

Waterloo Park District – Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Waterloo City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 W. Fourth Street, Waterloo, Illinois, with President Gardner presiding.

Roll call: Commissioners Buettner, Haentzler, Nolte, Pfund, and President Gardner were physically present. Treasurer Bradley, Superintendent Prater, Secretary/Attorney Schimpf, and Waterloo Alderman Jim Trantham (Park District Liaison) were also present.

Meeting minutes and agenda: The agenda was posted at both 318 N. Library Street and 100 W. Fourth Street, Waterloo, Illinois in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The agenda was approved by voice vote on a motion by Haentzler, second by Nolte. The Board approved the minutes of the February 12, 2025, regular meeting by unanimous consent.

President's report: President Gardner reported that she had sent a letter to the CEO and President of Rain Drop Products LLC asking for confirmation that they intend to complete their manufacturing of the barn fixture. She also instructed Secretary/Attorney Schimpf to respond to a business owner who wishes to place a beverage vending machine at Lakeview Park.

Guests: See the attached list. Ed Siemers voiced his concerns about the Park District undertaking construction projects that, in his opinion, it is unable to complete without assistance from the City of Waterloo. The Waterloo Girl Scouts made their annual request to use Konarcik Park for their summer camp from June 23 to June 27, 2025. The Board approved this request by unanimous consent. Jason Steibel spoke about the illumination and drainage impacts of the Waterloo Community Splash Pad on his property in the Remlok subdivision.

Correspondence: The following items of correspondence were discussed:

- Commissioner Pfund received an email from the Illinois Department of Public Health stating that the Waterloo Community Splash Pad license had been mailed on March 6, 2025. As the splash pad is run by a unit of government, no fee is required for the license.
- Secretary/Attorney Schimpf reported that one letter from Mr. Tony Grasso is available for review in the Park District Office.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote on a motion by Pfund, seconded by Buettner.

Submission & approval of bills: Treasurer Bradley submitted the bills for commissioner review via email prior to the meeting. A motion by Haentzler, seconded by Pfund, passed by voice vote to pay all bills.

Superintendent's report: Superintendent Prater relayed the following information to the Board:

- The city provided notification of high-volume usage at Lakeview Dog Park, indicating a possible water leak. After extensive investigation, Superintendent Prater believes that someone used this location to fill a water tank and no leak exists. He is also dealing with the problem of birds nesting in the canopy at the dog park.
- Superintendent Prater has been working with a patron on the placement of a memorial tree at Lakeview Park. Commissioner Pfund will look into options for small memorial signs at the base of memorial trees.
- Superintendent Prater hopes to have the replacement Zimmer Park playground canopy in place by the end of April.

Attorney report: Secretary/Attorney Schimpf reminded the Board of the need to recruit a new commissioner for their appointment at the May meeting.

District Communications Policy: Upon a motion by Nolte, seconded by Haentzler, the Board approved the revised Communications Policy in a voice vote.

District Policy on Meeting Procedures: Upon a motion by Pfund, seconded by Buettner, the Board approved the revised District Policy on Meeting Procedures in a voice vote.

Resolution 030125: Secretary/Attorney Schimpf explained that this resolution was an update to the prescribed duties of the Secretary/Attorney. Haentzler moved to approve Resolution 030125 with a second by Nolte. A motion by Pfund, seconded by Haentzler, to waive the reading passed in a voice vote. The Board then approved Resolution 030125 by a roll-call vote of 5-0 with all commissioners voting YES.

Waterloo Park District Foundation update: Lisa Pecha, the non-commissioner director of the Waterloo Park District Foundation briefed the Board on the Foundation's Family Fun Day scheduled for April 26, 2025. Upon a motion by Pfund, seconded by Haentzler, the Board approved the expenditure of up to \$300 on banners for use by the Foundation in a voice vote.

Koenigsmark/Optimist Skate Park: Nothing to report.

Konarcik Park: President Gardner hopes to begin the installation of the new disc golf signs.

Lakeview Park: Kevin Schreckenber, the owner of Schrecksoverstock LLC, is asking to place a vending machine at Lakeview Park. The Board approved Mr. Schreckenber's request by unanimous consent. Secretary/Attorney Schimpf will draft a contract for Mr. Schreckenber and President Gardner to sign prior to placement of the vending machine.

Lions Park: Nothing to report.

William Zimmer Park: The Board discussed the lighting and drainage issues at the Waterloo Community Splash Pad that were reported by Mr. Steibel at the beginning of the meeting. The commissioners will gather additional information.

New/other business: None.

Commissioner comments: None.

City Liaison comments: The city will provide zoning contact information to Ms. Pecha.

Final guest comment: None.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at Waterloo City Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned via unanimous consent at 8:04 p.m.

Paul M. Schimpf, Secretary/Attorney, Waterloo Park District



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Approved by Board

on 09 APR 2025