



Charles M. Christensen Terrace Centre - 11500 S. Beloit Ave - Worth, IL - Room 106

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
September 15, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

***MINUTES***

***I. CALL TO ORDER*** - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Mike McElroy.

***II. ROLL CALL***

Park Commissioners Present: Mike McElroy, Melissa Nagel, Donald Dambek, Rebecca Roberts and Kari Lynn Fickes.

Park Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Robert O'Shaughnessy, Director of Parks and Recreation/Acting Secretary; and Stephanie Analitis, Superintendent of Recreation.

Visitors Present: None.

***III. VISITOR AND CITIZEN COMMENTS***

There were no visitors or citizens present.

***IV. ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE & LIABILITY***

***A. Review of Minutes and Financial Reports***

The following minutes were reviewed:

Committee of the Whole - August 18, 2022

Regular Meeting - August 18, 2022

The August disbursements totaling \$44,767.98 and the income statement through August 31, 2022 were reviewed by the Park Commissioners.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the Minutes and Financial Reports as presented as part of the Administrative Matters/Consent Agenda during the Regular Board Meeting.**

***B. Worth Park District Organizational Chart***

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy presented the organizational chart which has not required any revision since 2018. This revision includes the addition of

the newly created part-time position of Recreation Assistant.

**Recommended Action: That the Board of Park Commissioners approves the Organizational Chart for the Park District.**

**V. FACILITY, PARKS & PLANNING**

A. Master Plan Update Discussion

Director of Parks and Recreation presented a list of potential topics for discussion at the joint meeting with the Village Trustees. A follow-up to schedule the meeting will be made.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

B. Capital Projects Update - FY 2022-23

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy presented an update of the progress of capital projects for FY 2022-23.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

C. Homerding Park OSLAD Grant Application Update

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy updated the Board on the process of the application, which is nearly completed. A revised site plan was presented which reflected input received from the Community Meeting held on September 1. The application is due to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on September 30.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended**

D. Homerding Park Ditch Project

Discussion was held regarding this ongoing project and the concerns from the residents who border Homerding Park. The project will be monitored as it progresses.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

E. Parks Department Update

The Parks Department report was included in the board meeting information.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

**VI. RECREATION**

A. Recreation Department Update

Superintendent of Recreation Analitis presented an update of the Recreation Department.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

## ***VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS***

### **A. Digital Message Sign**

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy presented a memorandum from Kelly Pezdek, Finance and Human Resources Manager regarding the digital message sign. As an alternative to the Veterans Memorial Park, the corner of 115<sup>th</sup> St. and Ridgeland was recommended at the site. The Board was receptive to this site but wanted to learn of the feasibility of other sites. It was requested that a report be made next month on the feasibility of the sign being installed at the following potential locations:

- 111<sup>th</sup> Street west of Oketo in grass area across from St. Marks
- 111<sup>th</sup> & Ridgeland by the new Thornton's
- Harlem Avenue by the Post Office
- Harlem Avenue by the Lions Tree Lot.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

## ***VIII. NEW BUSINESS***

### **A. Distinguished Accreditation**

Director of Parks and Recreation O'Shaughnessy updated the Board on this topic. An application for the Park District's renewal must be made by April 2023. The process will last about 18 months with the review being held in the Fall of 2024.

**Recommended Action: No action recommended.**

### **B. Board Communications**

This item was tabled until next month.

Commissioner Nagel commented that since it has been communicated that the Veterans Memorial Park is considered consecrated land and that flashing lights were of great concern, leading to the relocation of the digital message sign, that moving forward the Park District should not do anything additional at the park, including holiday decorations and lights and the archway decoration.

This topic will be discussed to gather input through the Veterans Memorial Park committee.

## ***IX. ADJOURNMENT***

The Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Mike McElroy, President  
Board of Park Commissioners

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Robert O'Shaughnessy  
Director of Parks and Recreation  
Acting Secretary to the Board