

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT
October 24, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

President Jeremiah Johnson
Vice President Anton Mathews
Treasurer Jacqueline Herrera Giron
Commissioner George Bridges
Commissioner Janet Kilkelly

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Jay Lerner
Executive Assistant Sally Sandine, Director of Community Relations Shelby McDonald, Director of Finance & Operations Jon Beckmann, Superintendent of Finance and Operations Kalina Mendez, Director of Recreation Errick Beverly, Superintendent of Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, Kaitlin Fischer, Director of Parks Quincy Bejster, and Attorney Mandi Florip.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda Items which included the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 (Board of Commissioners Meeting), Bills, Payroll, Financial Statements, and Permission to Accept Bids/Quotes for Program Guide Printing in FY 2024-25.

Motion by Vice President Mathews, seconded by Treasurer Herrera Giron to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2023 (Board of Commissioners Meeting), Bills, Payroll, Financial Statements, and Permission to Accept Bids/Quotes for Program Guide Printing in FY 2024-25.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tony noted that he has been visiting the parks and is excited to see the improvements. He stated that someone cut the middle strap of one of the pickle ball nets. He also stated that the Field House only had 3 nets up earlier this month, rather than 4. He is not sure what happened to the fourth net.

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- A. Waukegan Parks Foundation Update and Check Presentation, President Charlotte Callahan Wozniak

Ms. Wozniak stated that she attended the Best of the Best Awards and Nathan Hintz was awarded the Citizen Volunteer of the Year Award. One of his great accomplishments was the pollinator park and she is proud to state that they retrieved 3 gallons of honey this year. Mr. Hintz noted that the honey is raw and may have particles within it. Ms. Wozniak stated that their next project is the dock at Bevier Park. They have committed to raising \$40,000 for this project. She also presented the Park District with a check for \$8,000 for scholarships and programs. She advised the Board to save the date of February 29th for Party for the Parks at the Adaptive Recreation Center.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked if the \$8,000 donation includes the swim program. Ms. Wozniak noted that it does not. It is in addition to that donation. Commissioner Kilkelly asked what will be done with the additional honey. Mr. Hintz stated that it will be kept for the event in February. She also asked if the amount will increase next year. Mr. Hintz noted that the first goal is to help the bees survive the winter.

- B. John Prue, American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, 2023 Gold Medal Finalist Award

Mr. Prue introduced himself to the Board as the gold medal award chair. During the meeting, Mr. Prue re-presented the 2023 Gold Medal Finalist Award to the Park District. He noted that the Waukegan Park District has been honored as a finalist the last five out of six years. He commended the Park District on their consistency in being named so often. He noted that the District has once again been placed in the upper echelon of over 8,000 Districts. He highlighted the accomplishments of the Park District, and commended the District on its excellent submission. He noted that the 2024 application period will open in a few short weeks and encouraged the District to apply.

VII. PROGRESS REPORTS

A. Executive Director Lerner: Mr. Lerner presented his report. He noted that the District made an offer for the Abbvie property. They are not in a position to sell at this time. He is working with Sally on the 2024 calendar for Board meetings. He asked for Board input on the schedule. Commissioner Kilkelly stated it may be useful to have the second Board meeting as a placeholder. Mr. Lerner noted that he will work with staff on the schedule.

B. Attorney Report: Attorney Florip noted that she has been working with staff on various issues. If the property sale passes this evening, she will begin filing the proper documents with the court to request a judge and hearing date. She also noted that Megan McKenna has taken a different position and Germain Castellanos is the new Executive Director for the Boys and Girls Club

of Lake County. Finally, she noted that she will be attending the Legal Symposium next week. Thanks to Sally for getting her registered.

C. Legislation/ IAPD Update: Attorney Florip stated that there are several new laws. She is mostly concerned with the unfunded mandate in regard to bike trail signage. She is hoping to learn more about its implementation during the legal symposium and will be working with Mr. Bejster on this.

D. Division Reports:

D1. Recreation: Mr. Beverly presented his report. He stated that the District received great coverage in the Lake County News Sun. The Turkey Trot is quickly approaching. He thanked everyone for attending the ARC grand opening. He presented statistics regarding the summer programming. They served 16,378 patrons, up by 3,700 from last summer. The District offered 897 programs/events this summer, of which 27% were free.

