



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 18, 2025 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 Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker were present.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,222,372.46 for the period beginning May 14, 2025, and ending June 10, 2025
- ~~B. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 4, 2025~~
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes May 21, 2025
- D. Approval of Board Subcommittee Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025
- E. Approval of Amendments to the Board Meeting Schedules of the Wheaton Park District

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda omitting item B.
Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Commissioner Frey moved to accept the 2024 Wheaton Park District Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. President Vires congratulated Finance Director Simpson and her team. Vires stated that our finances are in very good shape, and we passed the audit with flying colors

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. National Recreation and Parks Association Educational Conference and Exposition

Commissioner Frey moved to approve attendance for two Commissioners at the National Recreation and Parks Association Educational Conference and Exposition September 15-19, 2025, in Orlando, Florida at a cost not to exceed \$3,100 per Commissioner. Seconded by Commissioner Welker. Executive Director Benard stated for the record that the two attending are Commissioner Mee and Commissioner Barrett.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Ordinance 2025-04

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Ordinance 2025-04 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Wheaton Park District and Computer System Innovation Inc. for the Lease of a Portion of the Wheaton Oaks Professional Building Located at 855 West Prairie Avenue, Wheaton Illinois. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Mee said CSI has been a good tenant. Commissioner Frey asked if he has reduced the amount of office space he is renting. Benard said he has. President Vires asked if we have use for the extra space. Benard said yes, we do.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. **Resolution 2025-02**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Resolution 2025-02 Providing for the Destruction of Particular Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Minutes
Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. **DuPage County Historical Museum Grant Funded Building Improvement Projects**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of DuPage Illinois and the Wheaton Park District for DuPage County Historical Museum Renovation Project. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. Commissioner Mee thanked the DuPage County Board for the grant consideration.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. **DuPage County Historical Museum Exterior Window Painting Project**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve a proposal from IOC Construction for \$24,355 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion

Motion passed by voice vote.

7. **Lincoln Marsh Natural Area Land Acquisition**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the sale and purchase agreement between the Conservation Foundation and the Wheaton Park District at a cost of \$118,000.00
Seconded by Commissioner Welker

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. **Ray Morrill Community Center Entrance Facade Improvement Project**

Commissioner Welker moved to approve change order 1 with LZ Design Group, reducing the contract amount by \$12,000. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. Commissioner Frey asked what the time frame was. Benard said they should start early August and be done by late August or early September. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Replacement Project

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve change order 2 with Patriot Paving in the amount of \$6,208. Seconded by Commissioner Welker. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Cosley Zoo Education Pavilion & Duck Enclosure Project

Commissioner LP moved to approve Change Orders #4 & #5 in the total amount of \$3,605 with E.P. Doyle Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. Motion passed by voice vote

11. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Change Order Number 4 with E.P. Doyle in the total amount of \$94,818.30 and determine that doing so is germane to the original contract and in the best interest of the Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard stated that parks programs and facilities are very busy, and expressed appreciation for the hard work of the entire park district team.

BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / DISCUSSION

Recreation Annual Report

Commissioner Mee stated that the report they received was excellent. He thanked staff for 2024 year in review page; he thought it was a good capture of the events.

Mee said that Fishorama was excellent, he interacted with a lot of attendees who really enjoyed the event, everyone was happy. Mee thanked the Kiwanis Club for their partnership.

Monthly Department Reports – Finance, Marketing, Development, Events, Recreation, Athletics, Cosley Zoo, Parks, and Planning

Mee said that Arrowhead golf rounds exceeded last year's numbers, he continues to get compliments on the quality and conditions of the course and clubhouse. He said that the restaurant and banquets are doing excellent

Mee stated that in-house soccer is very popular, pool pass sales are up from last year currently, and that usage hours at Central Athletic Complex are up again. Mee asked Benard why the usage hours are increased. Benard stated that the bulk of hours are programs, and that as programs increase, we continue to use the Central Athletic Complex more. Mee said the Cream of Wheaton was fantastic and staff did a great job. He thanked CERT for their help with the event. The Ribbon cutting for Sensory Garden, was well attended and staff did a nice job, there were

representatives from Lisle and Naperville that attended. Mee thanked the Cosley donors, he continues to be impressed by their fundraising.

President Vires sent his condolences to the family of Jan Kay. She was a kind and loving person. She will be missed.

Commissioner Pecharich was fortunate to golf in the WDSRA outing recently which was hosted at Arrowhead. She stated the food was fantastic and everyone enjoyed the outing.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:16 p.m. Commissioner Mee moved to recess to closed session for the purpose of discussing the: Setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) and 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) Commissioner Pecharich seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

At 5:42 the board reconvened to open session

Resolution 2025-01

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Resolution 2025-01 – Resolution Concerning the Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich Welker, Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:43 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by voice vote.

