

**Call for Special Meeting of RBA Members**  
**Vote for Proposed Changes (appearing in red) to the 2021 Bylaws**  
**Sunday, September 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm in the South Park**

**ARTICLE II**

**ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS**

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS. The Articles of Incorporation of the Association, **the Property Deed for the parks**, the Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII hereunder shall collectively be known as the "Association Documents."

**ARTICLE VIII**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The right to manage the affairs of the Association and interpret the provisions of these Bylaws shall be exclusively vested in the Board of Directors, who may delegate authority only as specifically permitted by the Association Documents. The term of office for each director shall **be for transition from one (1) year to staggered two (2) year terms beginning with the 2024 election and every even-numbered year thereafter, four (4) directors will serve a two (2) year term and beginning with the 2025 election and every odd-numbered year thereafter, five directors will serve a two (2) year term.** Directors shall serve without compensation and shall be deemed volunteer directors under the Act.

Why These Changes are Being Proposed

**ARTICLE II – ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS**

The main purpose of the RBA according to the Articles of Incorporation (dated August 8, 1922) is "to acquire the title to the lands on Russell Beach Plat known and designated on said plat as Lots numbered (Tennis) No. 57, (Ball Park) No. 109, and (Parks) Nos. 60 and 61 ..." The platters of our subdivision deeded the four Lots to the RBA two days later on August 10, 1922. When the first Bylaws were voted on in 2014, the Property Deed was unknown because it was not in the files passed on during the last hundred years to current RBA boards. Along with the Articles of Incorporation\*, the Property Deed\*\* is a legal document that outlines management obligations of the RBA.

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To build in continuity and promote longevity of knowledge gained to future Board members, the term of service for each director is proposed to be extended from one year to two years. In addition, the annual election is proposed to vote on about half of the Board positions instead of all positions: 4 spots every even-numbered year and 5 spots every odd-numbered year. Following the 2024 election, the new Board will decide who of the up to 9 directors will serve on the first 4 two-year terms.

*All documents are posted on [russellbeachassociation.com](http://russellbeachassociation.com) - Resident's button, Member Documents button*

*\*The original Articles can also be viewed on the State of Michigan, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Bureau website*

These changes were approved by the RBA Board on May 8, 2024 to be presented in August for a full membership vote on September 8, 2024 – Scott Obrec