Superintendent of Recreation – Ms. Fischer stated that the Field House membership count is at 8,458. The past few days have been busy. Zombie Walk was this past weekend. Saturday night was family swim night with over 42 people. She stated that family Zumba was held last night with 35 attendees. Parents Night Out is this weekend.

Treasurer Herrera Giron asked for clarification about participant numbers and regularity of programming. Mr. Beverly provided further information.

D2. Parks: Mr. Bejster presented his report. He stated that they have been mowing regularly, due to the warmer temperatures. They hosted their recycling event recently and Waukegan resident participation numbers were up. Bevier Park is coming along nicely. The playground is mostly installed. They began installing the piers for the discovery dock. They will continue building the sitting station this fall. They have begun installing the lights in the outfield. They are in the process of taking down poles. They are still on schedule to finish this fall. They are prepping for the Halloween event this weekend. They began winterization of all of the restrooms.

Vice President Mathews noted that Bevier Park looks great. He had a resident reach out to him about the improvements at Powell Park. He asked if there were any significant updates from Signal 88. Mr. Bejster answered that there were no significant incidents. Treasurer Herrera Giron asked how the number of participants who attended the recycling event this year compared to previous years. She asked how staff computes Waukegan resident involvement. Commissioner Kilkelly asked if the location worked well this year.

D3. Community Relations: Ms. McDonald presented her report. She thanked everyone for attending Best of the Best. She acknowledged Commissioners Kilkelly and Bridges for their years of service. They are beginning holiday happenings for the winter season. They will be reporting a construction update through social media. She is working on the fundraising event in February.

President Johnson commended Ms. McDonald on being the lead on the video submission for NPRA.

D4. Finance and Administration: Mr. Beckmann presented his report. He stated that their investment income has been active. This is the first time they have exceeded the fitness center fees. He stated that his team is working on the single audit.

Vice President Mathews asked for information about Signal 88's involvement in an altercation at the Field House. Mr. Beckmann provided the details regarding the incident. Vice President Mathews stated that this highlights the importance of Signal 88 being present at the Field House.

A. Superintendent of Finance and Operations – Ms. Mendez stated that their budget training went well. She noted that they are working on finalizing their audits and hope to wrap things up soon.

Vice President Mathews noted that he was happy that Ms. Mendez received her training in diabetic emergency response.

B. Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award – Mr. Beckmann noted that Waukegan is one of three Park Districts to receive this award. He thanked staff for their assistance with this.

C. Golf Operations Results – Mr. Jesse provided a brief overview of golf operations results. Due to the success of the combined efforts of the District and GolfVisions, they will be collecting funds from previous year's golf seasons – Total of \$315,000 which they will invest in a money market account to help Bonnie Brook's future operations.

President Johnson asked if rounds were comparable to last year. Mr. Jesse stated he believes they will be. It will be dependent on weather for the rest of the year.

VIII. REVIEW, DISCUSS, DECIDE

*Item N moved to the first item for discussion.

A. Motion to Approve Proposal for Extension of Harboe Architectural Services

Mr. Aulisio presented the extension to the Board. The Board considered a proposal from Harboe Architects to extend their construction phase services to align with the most recent construction schedule. The original construction schedule anticipated a project duration of 50 weeks with a completion date of mid-October 2023. That schedule has been extended due to factors beyond the design/construction team's control. The most recent schedule anticipates a construction completion date in early April, 2023, which equates to an extension of approximately 25 weeks or 75 weeks total.

The major factors that affected the critical path include the following: delay in getting a complete building permit, extensive unforeseen underground obstructions discovered during the initial excavation phase, activities related to the unanticipated parapet rebuild, and delays in elevator equipment production and delivery.

To continue to provide services to the anticipated construction completion requires an extension to their services per the agreement between the Park District and the Architect. The Architect has

proposed to cover this extension on a time and materials basis with a not to exceed limit of \$130,000. This is consistent with the cost of the construction phase services under the basic agreement on a per weekly basis.

