



# Wheaton Park District

## Meeting Minutes

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

Wednesday February 18, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - President Vires called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Kelly, Mee, Frey and Welker were present

Commissioners Barrett and Pecharich were absent.

### PRESENTATIONS

Dan Leahy, Executive Director Western DuPage Special Recreation Association

Executive Director Leahy stated that he is celebrating five years as Executive Director at WDSRA and appreciates the collaborative relationship he has with member districts.

This year WDSRA is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Services WDSRA provides include exclusive programming, inclusion, Rec & Roll, & disability awareness

WPD/WDSRA relationship includes programming space, shred spaces, inclusion requests, foundation support

Highlights/WPD program registration 1200, WPD inclusion requests 265. Foundation had 89 donors and \$951,4999 received in financial and in-kind donations.

Executive Director Leahy stated that WDSRA received IAPD/IPRA Distinguished Agency Accreditation in 2025 and he was proud to lead the team through the process. Additionally, he mentioned that WDSRA continues progress on inclusion and thanked Executive Director Benard for serving on the inclusion task force.



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## COMMUNITY INPUT

Public comments are important to the Board. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on items until time has been taken to gather information and discuss all options. Lack of action does not imply lack of interest in the issues. During the community input portion of the agenda the Board typically will ask residents to provide input prior to accepting input from nonresidents.

The purpose of the public participation is to allow the public the opportunity to make a statement to the Board. The purpose of public participation is not to provoke a debate with the Board. Once an individual has spoken, that individual may not speak on the same issue again. Any limitation regarding addressing the Board may be waived by the Park Board President.

Except during the public comment portion of the regular Board agenda, or as stated in this rule, no person other than the Executive Director or the District's Attorney may address the Board.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda items are considered by the Park District to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If a member of the Park Board requests, a Consent Agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as an individual item at the end of old or new business.

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,712,216.03 for the period beginning January 14, 2026, and ending February 10, 2026
- B. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 4, 2026
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2026
- D. Approval of Closed Session Minutes January 21, 2026
- E. ~~Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes January 17, 2026~~

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda items A-D. Item E carried over to the March meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich



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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lightning Detection Technology** – Commissioner Frey moved to approve a three-year lease agreement with Perry Weather Equipment in the amount of \$36,400 for year one and \$30,800 for years two and three. Second by Commissioner Mee

Commissioner Mee thanked Executive Director Benard for the additional information. Commissioner Kelly asked if we could purchase the equipment after the lease ends. Executive Director Benard stated that we will follow up with the vendor and provide an answer.

Commissioner Vires stated this is something the district investigated years ago and the problem was technology had false/positives. New technology detects actual lightning and will be a great enhancement to safety.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

2. **Fieldhouse Concept Study** – Commissioner Mee moved to approve an agreement with Williams Architects for Architectural Services for a Fieldhouse concept and cost study in an amount not to exceed \$22,800 plus \$1,000 for reimbursable expenses. Second by Commissioner Welker

President Vires stated that we need to continue to adapt to the demands of the community and this is the first step.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich



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3. **Year-Round Park Restroom Concept Study** –Commissioner Frey moved to approve an agreement with Nevin Hedlund Architects for Architectural Services for a concept and cost study for year-round restrooms in various park locations in an amount not to exceed \$28,400 plus \$1,000 for reimbursable expenses. Second by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Mee stated that he is interested in the results of the cost study.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Welker, Mee, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Absent: None

4. **Briar Patch Park Batting Cage Project** – Commissioner Mee moved to approve the base bid from Midwest Netting Solutions for a double batting cage in the total amount of \$91,405.33 plus a contingency amount of \$9,140.53. Second by Commissioner Welker.

Commissioner Mee asked about how the project would be funded. Executive Director Benard stated that it will be reimbursed by Briarcliffe Youth Baseball. Benard stated the cages will be available for the public to use.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

5. **Prairie Path Park Playground Surfacing Project** – Commissioner Welker moved to approve the base bid and no cost Alternate bid from Cunningham Recreation for unitary surfacing in the total amount of \$85,585.30 plus a contingency amount of \$8,558.53. Second by Commissioner Mee

Commissioner Kelly asked if the district has used this product in the past.

Superintendent Hinchee responded that it is a new vendor/ new artificial turf surface product.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

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6. **Seven Gables Park Outdoor Fitness Equipment Surfacing Project** – Commissioner Mee moved to approve the base bid and no cost Alternate bid from Cunningham Recreation for unitary surfacing in the total amount of \$30,294.12 plus a contingency of \$3,029.41. Second by Commissioner Frey

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

7. **Herbicide Services** – Commissioner Mee moved to approve the base bid for herbicide services from Beary Landscape Management LLC for a one-year term for 2026 in the amount of in the amount of \$15,533.32 with options to renew for additional one-year terms in 2027 and 2028. Second by Commissioner Welker.

