

Waterloo Park District – Meeting Minutes June 11, 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, by Vice President Haentzler.

Roll call: Commissioners Davis, Perotti, Pfund, and Vice-President Haentzler were physically present. President Gardner had previously notified the Secretary that she would be absent. Superintendent Prater and Secretary-Attorney Schimpf were also present. Treasurer Bradley had previously notified the Secretary that she would be absent. Alderman Jordon Riley was present to represent the City of Waterloo.

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 Pfund, seconded by Davis. The Board approved the minutes of the May 14, 2025, regular meeting by unanimous consent.

President's report: No executive actions to report.

Guests: See the attached list. None desired to speak at this portion of the meeting.

Correspondence:

- Commissioner Pfund recounted her communications with Josh Knapp of Rain Drop Products. The barn fixture of the Waterloo Community Splash Pad is still under construction, but photos indicate that Rain Drop is making progress.
- The Monroe County Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism at the Zimmer Park restroom. In response, Park District staff inspected all restrooms; no vandalism was identified.
- A patron submitted a question on the District's Facebook page, asking if public wireless internet was available at the Waterloo Community Splash Pad. Harrisonville Telephone Company already makes wireless internet publicly available without a password at the Zimmer Park playground and other locations within the city.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Bradley distributed the District's financial information to the commissioners and staff via email on June 2, 2025. Upon a motion by Perotti, seconded by Pfund, the Board approved the Treasurer's report in a voice vote.

Submission & approval of bills: Treasurer Bradley distributed the District's pending bills on June 6, 2025. A motion by Davis, seconded by Pfund, passed by voice vote to pay all bills (including payroll).

Superintendent's report:

- Superintendent Prater is working with Commissioner Perotti to move one of the disc golf baskets to a new location.
- Allan Kern may not be able to continue serving as one of our employees due to personal issues.
- The splash pad is operating normally. The system was backwashed for the first time this season on June 10th. The water flow on one of the tractor wheels is low. Superintendent Prater is in contact with Craig Sanders (a subcontractor of Rain Drop Products) about possible repairs.
- Superintendent Prater asked the Board for the authority to purchase pea gravel for the tot lot if the Optimist Club fails to make this purchase. Upon a motion from Pfund, seconded by Perotti, the Board authorized the purchase of pea gravel for the tot lot in a voice vote.
- Secretary-Attorney Schimpf will research whether handrails are required for a new footbridge that Superintendent Prater is constructing across a creek at Konarcik Park.

Attorney report:

- Secretary-Attorney Schimpf reminded commissioners to submit ideas for updates/changes to the Use Ordinance and the new website.
- New commissioners will be added as administrators for the District's Facebook page.
- Secretary-Attorney Schimpf will be reaching out to all commissioners to record introductory videos for the District's Facebook page.

Approval of updated Meeting Procedures Policy: Secretary-Attorney Schimpf explained that the purpose of the update was to clarify that guest comments at District meetings must relate to Park District business. Upon a motion by Davis, seconded by Perotti, the Board approved the updated Meeting Procedures Policy in a voice vote.

Koenigsmark/Optimist Skate Park: Nothing to report.

Konarcik Park: Commissioner Perotti is working on designing a new kiosk to be positioned at the start of the disc golf course.

Lakeview Park: Nothing to report.

Lions Park: Some commissioners have received individual briefings from Lions Club members on their proposed updates to Lions Park. The District will discuss the proposal upon the return of President Gardner.

William Zimmer Park: Commissioner Pfund reported that patrons are pleased with the replacement shade structure at the Zimmer Park playground. She is reminding patrons not to bring food inside the fence at the Waterloo Community Splash Pad.

New/other business: None.

Commissioner comments: Commissioners praised the work of Superintendent Prater's team; our parks are beautifully maintained. Commissioner Pfund confirmed that the Safety Committee is meeting at 6:30 p.m. prior to the July regular meeting.

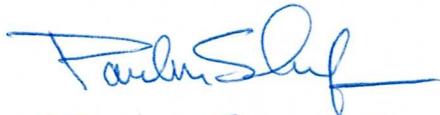
City Liaison comments: None.

Final guest comments: Lisa Pecha asked whether the Board would be appointing a new director of the Waterloo Park District Foundation NFP to take the place of former commissioner Michael Nolte. Secretary-Attorney Schimpf explained that according to the Foundation's bylaws the President and Vice-President of the Waterloo Park District automatically serve as two of the three Foundation directors; therefore, Vice-President Haentzler is the new director.

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned via unanimous consent at 7:32 p.m.

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



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