



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 19, 2022 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Commissioner Pecharich joined at 5:02 p.m. after being sworn in.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$310,108.77 for the period beginning December 8, 2021 and ending January 11, 2022
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,053,378.54 for the period beginning December 8, 2021 and ending January 11, 2022
- C. Approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2021
- D. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2021
- E. Approval of the Subcommittee Minutes for January 12, 2022
- F. Approval of the Closed Session Minutes for January 12, 2022

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Government Relations Services Agreement** – Motion to approve an agreement with Government Navigation Group for government relations services at the rate of \$4,000 per month for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Mee moved to approve an agreement with Government Navigation Group for government relations services at the rate of \$4,000 per month for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Seconded by Commissioner Vires.

Commissioner Kelly asked if this agreement is month to month or for the year. Executive Director Benard stated that it is for the year but can be canceled with 30 days' notice.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

- 2. Arrowhead Golf Club Equipment** – Motion to approve the purchase of a Yamaha UMAX Two Range Picker with range cage and picker mount from Harris Golf Cars at a cost of \$12,490.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the purchase of a Yamaha UMAX Two Range Picker with range cage and picker mount from Harris Golf Cars at a cost of \$12,490.

Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 3. Athletic Program Expense** – Motion to approve the reimbursement to Glen Ellyn Park District for the Midwest Football Club program partnership totaling \$25,655.54

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve a reimbursement to Glen Ellyn Park District for the Midwest Football Club program partnership totaling \$25,655.54. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill.

Commissioner Kelly asked if this expenditure was covered by program fees. Benard stated that it is.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Apparel Purchase – Motion to approve the Special Event Apparel purchase for the 2021 Reindeer Run totaling \$10,008.45

Commissioner Mee moved to approve of the Special Event Apparel purchase for the 2021 Reindeer Run totaling \$10,008.45. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Park Commissioner Appointment – Motion to appoint Linda Pecharich to fill the current vacancy on the Park Board, and to serve as a Park Commissioner in the manner and for the period provided by applicable law.

The appointment was done at the beginning of the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Vires moved to appoint Linda Pecharich to fill the current vacancy on the Park Board, and to serve as a Park Commissioner in the manner and for the period provided by applicable law. Seconded Commissioner Morrill. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard welcomed Linda Pecharich to the board.

Commissioner Kelly asked about the financial report. He confirmed with Benard that it was through the month of December. Benard stated that it was however it's prior to adjusting entries in what we refer to as the thirteenth month. Kelly stated that we budgeted for revenues over expenses approximately \$700,000 and we're showing approximately \$6,000,000 he asked if we were waiting for a lot of expenses to still come through. Benard stated that we will do very well in 2021 across all departments, we did very well watching our expenses and bouncing back from 2020. He reminded the board that the first few months of 2021 we were still under restrictions, but we still managed to outpace our 2019 pre-pandemic figures in the early spring and for the remainder of the year. Director of Finance Simpson stated that it won't be until around March that we have a better picture of where we will be at after all expenses are paid, and the auditors are finished.

Commissioner Mee commended the Athletics Department on increasing all their numbers in 2021. Mee commended Director of Marketing Wilhelmi and all the staff that was involved in the Reindeer Run. Wilhelmi stated that we had over 1,000 runners. Mee congratulated Assistant Park Planner Don Cudihee on his recent retirement. Mee asked Director of Parks & Planning Sperl on which ponds we are maintaining for ice. Sperl stated everything but Seven Gables right now, but staff is hoping to get to Seven Gables soon. Mee thanked staff for their assistance with the Leisureship Program which was up significantly this year.

Commissioner Pecharich stated she was honored and privileged to be on this board. She is thrilled to be working with the people who run the park district.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:13 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, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)

Commissioner Pecharich seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

At 5:27 p.m. the board reconvened to open session.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve a 6% merit increase for Executive Director Benard retroactive to January 1, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:27 p.m., Commissioner Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mee seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mee', written over a horizontal line.