fara asked if more fencing would be needed for additional pickleball courts. Pacanowski responded that a six foot fence would suffice. However, if you do have dedicated pickleball, you are eliminating tennis at that site.

Fara stated that perhaps for the next Master Plan it might be something to look into for adding Pickleball Courts.

Pacanowski stated that there is no room at any of the existing parks to wedge pickleball courts in, however, alternatives would be that there are 2 existing tennis courts at Stevens Park, 2 at Woods Pool, 2 at Harvester Park.

Fara stated that he was thinking of Palisades Park. However, you would not have ample parking available on site.

Pacanowski stated that you would have to consume some of the football and soccer field and get rid of some of the trees.

Joe Petrich, 8700 Wedgwood Drive, Burr Ridge, stated that pickleball players prefer pickleball nets. If there is a choice to play on a court with a tennis net and one with a pickleball net, they will play on the courts with a pickleball net.

Malloy asked if there is any option for a pickleball net to be available and changed for the court.

Voight stated that the Westmont Park District has both nets available and it has not worked well. The nets have disappeared or get damaged.

Voight and Petrich thanked the Board and Staff for their time and allowing them to give their input.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further added to the written report.

## **REPORTS**

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

Nothing further added to the written report.

### **Superintendent of Finance**

Nothing further added to the written report.

Quigley asked if the Village is thinking about moving the Concerts in the Park.

Janusz responded that she met with Mayor Grasso and Janet Kowal of the Village and the concerts will be staying as they are for the foreseeable future.

In addition, the Mayor was responsive to the safety concerns and will meet with the Chief of Police to put 2 officers assigned there every Friday for the concerts. Also, the Mayor directed Janet Kowal to meet with the sound people regarding improvements to help with sound bouncing off buildings and wind interference.

## Recreation Division

Campbell stated that the group returned from Iceland Sunday and it was a success. The next group leaves for Mackinac Island on Friday. In addition, there is still a need for volunteers and any board member that would like to volunteer for the All Hallows Eve event is welcome.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### Discuss Sam's Club and Costco Memberships

Campbell interviewed all staff that has memberships. After the rebate, the cost for Sam's Club Membership is \$50. It is \$240 for Costco. Mary Gail uses Costco for senior socials food and cooking classes. The quality of the meat and desserts is better at Costco. Sam's is used for the basics – cleaning supplies, harvest fest hot dogs and chips. Costco carries more allergy friendly snacks. We do order from Sam's online – and we do order and pickup. Some things can't be shipped. We also do not have storage room to purchase large quantities of items and have them shipped and then store them on site. As far as assigning just one person to pick up the items, we have different people that pick up items for different events. Vicki picks up items for Before and After School Care and Day Camp, Mary Gail picks up for socials and cooking classes, Dave Nowak picks up for special events, etc.

Malloy stated that if you dropped the membership for some of the people on the cards it would save money. You can have a list made and have the assigned person pick up the items needed for the other people.

Campbell stated that this is done with Dave Nowak. In addition, there are people partnered up together in order to cut down on the number of memberships. For instance Dave Nowak is partnered up with Mark Pasqualini.

Caplis stated that each person is going to like a particular store. It is comparable to one person liking Jewel over Marianos.

Campbell stated that it is not about liking a store better over the other it is more about what is offered at one store over the other.

Caplis stated that if you just went to a Sam's Club Membership you would have more money to spend on items because you would be saving that additional \$240. There is always going to be individual store preference regardless of which 2 stores you have to choose from.

Fara stated that it is obvious that more money is spent purchasing from Sam's Club than Costco.

Campbell stated that this is true because the big event purchases are bought from Sam's Club. In addition, Dave Nowak usually does the purchases for the big events and there is a Sam's Club near his home in Plainfield.

Pacanowski added that there are multiple Sam's Clubs and therefore there are occasions that Barb Slade will have to go to a Sam's Club near her home in Springfield on the way in to an event or program.

Campbell added that if she needs to pick up items, she will go to Costco because that is the store closest to her home.

Caplis stated that what is being described is that you have 2 memberships for convenience sake.

