



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 15, 2023 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, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, and Vires were present. Commissioner Morrill arrived at 5:03 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Dan Leahy, Executive Director Western DuPage Special Recreation Association presented the board with their 2022 annual report.

WDSRA serves their member districts in much the same way as the Wheaton Park District. WDSRA has a Rec and Roll site at Central Athletic Complex, and they provide programming at various Wheaton Park District sites. Theater and drama are popular in the Wheaton community. Wheaton accounts for about twenty percent of total WDSRA program registrations.

Leahy stated that he enjoys serving on the Play for All Foundation Board. WDSRA assists with The Sensory Garden Play Days. They host the Charlie Long Golf Classic at Arrowhead which has been tremendously successful over many years.

Three Wheaton residents that serve on the WDSRA Foundation which is a very active support organization. They raise \$500,000 to \$600,000 dollars a year which supports program scholarships for families in need. Leahy thanked Executive Director Benard and Director of Recreation Beyer for participating in their strategic planning process. Both Benard and Beyer were generous with their time and their ideas.

WDSRA was named The Best of the Best of Special Recreation service providers in the western suburbs by a Media Outlet

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$576,003.65 for the period beginning January 11, 2023, and ending February 7, 2023.
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$551,482.54 for the period beginning January 11, 2023, and ending February 7, 2023.
- C. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2023
- D. Approval of the Subcommittee Minutes for February 8, 2023
- E. General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2022 - Post Issuance Compliance Report

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Morrill

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Apparel Purchase for Cosley Zoo, Recreation, Athletics, Park Departments

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve purchases from Blue Sky Marketing in the amount of \$18,704 and LynnPro in the amount of \$9,778. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Soft Drink Beverage Sales Agreement

Commissioner Vires moved to enter into an exclusive beverage agreement with Pepsi Beverages Company effective March 1, 2023, thru February 28, 2026 at a Projected cost of \$171,878. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Arrowhead Clubhouse Exterior Painting Project

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the bid from Muscat Painting & Decorating for \$77,878 plus a 10% contingency of \$7,787. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill.

Commissioner Mee commented to Director of Parks & Planning Sperl that he saw some work being done at Arrowhead and wondered what it was. Sperl responded that staff was assessing the shingles and doing work to the tower clock.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. Cosley Zoo Parking Lot Project

Commissioner Vires moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement for Design and Engineering Services with Wight and Company for an amount not to exceed \$118,000. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Arrowhead Pond Shoreline Stabilization Project

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve change order #3 for \$5,380.53 with V3 Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

President Frey asked Director of Special Facilities Bendy where this is located. Bendy responded on the west course between holes 4 and 8.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Community Center Rehabilitation Project Phase 2

Commissioner Morrill moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Direct Fitness Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$8,000. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Special Event Beer and Wine Sales

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve beer and wine sales within the fenced perimeter of Memorial Park for 2023 special events: Cream of Wheaton, Summer Entertainment Series, Wheaton Brew & Seltzer Fest. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Executive Director Benard recognized Director of Parks & Planning Sperl and Director of Athletics & Facilities Novak and their teams for their work on the ice rinks this year. Benard also congratulated Director of Recreation Beyer and her staff on the recent Iceapalooza event. Commissioner Mee asked if we've lost ice due to the warmer weather. Sperl said that we lost it a few times this winter.

Commissioner Vires stated regarding the Parks Plus Fitness Center report that it is apparent that the pandemic adversely affected membership and the bottom line. He recognized that it is a competitive environment and expected that staff will plan for continued improvement of the facility and services.

Commissioner Mee asked about the Pickleball. Novak stated that the popularity of this activity continues to grow. Benard stated that Briarpatch Park renovations this year will include additional courts and staff will propose additional potential locations to the board next month. Mee commended staff on the ice rinks at Central Athletic Complex. Commissioner Mee was pleased to see that self-defense classes are being offered. Mee congratulated Aquatics Manager Max Yokishawa on receiving his Pool Operator certification. Mee was pleased with the increasing donations at Cosley Zoo. He was impressed with the Arrowhead banquets team having the highest revenue month in history. He enjoyed the Parks Plus Fitness Center report it was well done, detailed and the Executive Summary was fantastic.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:24 p.m. Commissioner Vires 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 Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

At 5:43 p.m. the board reconvened to open session.

Executive Director Compensation

Commissioner Mee moved to approve a 6.5 % merit increase for Executive Director Benard retroactive to January 1, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vires seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