Motion by Treasurer Herrera Giron, seconded by Commissioner Kilkelly, to approve Proposal for Extension of Harboe Architectural Services, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

B. Motion to Approve the Credentials Certificate and choose a Representative and Alternate for IAPD/IPRA Conference

Mr. Lerner stated that this is the annual business meeting for IAPD. The District needs a delegate and alternate. Vice President Mathews offered to assume the role of delegate. President Johnson is the alternate.

Motion by Treasurer Herrera Giron, seconded by Vice President Mathews, to approve the Credentials Certificate and choose a Representative and Alternate for IAPD/IPRA Conference, as presented.

On all ayes, motion carried.

C. Motion to Approve Resolution 2023-25 and Sales Contract for 724 S. Genesee Street

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by Vice President Mathews, to approve Resolution 2023-25 and Sales Contract for 724 S. Genesee Street, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

D. Motion to Approve Waukegan Police Department Camera Installation

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by President Johnson, to approve Waukegan Police Department Camera Installation, as presented.

Vice President Mathews asked about the installation of the camera and if the public has to be alerted.

He asked why this particular area is being selected. Mr. Bejster stated that the police department sees Sheridan Road as a main thoroughfare for neighboring communities and they feel that this area will be most strategic.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Herrera Giron

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

E. Motion to Approve Larsen Park Dog Fencing

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by Vice President Mathews, to approve Larsen Park Dog Fencing, as presented.

Staff recommends acceptance of the Action Fence Contractors Base Bid of \$101,110.00 and the Alternate Bid of \$8,950.00 for a total of \$110,060.00 for the 2023 Larsen Dog Park Fencing and Gated Entry Renovation.

Commissioner Bridges asked for clarification on the type of fencing. Mr. Bejster stated it would be a replica of the fencing used by Lake County. This would not have electric, but would have a slow automatic door closer. Commissioner Kilkelly asked what prompted replacement. Mr. Bejster stated that it is deteriorating and is too short for larger dogs. He clarified that this is for the entire perimeter. He also noted that they will include a rehab dog area. Commissioner Kilkelly asked if staff intend to put a camera in the area, due to the large number of dogs being dumped. She also noted that a live feed may be useful for patrons to assess if it is too crowded. Mr. Bejster noted that they can look into a camera.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked if the District received money from the Larsen family when the dog park was initially constructed. Mr. Bejster stated that he will look into it and speak with the family. She asked when the anticipated finish date is. Mr. Bejster stated they are hoping for completion in mid-December.

F. Motion to Approve Rose Park Ball Field Improvements

Motion by Commissioner Bridges second by Treasurer Herrera Giron, to approve Rose Park Ball Field

Improvements, as presented.

Staff recommends acceptance of the low bid of \$183,155.00 from Landworks Ltd. for the 2023 Rose Park Ballfield Improvements.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked for clarification on the improvements. Mr. Bejster provided an overview of what items would be included in the improvements. He noted that this should be the final major work at Rose Park that needs to happen. Mr. Lerner noted that the fencing will match the current fencing at Rose Park.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

G. Motion to Approve Demolition of Home at 542 McAlister Street

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by Vice President Mathews, to approve demolition of home at 542 McAlister Street, as presented.

Staff recommends acceptance of the Anthem Excavation and Demolition Base Bid of \$24,325.00 for the 2023 Home Demolition at 542 McAlister Ave.

Mr. Bejster stated that he is very happy with this pricing. They have vetted the company and are comfortable using them. The Fire and Police Department will be using the property for training prior to demolition.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

H. Motion to Approve Quote for Bevier Park Press Box Repairs

Motion by Treasurer Herrera Giron, second by Vice President Mathews, to approve Bevier Park Press Box Repairs, as presented.

Staff recommend acceptance of the LZ Design Build low quote of \$26,000.00 for the 2023 Bevier Park Press Box Renovation.

Commissioner Bridges asked what work is going to be done. Mr. Bejster stated that it is for renovation. Commissioner Bridges asked for clarification on the bid language.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

I. Motion to Approve SportsPark Marquee Replacement

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by Vice President Mathews, to approve SportsPark Marquee Replacement, as presented.