Commissioner Frey asked what the service is for. Executive Director Benard responded that an outside contractor will manage broad leaf weed care in several of our parks, including parks that host athletic activities

Commissioner Mee asked if it is a different service than used in the past. Executive Director Benard responded, yes.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

8. **Cosley Zoo Hale Family Education Pavilion Project** – Commissioner Kelly moved to accept Change Order #11 in the amount of \$1,439.66 with E.P. Doyle Construction. Second by Commissioner Frey

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich



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9. **Danada South Park Invasives Removal Project** – Commissioner Welker moved to approve a contract with Semper Fi for invasive clearing at Danada South in the amount of \$41,503.36 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$4,150. Second by Commissioner Mee.

President Vires asked if this is part of our lease obligation with the DuPage County Forest Preserve. Executive Director Benard responded yes.

Motion passed by roll call vote.  
Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

10. **Ray Morrill Community Center Furniture Purchases** – Commissioner Kelly moved to accept the base bid, and installation costs for office furniture at the Ray Morrill Community Center from Henricksen for an amount of \$29,740.02. Second by Commissioner Frey.

Motion passed by roll call vote.  
Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

11. **Park Maintenance Equipment Purchase** – Commissioner Frey approve the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 4010D through Illinois State Contract delivered locally by Reinders in the amount of \$130,241.32. Second by Commissioner Kelly

Motion passed by roll call vote.  
Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Barrett, Pecharich



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12. **2026 Program Apparel Purchase** – Commissioner Mee moved to approve the following bids for 2026 program and event apparel
- Lincoln Marsh & Run for the Animals - Marathon Sportswear in the amount of \$21,433.40
  - Camps, Athletics, Parks, Cosley Zoo & Reindeer Run - SBI Custom Apparel, in the amount of \$25,031.25
  - Aquatics, Memorial Park, Special Events & Arrowhead - Empire Printing in the amount of \$10,394.54
  - Cream of Wheaton - Golf Direct Now in the amount of \$1,262.50

Second by Commissioner Kelly

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

13. **2026 Rams Football Uniform and Equipment Purchase** – Commissioner Welker moved to Approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices for the 2026 Rams Football Uniforms and Equipment Purchases per Staff Recommendations  
*(see detail after agenda)*

Second by Commissioner Frey

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

14. **Information Technology Managed Services** – Commissioner Mee to approve an agreement for professional information technology managed services with Advanced Intelligence Engineering at a rate of \$140.53 per user per month for 175 users plus a \$9 per month for email threat detection monitoring for a term of 60 months with a 4 percent increase in the per user monthly fee effective each January for the duration of the term beginning in January 2027. Second by Commissioner Frey



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Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Welker, Mee, Kelly, Frey, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Pecharich

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Director Beyer stated that the first 24 hours of spring, camp and aquatic registration on February 17 resulted in nearly 7800 registration and over \$1.2 million in fees collected,

### *Parks Plus Fitness Center Annual Report*

Fitness Manager Diserio thanked the facilities and maintenance staff for cleaning and maintaining Parks Plus Fitness Center.

Manager Diserio reported that Parks Plus Fitness Center had a net revenue of over \$100,000 and a membership increase of 300.

Manager Diserio stated that Parks Plus Fitness Center focused on outreached opportunities, youth performance at Central Athletic Center and holistic wellness programs.

Commissioner Welker stated that it was an excellent report and she is looking forward to learning more about the new programming,

Commissioner Mee commented that it was an excellent report, specifically the Executive Summary

Commissioner Mee also noted:

- Increased membership
- Sustained growth since 2024
- Program & race revenue growth
- He appreciated the shout-out to the parks department regarding cleaning and maintenance
- Nearly 90% of survey respondents rate PPF *very good* or *excellent*
- New full-size lockers installed in RMCC locker rooms with positive feedback
- Addition of Youth Sports Performance Landing Page

Director Diserio stated that the Youth Performance Program currently has over 100 youth participating. It is anticipated that this number will continue to grow



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President Vires stated that the numbers are amazing and he complimented Manager Diserio on his management and Executive Director Benard on his leadership.

- Monthly Department Reports – Finance, Special Facilities, Marketing, Development, Events, Recreation, Athletics, Parks, and Planning

Commissioner Mee commented that the Arrowhead Golf Club was ranked 24 by Golfer's Choice for off course amenities.

Commissioner Mee inquired about AGC Wedding Showcase. Director Novak responded that 60 couples attended and AGC staff are following up on leads.

Commissioner Mee asked about the IPRA Showcase. Director Benard stated that the district was in the top three in a few categories and is proud of the work the marketing department is being recognized for on a state level.

Commissioner Mee complimented the Recreation Department for a successful Ice-A- Palooza event.

