



# Wheaton Park District

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Meeting - Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners**

**Wednesday May 20, 2026 - 5:00 p.m.**

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

**May 15, 2026**

**Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Park Commissioners of The Wheaton Park  
Wednesday May 20, 2026**

**The meeting will take place at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley, Wheaton, IL.**

**Please contact Michael J. Benard, Board Secretary, for further information.**

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Michael J. Benard  
Secretary

**The Agenda for the May 20, 2026, Meeting is as Follows:**



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## Meeting of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

May 20, 2026, 5:00 pm

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

### **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 \$2,638,908.21 for the period beginning April 8, 2026 and ending May 12, 2026
- B. Approval of Subcommittee Minutes April 8, 2026
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2026

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS & LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

1. Motion to Elect John Vires President and William Barrett Vice President of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
2. Motion to Appoint Michael Benard Executive Director / Secretary and Sandra Simpson Treasurer of the Wheaton Park District
3. President to Appoint Foundation Park Board Liaisons and Subcommittee Chairpersons
  - a. Cosley Foundation Board Liaison – Linda Pecharich
  - b. DuPage Museum Foundation Board Liaison – William Barrett
  - c. Sensory Garden and Playground Foundation Board Liaison – Terry Mee



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- d. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee Chair – John Kelly
- e. Finance Subcommittee Chair – John Vires

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Wheaton Park District Finance Policies** – Motion to approve proposed additions to the policy.
  - a. Budget Amendment Policy
  - b. Long-Term Financial Planning Policy
2. **Ordinance 2026-04** – Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-04 Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District.
3. **Cosley Zoo Exhibit Renovation Project Concept** – Motion to approve the “Burrows to Branches” Cosley Zoo Exhibit Renovation Project concept
4. **Atten Park – Springbrook Creek Shoreline Stabilization Project**
  - a. Motion to approve the application for the 2026 IEPA 319 grant for Atten Park Streambank Stabilization.
  - b. Motion to approve the cost sharing agreement with the Robert R. McCormick Foundation for 50% of the cost of engineering in the amount of \$44,010.
  - c. Motion to approve a contract with Hey & Associates to proceed with tasks 1 thru 7 of their proposal in the amount of \$88,020.
5. **Northside Park – Lagoon Sediment Settling Basin Dredging Project** – Motion to approve a contract with Earthwerks in the amount of \$535,000 plus a 10% contingency amount for the Northside Park Settling Basin Dredging.
6. **Northside Park – Lagoon Sediment Settling Basin Dredging Project** – Motion to approve the additional services proposal from Burke LLC for construction phase engineering for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the Northside Park Lagoon Sediment Settling Basin Dredging project.
7. **Ray Morrill Community Center** – Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$565.92 for the Ray Morrill Community Center Interior Renovation Project Phase 3
8. **Alcohol Sales and Service on Park District Property** – Motion to approve alcohol sales and service for 2026 Events at Cosley Zoo and DuPage County Historical Museum
  - a. Boots and Bandanas at Cosley Zoo – July 16 5:30 – 8:00 pm
  - b. Donor Event at Cosley Zoo – October 8 5:30 – 7:30 pm
  - c. DuPage Museum Lecture Night – November 12 6:00 – 8:00 pm



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9. **Rice and Northside Pool Chemical Purchases** – Motion to Accept the Bids for the purchase and delivery of Pool Chemicals from Hawkins and Terrace Supply for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 seasons as follows:
  - a. Hawkins – Sodium Hypochlorite Liquid, Coagulator, Cyanuric Acid, Muriatic Acid, and Calcium Chloride
  - b. Terrace Supply – CO2 Liquid Gas, Container Rental
  
10. **Vehicle Purchase** – Motion to approve the purchase of Parks Department Fleet Vehicles from Currie Motors Ford as follows:
  - a. 2026 Ford F150 pickup truck \$39,860.00
  - b. 2026 Ford F250 pickup truck \$42,767.00
  - c. 2026 Ford F250 Crew Cab pickup truck \$46,585.00
  - d. 2026 Ford F450 Dump truck \$76,359.00
  - e. 2026 Ford Transit Van. Insurance covered replacement - \$1,000.00 deductible

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Cosley Zoo 2025 Annual Report
- Executive Director
- Cosley Zoo Annual Report
- Monthly Department Reports – Finance, Special Facilities, Marketing, Development, Events, Recreation, Athletics, Parks, and Planning

## BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

### CLOSED SESSION

- a) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
- b) The Selection of a Person to Fill a Vacancy in Public Office, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (3).
- c) Purchase or lease of real property, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)
- d) Setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6)
- e) Pending, probable or imminent litigation, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)
- f) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)

## POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

### ADJOURNMENT



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