Staff recommends acceptance of \$46,600.00 from C. Johnson Sign Co. C. Johnson Sign Co. will install a replacement outdoor marquee at the Sports Park to replace the legacy one. This will include a new 5-year warranty on the sign and a \$0 a month cloud-based remote management software solution. C. Johnson Sign Co. is the authorized distributor and installer of Daktronics equipment. The district is using Daktronics software to manage all the marquees. C. Johnson Sign Co has been a reputable partner with the park district, offering timely support and service for all marquee equipment. This will be paid for by interest income earned over the budget in the Master Plan Capital Projects fund. It is also to streamline legacy software with current technology and safety concerns, unlike having to park a car on the street to update the marquee.

President Johnson asked what the new sign size will be. Mr. Beverly noted it is kept in the current size range.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

J. Discussion regarding 2023 Levy and Direction

The board has elected towards capturing the maximum allowed amount under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) last levy cycle, referred to as the tax cap, while staying under Truth and Taxation (TNT) requirements to avoid a hearing. Staff is looking for a consensus on this to keep supporting operations, capital projects, and new initiatives. Mr. Beckmann noted that this will be on the agenda for November.

K. Motion to Approve GolfVisions Golf Management Agreement Renewal

Motion by Vice President Mathews, second by Treasurer Herrera Giron, to approve GolfVisions Management Agreement Renewal, as presented.

Commissioner Kilkelly asked about contract terms.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

L. Motion to Approve Interfund Transfers

Motion by Mathews, second by Bridges, to approve interfund transfers, as presented.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#51) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$2,500.00	
	Recreation (02-97-24-473-9999)	\$2,500.00

Purpose: To use funds received from the Waukegan Parks Foundation to offset Rangers' Camp expenses, helping keep the cost of summer camp low.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#51) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$2,500.00	
	Recreation (02-97-24-473-9999)	\$2,500.00

Purpose: To use funds received from the Waukegan Parks Foundation to offset Outdoor Escape Camp expenses, helping keep the cost of summer camp low.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#51) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$1,000.00	
	Recreation (02-97-24-473-9999)	\$1,000.00

Purpose: To use funds received from the Waukegan Parks Foundation to offset Before/After Care Camp expenses, helping keep the cost of summer camp low.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#43) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$887.50	
	Recreation (02-97-24-473-9999)	\$887.50

Purpose: For financial assistance awarded for Ranger Day Camp for summer of 2023.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#43) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$1,978.00	
	Recreation (02-97-24-473-9999)	\$1,978.00

Purpose: For financial assistance awarded for Explorers Day Camp for summer of 23.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#51) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$250.00	
	Recreation (02-13-13-473-9999)	\$250.00

Purpose: To use funds designated for Touch a Truck through a sponsorship from Waukegan Community Bank.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#42) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$361.00	
	Recreation (08-48-24-473-9999)	\$361.00

Purpose: To cover financial assistance given for TNT Day Camp in the summer of 2023.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#42) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$98.00	
	Recreation (08-16-00-473-9999)	\$98.00

Purpose: To cover financial assistance Athletic requests from January-December of 2023.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#42) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$136.00	
	Recreation (08-48-66-473-9999)	\$136.00

Purpose: To cover financial assistance requests from January-December of 2023 for the HEART Program.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#43) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$61.00	
	Recreation (02-46-92-473-9999)	\$61.00

Purpose: The transfer request listed above is for three scholarships awarded for the Bulldog Pups program. This program was offered in the Fall of 2023 youth athletics programs.

Fund	From	To
Memorial/Endow. (#43) (16-11-11-583-9999)	\$27.00	
	Recreation (02-46-92-473-9999)	\$27.00

Purpose: The transfer request listed above is for one scholarship awarded for the VolleyTots program. This program was offered in the Fall of 2023 youth athletic programs.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

M. Motion to Approve Demand Response Energy Agreement with CPower

Motion by Treasurer Hererra Giron, second by Commissioner Kilkelly, to approve Demand Response Energy Agreement with CPower, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

N. Motion to Approve the Low Bidder for General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2023A

*This item was moved to the first action item.

