



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 19, 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. Mee, Vires, Welker were present.

Commissioners Barrett, Frey, and Pecharich were absent

PRESENTATIONS

- Dan Leahy - Executive Director, Western DuPage Special Recreation Association gave a year-in review presentation to the board. He stated that they had a business interruption with flooding that occurred at their facility which took 13 months to restore. He spoke about the new programs and partnerships that they experienced in the last year. He was pleased to announce that program registrations went up 8%, and they saw a 20% increase in demand for inclusion. He thanked Wheaton for their involvement with WDSRA which included Rec n' Roll Adult Day Program site at Central Athletic Complex, Programming at WPD sites, theater/drama club, social club, summer camp, inclusion requests which are at an all-time high, and special event collaborations. Leahy is a Play for All Foundation Board member and WDSRA helps facilitate Sensory Garden Play Days. Arrowhead continues to be the host of their Annual Charlie Long Classic Golf Outing, and they provide Disability awareness education for Wheaton Park District staff or partners.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$3,176,028.50 for the period beginning January 8, 2025, and ending February 11, 2025
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025
- ~~C. Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025~~
- ~~D. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 1, 2025~~
- ~~E. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 5, 2025~~
- F. Review of Post Issuance Compliance Report for General Obligation Limited Park Bonds Series 2024



Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda items A, B and F.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2025-02

Commissioner Vires moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-02 Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

2. Purchase Approval

Commissioner Mee moved to approve payment of \$23,705.16 to Anthem Sports for 10 portable pitching mounds. Seconded by Commissioner Welker. No discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Sound & Lighting for 2025 Special Events

Commissioner Vires moved to approve the 2025 special event sound & lighting proposal from Hi-Fi Events in the amount of \$27,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Welker. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

4. 2025 Concerts at Memorial Park

Commissioner Vires moved to approve payments for entertainment contracts for the 2025 special event and concert season at a total cost not to exceed \$162,000.00

Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich



5. Wheaton Park District Program and Event Apparel Bid

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the following bids for 2025 program and event apparel

- o Run for the Animals & Reindeer Run – Marathon Sportswear \$30,154.55
- o Camps, Athletics, Aquatics, Parks Staff & Memorial Park – SBI Custom Apparel \$18,087.90
- o Lincoln Marsh, Cream of Wheaton & Special Events – Empire Printing \$4,148.40
- o Cosley Zoo – Blue Sky Marketing \$561.00

Seconded by Commissioner Vires.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

6. 2025 Rams Football Uniform and Equipment Bid

Commissioner Vires moved to approve the vendors, products and prices for the 2025 Rams Football uniforms and equipment purchases per staff recommendations (*see motion details attached to agenda*) Seconded by Commissioner Mee

Commissioner Welker asked what staff does to vet the helmet quality . Director of Athletics Lewandowski said that we are specific about what kind of helmets we want them to provide.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

7. Rams Cheerleading Uniform Bid

Commissioner Vires moved to accept the bid from Rebel Athletic for 2025-2026 cheerleading uniforms at a cost of \$208.25 per uniform. Seconded by Commissioner Welker.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich



8. Telecommunication Services

Commissioner Mee moved to approve a contract with Inteliquent/Voyant for Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone services for 154 users at a cost of approximately \$2,490.59 per month (after applicable fees and surcharges) for a thirty-six month term beginning April 12, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

9. Intergovernmental Agreement Between County of DuPage, Illinois and Wheaton Park District for Polling Location Parking Lot Improvements

Commissioner Vires moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between County of DuPage, Illinois and Wheaton Park District for Polling Location Parking Lot Improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Welker.

Commissioner Vires clarified that this was for the Blanchard building and the Central Athletic Complex parking lots.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

10. Cosley Zoo Restroom Renovation Project

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Change Order #1 from Total Pro Construction in the amount of \$8,917. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Memorial Park Fence Project

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the bid from Paramount Fence for \$62,888 plus 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich



12. Central Athletic Center Parking Lot Project

Commissioner Mee moved to approve additional services with Engineering Resource Associates in the amount of \$5,500. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

13. Hawthorne Junction Playground Safety Surface Project

Commissioner Vires moved to approve a contract with Perfect Turf for the Hawthorne Junction playground surfacing base bid for materials and installation in the amount of \$69,950. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

President Kelly asked Director of Parks & Planning Sperl if this was the new surface we have been using throughout the district. Sperl said it was.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

14. Sunnyside Playground Safety Surface Project

Commissioner Vires moved to approve a contract with Perfect Turf for the Sunnyside Playground Surfacing base bid and alternates 1 and 2 in the amount of \$98,560. Seconded by Commissioner Welker. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich

15. Mower Replacement Purchase

Commissioner Vires to approve the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 4010D through Illinois State Contract delivered locally by Reinders in the amount of \$127,330.41. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Mee, Vires, Welker, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich



REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Executive Director Benard introduced the new Zoo Director Greg Bockheim. Benard stated that Greg comes to Cosley Zoo from the Virginia Zoological Park, where he served as Executive Director. His leadership there led to extensive expansions of animal habitats, conservation project involvement, creative regional partnerships, events, and enhanced visitor experiences. Prior to this, Greg held leadership and animal husbandry roles at Potawatomi Zoo, Disney's Animal Kingdom, Birmingham Zoo, and Taronga Zoo.

With over 20 years dedicated to the zoo industry, Greg brings experience in zoo management, conservation, and animal well-being, with a proven track record at both large and small zoos across the country. Originally from Grand Rapids, Michigan, he began his career as a teenager in animal care at his neighborhood zoo, John Ball Zoo, located in Grand Rapids.

Parks Plus Fitness Center Manager Alex Diserio gave a brief presentation on the fitness center. He said that annual memberships increased over the last year by approximately \$50,000, and insurance-based memberships increased \$20,000. The median age of our members went down from 65 to 60.2 years of age. Usually, memberships fluctuate with the seasons, however our membership increased every month throughout the year. President Kelly asked if Diserio thought the growth was due to the remodeling. Diserio stated it was. Commissioner Welker thanked Diserio and his staff for all their hard work. Commissioner Mee stated that he has seen the transition throughout the remodeling and staff did a great job. Mee stated the fitness center staff, and the marketing department have done a great job.

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Mee asked why there was an increase in Central Athletic Center usage hours. Benard stated that park district programming has increased. Mee thanked Director of Marketing Wilhelmi for all the great marketing her department puts out throughout the district. He commended staff on Iceapalooza. He was impressed that the Susan Wahlgren Fund has already raised \$112,000 in only a few months.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:34 p.m., Commissioner Vires moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mee seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.



