



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 17, 2024 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, and Vires were present.

PRESENTATIONS – No presentations.

COMMUNITY INPUT

The following Wheaton Park District residents provided public comment concerning the proposed Cosley Zoo parking lot expansion plan:

- Liz Westergaard 742 Ralph Court, Wheaton, IL

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,539,383.50 for the period beginning December 13, 2023, and ending, January 9, 2024
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,083,673.95 for the period beginning December 13, 2023, and ending January 9, 2024
- C. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023
- D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes December 20, 2023

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – No New Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution 2024-01**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Resolution 2024-01 Approving an Appointment to the Board of the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation Inc. by the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner Seconded by Commissioner Vires.

Commissioner Vires asked Executive Director Benard to give a little background on the candidate. Benard stated that she is a DuPage County resident and is involved in Not-for-Profit Management. Since she has experience in the Not-for-Profit industry, she should help in reaching the foundation board's fundraising goals. She found the museum through a web portal through DuPage County. She was interviewed by the Museum Foundation Board Officers and Museum Staff.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **Ordinance 2024-02**

Commissioner Barrett moved to Adopt Ordinance 2024-02 Approving A Purchase of Residency Benefits by Non-Residents Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Executive Director Benard stated that this policy will allow non-residents who reside in School District 200 or 89 the ability to purchase park district benefits. The annual fee charged will be equal to what they would pay if they resided within the district using the EAV of their property and the Park District's tax rate. Commissioner Pecharich asked if this was common amongst park districts. Benard stated the policy was modeled after a neighboring district that had passed a similar policy several years ago. President Kelly asked if someone who resides in another park district is allowed to participate. Benard stated they would be.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. **Community Center Rehab Project Phase 2**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Change Order #2 with Stucky Construction in the Amount of \$30,843.89 for the Community Center Rehab Project Phase 2. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Mee stated that Stuckey is doing phenomenal job.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Central Athletic Complex Kale Gym Floor Replacement Project

Commissioner Mee moved to Reject All Bids Opened on November 29, 2024, for the Central Athletic Complex Kale Gym Floor Replacement Project and Direct Staff to Re-Bid this Project. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

President Kelly stated there was a need to complete further testing related to asbestos after the bids were opened. We have refined the scope of work and will re-bid the project.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. 2024 Mowing and Line Trimming Services

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the Mowing and Trimming Services Proposal from Sebert Landscape for \$21,988.00 for Parks South of Butterfield Road during 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Memorial Park Concerts and Special Events Alcohol Sales

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve to Serve Beer and Wine within the fenced perimeter of Memorial Park for the 2024 Summer Entertainment Series, Cream of Wheaton, and October Fest. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Vires stated that Memorial Park will be a more appropriate location for Octoberfest. Benard agreed and stated that Octoberfest will not be held in conjunction with the Night Run going forward and it was a good time to change the venue.

Motion passed by voice vote.

7. Central Athletic Complex Parking License Agreement

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a License Agreement with Bauer and Bauer Dentistry and Orthodontics for 20 Parking Spaces at the Central Athletic Complex. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Executive Director Benard stated that Bauer & Bauer Dentistry was interested in continuing their contract for the 20 parking spaces they currently lease from us. They use the lot during the day when the lot is not at its full use. Benard stated that there is a 3% increase added to this year's contract.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. **Ordinance 2024-01**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to Adopt Ordinance 2024-01 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Wheaton Park District and Computer System Innovations INC. for the Lease of a Portion of the Wheaton Oaks Professional Building Located at 855 W. Prairie Avenue, Wheaton Illinois. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard thanked the Parks Staff, Director of Parks & Planning Sperl and Superintendent of Projects Nic Novak's for their responsiveness leadership related to snow removal during the past weeks.

Commissioner Mee congratulated Parks Plus Fitness Center Manager Alex Diserio, Recreation Manager Chad Shingler, and Athletic Manager Matthew Wrobel, on receiving their Certified Parks and Recreation Professional certifications. Mee asked Benard what percentage of staff has received this certification. Benard thought it was around 80-90% of staff whose position would be relevant to this certification.

Commissioner Mee was pleased to see pool pass sales increasing and Cosley Zoo visitors increased 57,000 in 2023 from 2022 and revenue increased by \$27,000. He commended the Cosley Zoo Foundation and thanked our donors for donations in 2023 in the amount of \$92,474. Christmas tree sales increased \$17,000 over 2022 sales. He thanked the Museum Foundation donors for increased donations in 2023 over 2022. Mee stated that He was appreciative of our reach out to the community for various projects and our consideration of feedback for every different project. Mee stated that prior to the last month or two there has been no pushback from the community on our 5:00 p.m. Regular and Subcommittee meeting times. He thinks the resent input is based on the result of a single-issue situation. He was not in support of moving the meeting to a later time.

Commissioner Vires went Cross Country Skiing at Arrowhead Golf Club last weekend and said how beautiful it was and he recommended that people give it a try. He said that he went into the restaurant afterwards and it was full of those who had been skiing.

President Kelly thanked Director of Recreation Beyer and Director of Athletics & Facilities Novak for all their involvement with the Community Center renovations. They did a fantastic job throughout the project and with the coordination of our IT company and our contractors IT companies. This was a big undertaking.

CLOSED SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

At 5:29 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to recess to closed session for the purpose of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Commissioner Vires seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

At 6:03 p.m. the board rose from Closed Session. Commissioner Mee moved and Commissioner Vires seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

