



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 15, 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. Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich were present.

Commissioner Mee and Welker were absent

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,295,902.04 for the period beginning February 11, 2026, and ending March 10, 2026
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2026

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2026-01 - Temporary Construction Easement and Perpetual Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement with Community Unit School District 200 –

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Resolution 2026-01 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of a Temporary Construction Easement and Perpetual Access and Maintenance Easement Agreement Between the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200 and the Wheaton Park District. Second by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

2. Atten Park and Central Athletic Complex Baseball & Softball Infield Renovation Project –

Commissioner Kelly moved to reject the bid from Van's Enterprises Ltd. Second by Commissioner Barrett

Executive Director Benard reported that the agency received a single bid for the project, which exceeded the budget by \$70,000. To keep the project within budget, the bid will be rejected, and the work will instead be completed by in-house staff. Commissioner Pecharich inquired about the contractor's proposed timeline compared to staff completion. Staff indicated the work will be carried out between May and August, with the goal of completing as many fields as possible early in the season.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

3. Atten Park and Central Athletic Complex Baseball & Softball Infield Renovation Material Purchase

Commissioner Pecharich moved to accept the proposal from Waupaca Sand & Solutions as the sole source provider of Quick Pitch for \$121,382.50 for 1,150 tons of material. Second by Commissioner Frey.

Commissioner Kelly asked if any of our staff has used this before. Director of Parks & Planning Kimbrough said yes, he and Assistant Director of Parks & Planning Pickett have, Kelly asked for a description of what it is. Kimbrough stated that it is a crushed red limestone with superior water percolation rates. Staff will excavate the top 4 inches of old traditional mix that has the silt and sand content rise to the top as time goes by along with heavy rainfalls. When the top 4 inches are removed it leaves a clay subbase for the Quickpitch to be installed on top of. The percolation rate allows heavy rains to work through the Quickpitch making the fields more playable in shorter periods of time. Kelly asked if it is like what we have at Rathje, Kimbrough said it was better.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

4. Survey Consulting Services

Ray Morrill Community Center Furniture Purchase

Commissioner Frey moved to accept the Base Bid, from Thomas Interiors for an amount of \$61,899.93 plus a contingency amount of \$6,189.99. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

5. Cosley Zoo Duck Pond Fencing and Brick Paver Replacement Project

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve a contract with Innovation Landscape for the base bid amount of \$49,250 plus a contingency amount of \$4,925.

Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

6. Arrowhead Golf Club Entrance Sign Façade Update Project

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a contract with Chicago Sign for \$15,769 plus a contingency amount of \$1,576.90. Second by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Pecharich stated that the logo and color change were discussed last July, and while there was general agreement that the logo was well designed, she had requested a cost analysis that was never provided. As a result, she was under the impression the change would not move forward. However, at the February mixer, it became apparent that the logo had been updated. She noted that while updating consumable items is relatively simple, no cost information was provided for replacing the exterior sign, which cost \$88,000 seven years ago, and she does not support replacing it so soon.

Motion failed by roll call vote.

Ayes: None

Nays: Frey, Pecharich Kelly Vires

Abstain: Barrett

Absent: Mee, Welker

7. Ordinance 2026-03

Commissioner Pecharich moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District. Second by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

8. Illinois Association of Park Districts Legislative Conference May 5-6

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Commissioner Barrett's attendance during the Illinois Association of Park Districts 2026 Legislative Conference May 5-6 at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. Second by Commissioner Kelly. Kelly asked if he was on a committee there. Barrett said he is.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

9. National Restaurant Show May 18-19

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve Commissioner Mee's attendance during the National Restaurant Show May 18-19 at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Second by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion. Motion passed by Voice Vote.

10. Cream of Wheaton Beer Garden

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve purchases from Euclid Beverage in an amount not to exceed \$29,000. Second by Commissioner Frey.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

11. 2026 Staff Leadership & Training Program

Commissioner Barrett moved to accept a proposal for providing training and leadership development services from the Corporate Learning Institute at a cost not to exceed \$36,450.00. Second by Commissioner Frey.

Commissioner Kelly asked whether all sessions would be conducted by the Corporate Learning Institute, and Benard confirmed they would. Kelly noted that the program had been offered for several years, then paused, and was brought back last year. He recalled that it previously included sessions where employees taught other employees with the

assistance of Corporate Learning Institute, which was a cheaper option than Corporate Learning Institute doing the teaching. Kelly expressed concern that the cost has been increasing each time. Commissioner Pecharich asked whether this type of program typically includes periodic breaks or if the pause was due to COVID-19. Benard clarified that the interruption was due to the pandemic. When asked if the program is expected to occur annually moving forward, Benard stated that staff find significant value in it and that is his recommendation. However, if the Board prefers to run the program for a few years and then take a break, that approach could be accommodated. Commissioner Pecharich also asked whether staff receive CEUs for participating. Benard responded that they do not, but staff could explore that possibility.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee, Welker

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Superintendent of Recreation Martinson presented highlights from the 2025 DuPage County Historical Museum Annual Report. The Board shared their compliments and appreciation for the preservation and education work done at the Museum.

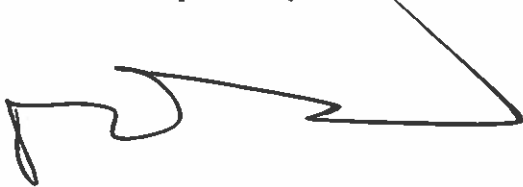
Director of Marketing Wilhelmi presented highlights from the 2025 Special Events Annual Report. She reported that several new concert genres and acts were added in 2025 including Asia, and a Jimmy Buffett-themed show. The combo drone fireworks display for independence day was a hit and the Reindeer Run had the highest participation rate ever.

Commissioner Frey commented that it was an excellent report. President Vires shared that his initial involvement with the Park District was through special events and noted that they are fantastic, engage many people, and have a very positive impact on the community.

Commissioner Pecharich stated that she received the newsletter regarding the sensory garden and thought it was excellent. She also noted that the museum's email communications and documentation are exceptional. She also commended the Arrowhead staff for the March Madness event, that was held there. She said it was excellent, and staff did a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 p.m., Commissioner Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pecharich seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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