

**MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Larem at 7:00pm at the Lind Building. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: M Carpenter, T Larem, G. Sada, P Smith, R Sudduth

Others Present: District Administrator, Brian Ramsey; Program Director, Peter Graham; Treasurer, Art Schenone; and Attorney, Megan Mack.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Sada, second by Commissioner Sudduth, to approve the September 11, 2024 Agenda. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth and seconded by Commissioner Sada to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting of July 10, 2024. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sada and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of the Board Meeting of August 7, 2024. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carpenter and seconded by Commissioner Sudduth to approve, but not release, the minutes of the Closed Session Board Meeting of August 7, 2024. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Schenone presented the listing of receipts, payroll, and disbursements for the month of August, 2024. Receipts of \$88,686.28 were reported.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to ratify payroll in the amount of \$3,208.33 as presented. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Sada, Smith, and Sudduth. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Sada to ratify the disbursements of \$27,269.04 as presented. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Larem, Sada, Smith and Sudduth. Commissioner Carpenter abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Mack provided an update on the 2025 Consolidated Election Schedule.

Commissioner's Reports

Carpenter – Provided Financial Report as related to the cost of hosting the Back to School Bash in Berkeley Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

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Sada – attended a Program Registration Meeting with Program Director, Peter Graham & District Administrator, Brian Ramsey. Announced that we had 3 Sponsors for the Back to School Bash. Is interested in having the Park District brochure published in Spanish as well as English.
Smith – Announced that a new signage has been posted at the Pickleball Courts.
Sudduth – No Report

Staff Reports

District Administrator, B. Ramsey – handed out a written report that highlighted the various meetings and activities he has performed while transitioning into his new role with the District. Additionally, provided a brief update on the OSLAD Grant Application which is due on Friday, September 13, 2024, and that he was involved in a Pre-Construction Meeting with Tom Rychlik, Project Manager at GHA, in regards to the Berkeley Park Bike Path and Ballfield Project. To date, the backstop and fencing has been removed with the assistance of the Village of Berkeley, and additional construction is pending permit approvals from WRMD.

Program Director, P. Graham - reported on the success of the recent Painting Rocks program which included placing them along the Prairie Path in Berkeley Park. He also reported that the Pickleball Tournament has been moved to Saturday, September 28th, in order to accommodate more players/teams participation.

Old/Unfinished Business

Project Updates:

- **Lind Park Roof Project – No Report**
- **Berkeley Park Bike Path & Ballfield Improvements** – updates were included in Mr. Ramsey's staff report, but he commented further that additional work and installation of the new backstop may start as early as October 1st. Plus the current playground equipment may be removed as early as Monday, September 16th.

Marketing Initiatives: discussion about adding messages and tag lines on the website and a new logo for the Park District.

New Business

The Board reviewed the proposed Resolution as related to the IDNR Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the 2024-02 Resolution regarding the OSLAD Grant Application. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Smith and Sudduth. Commissioner Sada abstained. Motion carried 4-0-1.

There was consensus from the Board to participate in a Self-Evaluation Workshop with the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD). The recommendation was to schedule this workshop for December 4, 2024, to immediately follow the regular Board meeting. Administrator Ramsey will contact IAPD for confirmation.

Public Comment

- Laura Garcia Graham – commented on the public informational meeting held earlier that day in Berkeley Park regarding OSLAD Grant and expressed her desire to see a soccer field, and the lack of public notice for the meeting.

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- Baker – Advocated for basketball courts in the park.
- Kelly – Commented about the difficulty hearing people speak in the meeting and a need to have people on microphones, or do something about the noise level in the room.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth and seconded by Commissioner Smith to Adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

Board Secretary

President