President Vires commented about fund balances that are slated to be transferred to capital to take on new projects and maintain assets. He mentioned that Arrowhead Golf Club is an Enterprise Fund, where a very small amount of money comes in from taxes and the remainder is from operational profits. Currently the AGC fund has a balance of \$6 million+. Additionally, AGC contributes \$50,000 annually to WPD capital Projects.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:34p. Second by Commissioner Kelly. Motion



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## Motion Detail – New Business #13 2026 FOOTBALL UNIFORMS AND ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT BIDS

Vendor	Equipment	Quantity	Cost
<b>Equipment/Helmets/Miscellaneous Supplies</b>			
Riddell	Mouth Guards (Strapped) Navy Blue	1200 ea.	\$0.45
Riddell	Riddell Hard Cup Chin Strap Navy Blue	30 ea.	\$18.00
Santo Sport Store	Champro Football Belt FWB – Orange	40 doz.	\$8.44
Riddell	Riddell Speed Classic Youth Helmet (Gloss Navy) With S2BDC-HS4 Facemask Attached (Navy Blue FM)	50 ea.	\$160.00
Certor Sports	Shutt F7 Air Youth Helmet (Gloss Navy) With F7X-ROPO-DQ-O Facemask Attached (Navy Blue FM)	30 ea.	\$140.00
TPS Sports	Champro 5-Star Rated SH7 Soft Shell Black SSH2 Helmet Small / Medium / Large	200 ea.	\$37.78
TPS Sports	Champro 12” Pump A141	30 ea.	\$2.98
TPS Sports	Champro Replacement Needle A145B	10 ea.	\$0.58
<b>Socks/Shoulder Pads/Game Pants</b>			
TPS Sports	Champro Socks (White & Navy & Orange) AS2 Multi-Sport Sock Small	24 doz.	\$23.78
TPS Sports	Champro Socks (White & Navy & Orange) AS2 Multi-Sport Sock Medium	51 doz.	\$23.78

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TPS Sports	Champro Socks (White & Navy & Orange) AS2 Multi-Sport Sock Large	57 doz.	\$23.78
Riddell	Riddell Pursuit Youth Shoulder Pad Youth Sizes: Small / Medium/ Large/ X-Large/ XX-Large	50 ea.	\$53.00
Santo Sport Store	Navy Game Pant – Champro Blocker Traditional Game Pant FP20 (Youth & Adult)	500 Ea.	Y - \$13.93 A - \$15.43
Santo Sport Store	White Game Pant – Champro Blocker Traditional Game Pant FP20 (Youth & Adult)		Y - \$13.93 A - \$15.43
Santo Sport Store	Orange Game Pant – Champro Blocker Traditional Game Pant FP20 (Youth & Adult)		Y - \$13.93 A - \$15.43
<b>Footballs</b>			
Santo Sport Store	Wilson GST Tan Game Football Pee Wee	10 ea.	\$63.70
Santo Sport Store	Wilson GST Tan Game Football Junior	10 ea.	\$63.70
Santo Sport Store	Wilson GST Tan Game Football Youth	10 ea.	\$63.70
Game One	Wilson NFL The Duke Mini Replica Footballs	10 ea.	\$22.98
Santo Sport Store	Champro FLX Leather Football FB8 Pee Wee	10 ea.	\$46.84
Santo Sport Store	Champro FLX Leather Football FB 8 Junior	10 ea.	\$56.24
<b>Jerseys</b>			
Kirhofer's Sports	Reversible Game Jersey (Youth & Adult)	500 ea.	Y - \$41.25 A - \$41.25
Riddell	Flag Football Jersey With 3 Velcro Flags	600 ea.	Y - \$38.88 A - \$39.89

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	Attached to Jersey. Twelve (12) different color mix – approx. 50 of each color/design with 2” RAMS and 6” number w/ single-color on-screen front with 8” number w/single color on screen back		
Santo Sport Store	Champro Shuffle Football Practice Jersey FJ7 – Navy 2” RAMS on front of jersey – White (Youth & Adult)	500 ea.	Y - \$8.39 A - \$8.39
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>			
Santo Sport Store	Champro Scrimmage Vest FV – Orange – Adult and Intermediate	150 ea.	\$2.93
TPS Sports	Champro Football Helmet Scrimmage CAP FXA11 – Orange	150 ea.	\$2.38
Game One	Riddell HS-24 Half Blocking Shed	10 ea.	\$54.79
Game One	Riddle R-13 Half Round Step-Over Dummy	10 ea.	\$91.92
Game One	Jax Tackler Varsity Black	1 ea.	\$1,294.50
Game One	72” Pop-up Dummy	5 ea.	\$757.55
Pyramid School Products	BSN Sport JV Orange Chain Set & BSN Down Box 1379287	1 ea.	\$485.99
Santo Sport Store	Champro Jumbo All- Purpose Bag on Wheels E50 - Navy	20 ea.	\$63.70
BSN	Football Helmet Storage Cart	2 ea.	\$256.78

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