



# Wheaton Park District

## Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 19, 2025 5:00 p.m.

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

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

President Kelly and Commissioner Welker were absent

### PRESENTATIONS

None

### COMMUNITY INPUT

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,179,064.85 for the period beginning February 12, 2025 and ending March 11, 2025
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025
- C. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes ~~February 1, 2025~~ and February 5, 2025
- D. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes March 5, 2025
- E. Approval of Amendments to the Meeting Schedules of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda except for the February 1, 2025 Subcommittee Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Remote Board Meeting Attendance – Commissioner Welker**

This item was not acted upon. Commissioner Welker was not available to participate remotely in the March 19, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.

### **2. Resolution 2025-01**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Resolution 2025-01 authorizing appointments to the board of the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Frey

Executive Director Benard stated that per the Intergovernmental Agreement we have with DuPage County, we have a foundation that raises funds to support the museum. The IGA calls for 50% of board positions to be filled by the park district and 50% by DuPage County and one appointment by the Foundation Board.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

### **3. Government Relations Service Agreement**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a one-year agreement for services with the Government Navigations Group INC at a cost not to exceed \$54,000. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Vires stated that we need help bringing tax dollars home to the district and they have done a good job advocating for us.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

### **4. Remote Board Meeting Attendance**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the amended rules for allowing Wheaton Park District Commissioners to attend board meetings by means of video or audio conference. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Executive Director Benard stated that the law now includes a new section for pandemic situations and for childcare issues, that would prevent a board member from participating in a meeting.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None  
Absent: Kelly, Welker

**5. Athletic and Recreation Program Contractual Services**

Commissioner Mee moved to Approve the 2025 Athletic and Recreation Program Services Independent Contractor agreement amounts resulting in expenditures over \$19,999. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

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

**6. Arrowhead Golf Club Equipment Purchase**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the purchase of one Toro 5800 G Sprayer through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance administered by Omnia contract #2023261 at a cost of \$80,641.23 Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

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

**7. Arrowhead Golf Club Equipment Purchase**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the purchase of two John Deere Gator GS Utility Vehicles at a cost of \$29,727.44. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

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

**8. Blanchard Building Parking Lot Project**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a contract with Abbey Paving in the amount of \$218,557 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett

Executive Director Benard said that the entire cost of this project is being paid for with federal grant dollars through DuPage County because the Blanchard Building and the Central Athletic Complex are polling places.

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

Absent: Kelly, Welker

**9. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Project**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve an additional services proposal with Engineering Resource Associates in the amount of \$2,300. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion. Motion carried by voice vote.

**10. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Paving Project**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve a contract with Patriot Paving in the amount of \$189,000 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

**11. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve change of order 2 with E.P. Doyle for a contract reduction of \$2,300. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich

Commissioner Mee asked if we had a target date yet, Benard said we are starting construction next week.

**12. Memorial Park Lions Terrace Shade Structure Project**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve a contract with Innovation Landscape in the amount of \$73,420.80 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Mee asked when this project will start. Director of Parks & Planning Sperrl said it will be done before the middle of May.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

**13. Natural Areas Landscape Maintenance Contract**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve a contract with Bedrock Earthscapes for a three-year engagement for native area maintenance services in the amount of \$110,550. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly, Welker

## **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- Executive Director- No report

## **BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

### **Arrowhead Golf Club 2024 Annual Report**

Olivia Englert, Senior Catering Manager, gave some highlights of the 2024 annual report and the exciting events they have planned for 2025.

Starting with the golf department, Arrowhead ended 2024 with nearly 71,000 rounds, marking the highest rounds total this century. Research from the National Golf Foundation showed significant gains (20-25% increase) in participation from female players (adults and juniors), as well as strong increases in participation among Black, Hispanic, and Asian demographics. Golf is surging and doesn't show any signs of slowing down, which is incredibly exciting.

Englert stated that she was proud to announce that Arrowhead was named:

BEST Public Golf Course and 3rd Place Wedding Venue in the West Suburban Living's Best of the West rankings.

The 2025 NBC's Golf Pass' Golfers Choice Top 25 Public Golf Courses; ranked Arrowhead number seventeen in the United States, number fifteen in the United States for off-course amenities and number one in Illinois. She said they are very proud to earn these titles.

Banquets had a fantastic 2024. They saw a notable increase in social events like baby showers, memorials, and birthday parties. Arrowhead hosted special events this year included a Christmas-themed Murder Mystery, a sold-out Dueling Pianos event, and the Wedding Showcase. All were well attended, and guests had a wonderful time.

Looking ahead, Banquets will host Easter and Mother's Day in the ballroom again this year. Both menus are available online, and reservations are open. Additionally, we are excited to host the Wintrust March Madness event tomorrow!

To start the year, the restaurant hosted Trivia twice a month in the bar, which guests thoroughly enjoyed. We will continue with live Trivia on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and introduce live music on the 3rd Friday of each month during the summer. The spring restaurant menu will go live in mid-April, featuring summer classics like the Chicken Salad and Summer Power Salad.

Commissioner Pecharich congratulated Arrowhead staff on being named best #1 in the state golf course, she thinks they are all doing a great job, and that more people will be going to Arrowhead after these high rankings.

Commissioner Mee stated the annual report has great graphics, and the history page is fantastic. Staff page is a great touch. Mee Identified the 70,000 paid golf rounds, as a clear indication of the quality of the course. He stated that Golf Course Superintendent Justin Kirtland and his staff do a great job managing the course. Mee said that the entire Arrowhead golf, restaurant and banquet staff do a great job, Arrowhead is a destination place. Marketing staff does a great job,

not just with Arrowhead but with the entire district. Arrowhead employed many Wheaton residents last year with a total of \$900,000 in wages. Building Engineer Neil Dalcero also does a great job.

Commissioner Frey thought the ratings were fantastic. He asked how we compare golf rounds to other courses. Director of Arrowhead Operations Novak will get him this information.

Commissioner Barrett, echoed the other commissioners' statements

Commissioner Vires said that Arrowhead is as successful as it is because of the past and present management. Arrowhead takes care of itself financially and transfers money to the capital projects accounts, which helps the rest of the district.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:24 p.m., Commissioner Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frey seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. Barrett', is written across the middle of the page.