



# Wheaton Park District

## Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 15, 2025 5:00 p.m.

City of Wheaton Council Chambers 303 W. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

**CALL TO ORDER** –President Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich were present.

Commissioner Vires and Welker were absent

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **COMMUNITY INPUT**

None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,527,001.61 for the period beginning December 11, 2024, and ending January 7, 2025
- B. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes December 4, 2024
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2024
- D. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee Pecharich, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vires, Welker

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Americans With Disabilities Act Access Audit and Transition Plan – Presentation by John McGovern, WT Group –**

Commissioner Mee moved to accept the ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan for the Wheaton Park District as Presented and Direct Staff to Implement. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Motion passed by voice vote.

John McGovern presented an overview of the audit findings and the transition plan for improving accessibility at various Park District properties.

**2. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Change Order #1 from EP Doyle Construction for \$5,158.34. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**3. Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Park District Property per Park Use Ordinance Section 4.4**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages During 2025 Special Events at the Following Locations:

- a. Memorial Park
- b. DuPage County Historical Museum
- c. Cosley Zoo

*-see related staff reports for event dates*

Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee Pecharich, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vires, Welker

**4. Central Athletic Center Parking Lot**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to Approve a License Agreement with Bauer and Bauer Dentistry and Orthodontics for Access and Use of 20 Parking Spaces at the Central Athletic Complex. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

President Kelly asked how many years we have been leasing this to them. Benard said this was our third year.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee Pecharich, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vires, Welker

## **5. Ordinance 2025-01**

Commissioner Barrett moved to Approve Ordinance 2025-01 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Wheaton Park District and Computer Systems Innovations Inc. for the Lease of a Portion of the Wheaton Oaks Professional Building Locat4d at 855 West Prairie Avenue, Wheaton Illinois. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee Pecharich, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vires, Welker

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Executive Director Benard stated he was looking forward to a fantastic 2025 and thanked the board for their support in 2024 and he thanked his staff for their hard work all year.

## **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mee stated that Parks Plus Fitness Center memberships have grown by 50% since the end of 2023. The profit margin has also increased. Mee was impressed with the \$22,000 generated by the Cosley Zoo year end appeal. He thanked one of the zoo's regular donors for increasing their monthly donation from \$7,500 to \$8,000. The zoo had 164,776 visitors in 2024, and their revenue increased by \$41,000. Mad Fore Plaid sold 191 tickets.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:27 p.m. Commissioner Mee moved to recess to closed session for the purpose of discussing the: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, Commissioner Frey seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee Pecharich, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vires, Welker

At 6:04 p.m. the board reconvened to open session.

Commissioner Mee moved to approve a 5% merit increase for Executive Director Benard retroactive to January 1, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:05 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