Mr. Gold presented the results of the annual rollover bond sale. They held a competitive sale and received six bids. They anticipate closing on November 7th. He discussed the type of bonds and provided an overview of what the funds would be used for. He also noted how the bonds compare to previous years and provided a recommendation to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Bridges, second by Treasurer Herrea Giron, to approve the low bidder for General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2023A, as presented.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

O. Motion to Approve Ordinance 23-05 consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$2,032,660 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, of the Waukegan Park District, Lake County, Illinois, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the purpose of

refunding certain outstanding bonds of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

Motion by Commissioner Kilkelly, second by Treasurer Herrera Giron, to approve Ordinance 23-05 consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$2,032,660 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, of the Waukegan Park District, Lake County, Illinois, for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, as presented.

The competitive bond sale took place on Thursday, October 19th at 10:15 AM, as outlined in the August 22nd board meeting approved planning letter and schedule. The results were provided to the Board. The preliminary term sheet for bond sale was sent to all local and national banks. Speer Financial, our financial advisor for bond issuance, was also at the meeting to provide information.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

P. Motion to Approve Concrete Improvements at Waukegan SportsPark

Motion by Vice President Mathews, second by President Johnson, to approve concrete improvements at Waukegan SportsPark, as presented.

Mr. Beckmann stated that the maintenance areas are sinking and cracking. This is aligned with safety improvements that the District is looking to make.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Q. Motion to Approve Purchase of Workman HDX 2WD Kubota Diesel

Motion by Vice President Mathews, second by Treasurer Herrera Giron, to approve purchase of

Workman HDX 2WD Kubota Diesel, as presented.

Staff recommended acceptance of the quote of \$49,329.61 from Reinders. Proposals were internally vetted, and the selected and recommended item best meets the needs of the Waukegan Park District. The Board was provided with a Sole Source memo and justification form. This purchase is through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program in the Grounds Maintenance Contract #031121-TTC.

On the roll call, the vote was as follows:

AYE: Kilkelly, Bridges, Herrera Giron, Mathews, and Johnson

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

None.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meetings: Board of Commissioners Meeting, Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
President Johnson noted that he will be on vacation and asked if the Board would like to move the meeting date.

XI. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kilkelly stated that the multiple awards presented this evening are all indicators of how strong this organization is in meeting the needs of the community. She expressed her appreciation to the staff for all that they do.

Commissioner Bridges commended the finance department for their excellence. He thanked them for always answering his questions. He thanked Ms. Sandine and the staff for all of the work that they do to support Board members. He noted that their work is appreciated. He commended staff on thinking ahead in property acquisition and capital projects. He thanked Mr. Bejster for offering the property for fire and police training. He asked that Mr. Jesse discuss the golf event recently hosted for kids. Mr. Jesse stated that it was a huge success and staff worked to ensure all of the kids were safe while learning to play golf.

Treasurer Herrera Giron stated that the District would not be a finalist if it weren't for the hard work that the staff does to provide for the residents of Waukegan. She noted that it speaks volumes that the Park District continues to be a finalist. This is not by accident – it is due to the hard work that the staff has put into the District. She thanked Ms. Sandine for all for the work she does in keeping the board members organized. She thanked staff for their leadership. She noted that excellence happens with great teamwork and strong leadership.

Vice President Mathews congratulated the September and October Field House members of the month. He also congratulated the September employee of the month. He thanked staff for hosting recent events and parades. He attended the Young People's concert and the legislative breakfast. He noted that Beauty and the Beast was fantastic. He congratulated Attorney Florip on finishing Chicago and Milwaukee Marathons. He provided a summary of the educational sessions he attended during the NRPA conference. He congratulated Commissioner Bridges and Commissioner Kilkelly for their years of service on the park District board. He congratulated Nathan Hintz on being honored. He stated that Zombie Walk was incredibly successful, as was Dia de Muertos. He wished all of the October birthdays a happy day.

President Johnson noted that the Park District is a top-notch organization. He stated that everything the District does daily and weekly proves the phenomenal service and programming that is offered. President Johnson reminded the Board of the Turkey Trot event on November 11th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Kilkelly, second by Vice President Mathews to adjourn.

On all ayes, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mandi Florip
Secretary