

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT
February 27, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

II. ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

President Jeremiah Johnson
Vice President Anton Mathews

Commissioner George Bridges
Commissioner Janet Kilkelly
Committee Member Ted Haug

Committee Member Desiree Martinez
Committee Member Wilson Cruz

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Treasurer Jacqueline Herrera Giron

Committee Member Shaemia Newsome

STAFF PRESENT:

Executive Director Jay Lerner
Executive Assistant Sally Sandine, Director of Finance & Operations Jon Beckmann, and Attorney Mandi Florip.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW OF PARK DISTRICT

Mr. Beckmann asked each of the committee members to provide a quick personal introduction and experience with the Park District.

V. OVERVIEW OF DECENNIAL EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE (PUBLIC ACT 102-1088) INITIATIVE AND GOALS

Mr. Beckmann noted that the committee must meet three times in a ten-year period and the goal is to study the efficiencies and effectiveness. The committee was formed on May 9, 2023. He thanked the residents for completing the Open Meetings Act training. He provided information on the FOIA officers for the District. He noted that the next two meetings will be April 23rd and October 22nd. The report needs to be filed in December with the County. After the report is filed, the committee will be dissolved.

VI. REVIEW OF IAPD TEMPLATE FOR EFFICIENCY REPORT

Mr. Beckmann reviewed the IAPD template for the efficiency report. He noted that the Park District represents five townships in the community it serves. The District has been both locally and nationally recognized. With only 8.2% of property tax bills funding the District, this unit of local government does more with less than other units. The District also generates revenue for the State and other local municipalities. He reviewed the items that are available on the website, which promote transparency to all residents. Mr. Beckmann finished by providing an overview of the awards the District has received.

Mr. Lerner asked Attorney Florip to review the law that is mandating the committee's formation and report submission.

VII. DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENT SURVEY ON CURRENT MEETING ITEMS

Mr. Beckmann asked the residents to complete the survey at their places.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meetings: Decennial Meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 2024

IX. EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

On all ayes, the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandi Florip
Secretary