Campbell stated that a lot of shopping is done by her and she prefers Costco because of the selection of some of the desserts for the socials and cooking classes and for allergy safe snacks. There are some crossovers for some items, however, there seems to be a slightly better selection for senior socials and cooking classes at Costco.

Caplis stated that there are crossover selections for 95% of the items at the 2 stores.

Fara stated that there are not as many basic items at Costco as there are at Sam's Club.

Pacanowski added that convenience does lead to efficiency for the procurement process.

Caplis asked that any person that has not used the card in the last 2 years be removed from the membership.

Janusz stated that the only people on the list that do not use the card any more are Carol Tomany and Janusz. Barkstrom must stay on the membership in order to pay the bill.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discuss Woods Pool Financial Report for 2019 Operating Season**

Pacanowski distributed the Woods Pool 2019 financial report.

Quigley asked for verification that this report does not include any capital spending figures.

Pacanowski replied that it does not, however, an updated capital expenditure report can be brought to the next meeting. A status of the Woods Pool Fund will also be prepared for that meeting.

Fara inquired about capital improvement expenditures for next year.

Pacanowski stated that the last 3 years have been a higher than expected capital expenditure for Woods Pool, however it is not anticipated to be a significant expenditure next year.

### **Discuss Recent Administrative Decision to Deny Request for Public Information at a Recent Park District Event**

Some discussion was held regarding a recent request for an information booth to be open at a recent park district event which was denied.

Fara stated that his view was that the park district constituents needed to be able to hear what is going on in this area. The park district event may not have been the best forum, however, it was felt that the information should be available. The group requesting the forum was not a politically motivated group.

Pacanowski stated that the concern is properly vetting information distributed by any group requesting to distribute information at a park district event. It may be that this particular group may have had accurate information, however, in future cases, how do you go about vetting the information?

Caplis would not want business solicited on park district property. You can't be sure what information would be handed out.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Caplis asked for verification of a Woods Pool bill for \$5,044

Pacanowski responded that this is a charge that will show up on the Capital Expenditure details.

Caplis asked for verification of Cash Drawer invoice for \$2,090

Janusz responded that this is for tickets and then the workers are paid from that money and then it is deposited back into the bank. You will see another one prepared for Halloween.

Caplis asked for verification of refund for savings payment of \$190,000.

Janusz responded that this is for the bond. There will be two - one is for Zion and one is for Chase.

Caplis asked for verification of Autumn Blaze parks vegetation control.

Pacanowski responded that this is for weed application.

Malloy asked for verification of \$805 alarm detection bill. Is that monthly?

Janusz responded that this is quarterly.

Quigley asked for verification for a rebate for Log Me In.

Janusz responded that it is for a remote service to log in to the computers which signed us up for services that we did not authorize them to do.

Caplis asked where the gate repair was at.

Pacanowski responded that it was the water tower gate.

Caplis asked to paint the curb orange by that service road to our entrance so that you can see it better.

Pacanowski stated that this will be done.

Caplis asked for verification of Harvester Concession Building invoice for water for \$4,200.

Pacanowski stated that this is for the building and splash pad and it is a quarterly bill.

Fara asked for verification of John Prosia umpire bill for \$798. That is for a crew of umpires not one umpire correct?

Pacanowski responded that this is for one umpire for fallball season, however many individual games were worked that particular pay period. There will be a total of 6 to 7 umpires.

Malloy asked if floor waxing is once a year.

Campbell responded that the wax is reapplied as needed, but at this application it had to be stripped before application.

Malloy asked if any difference is noted using Constellation vs. Nicor.

Janusz responded that differences are seen and there are significant savings through a government coop.

Malloy asked for verification of the Lego invoice. Is the invoice for the Legos?

Campbell responded that the invoice is for the payment to the contractor who instructs the class which is a full week camp.

Fara asked for verification of Holy Ghost Bingo on the Mastercard bill.

Campbell responded that this is a play for the active adult program at the Royal George.

Malloy moved, seconded by Caplis and approved by roll call vote to Approve October bills.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Malloy moved, seconded by Fara and unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stednitz Recording  
Secretary