



# Wheaton Park District

## Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 21, 2023, 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. Commissioners Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, and Vires were present. Commissioner Barrett was absent.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Park Board President John Kelly provided a statement concerning the conduct of the *Community Input* portion of the meeting agenda and Wheaton Park District General Use Ordinance Section 2.8 “Use of Restrooms, Washrooms, and Locker Rooms.”

### COMMUNITY INPUT

- The following Wheaton Park District residents and non-residents provided public comment concerning Wheaton Park District General Use Ordinance Section 2.8 “Use of Restrooms, Washrooms, and Locker Rooms.”

#### ***Wheaton Park District Residents:***

Gail Hinkle, 2002 Wiesbrook, Wheaton, IL  
Birjon Crispin, 18 Sterling Circle, Wheaton, IL  
Jim Crispin, 604 E. Evergreen, Wheaton, IL  
David Roth, 111 N. Wheaton Ave, Wheaton, IL  
Spencer Garrett, 707 N. Washington, Wheaton, IL  
Gabi Reszek, 428 S. West Street, Wheaton, IL  
Cheryl Olencziek, 0N751 Woods Ave, Wheaton, IL  
Kelly Brady, 432 Ranch Rd, Wheaton, IL  
Cedra Krenshaw, 1495 Colombo Place, Wheaton, IL  
Kevin Engel, 201 N. Blanchard, Wheaton, IL  
Paul Condrell, 319 E. Franklin St, Wheaton, IL  
Randy Jahns, 222 E. Madison St., Wheaton, IL  
Angela Anderson, 616 S. Dorchester, Wheaton, IL  
Mark Bodett, 1214 Lindsay Court, Wheaton, IL  
Michael Gaet, 616 Saddle Rd, Wheaton, IL  
David Sohmer, 720 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL  
Kim Hobbs, 424 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL  
Diane Vanderweel, 425 Western Ave, Wheaton, IL  
Peter Weicker, 1016 Wheaton Place, Wheaton, IL  
Curt Bermel, 1003 N. West St., Wheaton, IL  
Eric Channing, 415 Madison Ave, Wheaton, IL  
Jeff Ruetlge, 1606 Cavalier Ct., Wheaton, IL  
Mike Harvey, 1505 McCormick Place, Wheaton, IL  
Ben Colling, 423 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL  
Vicki M, 1401 Brentwood, Wheaton, IL

***Wheaton Park District Non-residents:***

Michael Johnson, 1306 Rose Court, Carol Stream, IL  
Bonnie Bristow, 805 Deering Ct, West Chicago, IL  
Anthony Smith, 1N401 Indian Knoll Road, West Chicago, IL  
Judith Smith, 1N401 Indian Knoll Road, West Chicago, IL  
Sarah Lindquist, 0N503 Arbor Court, Winfield, IL  
Serrita Johnson, 26W514 Curtiss, Winfield, IL  
Nathan Klapatch, 531 Mohican Rd, Carol Stream, IL  
Matthew Malone, 4745 S. Main St, Lisle, IL

***Address not provided:***

Laurie Higgins

The Public Comment portion of the meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

**PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

- Wheaton Park District Attorney Phillip Luetkehans provided a statement concerning Wheaton Park District General Use Ordinance Section 2.8 "Use of Restrooms, Washrooms, and Locker Rooms."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,272,193.34 for the period beginning May 10, 2023, and ending June 13, 2023
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$442,197.61 for the period beginning May 10, 2023, and ending June 13, 2023
- C. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes May 17, 2023
- D. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointments** – President Appointment of Foundation Park Board Liaisons and Subcommittee Chairpersons
  - a. Cosley Foundation- Commissioner Pecharich
  - b. DuPage Museum Foundation- Commissioner Barrett
  - c. Sensory Garden and Playground Foundation- Commissioner Morrill
  - d. Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee- President Kelly
  - e. Finance Subcommittee- Commissioner Vires

2. **Wheaton Park District Policy Review and Update**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners General Practices & Policies. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Executive Director Benard stated that there were only minor edits including the meeting time for the Regular Board Meetings.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

3. **Wheaton Park District Policy Review and Update**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Wheaton Park District Advertising and Sponsorship Policies. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

4. **Community Center Parking Lot Renovation Project**

Commissioner Mee moved to segregate Alternate two from the motion and approve the base bid, alternate one and the 10% contingency in one motion and alternate two in a second motion. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mee moved to approve a Contract with Abbey Paving in the Amount of the Base Bid amount plus, Alternate 1 with an Added 10% Contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Alternate Two under item four of the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

**Discussion:** Commissioner Mee stated that the cost of constructing alternate two will cost \$83,860. He thinks this is a lot of money to be spent on an aspect of the project that is based upon a study he believes is a subjective analysis and incomplete. Without any accident reports he doesn't think this cost is warranted. He doesn't believe traffic needs to be diverted. Commissioner Morrill agreed with Mee. He thought with better signage and speed bumps we might be able to accomplish slowing traffic down for less money. President Kelly asked Director of Parks & Planning Sperl what staff thinks. Sperl stated that the staff's recommendation is to approve alternate two. He differed to Director of Recreation Beyer whose office faces the area of concern. Beyer stated that she was in support of alternate two because of concerns about how many people cut through the parking lot and do not stop sign that is posted there. President Kelly said that he is in favor of alternate two.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: Mee, Morrill

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

**5. Hoffman Park Playground Safety Surface Replacement Project**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve a Contract with Innovative Sport Surfacing for the Provision and Installation of the Hoffman Park Playground Safety Surface Base Bid and Alternate 1 in the Amount of \$84,444. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

President Kelly asked Sperl if we used this product before and are we satisfied with it. Sperl stated we have used this product at other locations and have been satisfied.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

**6. Cosley Zoo Visitor Center Deck Replacement Project**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a Contract with Wallfill Property Services for the Cosley Zoo Visitor Center Deck Replacement Project in the Amount of \$47,550 with an Added 10% Contingency Amount of \$4,755. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent:

**7. Rathje Park Preschool Roof Replacement Project**

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a Contract with Red Feather Group for the Rathje Park Roof Replacement Project in the Amount of \$24,350 with an Added 10% Contingency Amount of \$2,435. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

**8. Special Event / Park Rental Alcohol Sales**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Sale of Beer and Wine by Park District Staff within Memorial Park on July 23, 2023 and within the Central Athletic Complex on September 30, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Frey, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, Vires, Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Barrett

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Commissioner Mee stated that he attended Fish O Rama. He said that Lincon Marsh Program Manager Terra Johnson and the Cosley Zoo staff did an excellent job. He thanked Kiwanis for their help with the event as well. Mee attended the Sensory Garden Play Day and said that Director of Marketing Wilhelmi did a great job with that, and the park looks phenomenal. He recognized a job well done by the Athletics Department on the Wheaton United Tournament May 12-14. He was pleased to see that the Parks Plus Fitness Center Memberships have increased and visits to the fitness center were up 800 from April to May. He congratulated the zoo on their continued fundraising.

President Kelly stated that the Chicago Golf Association rated Arrowhead a little harder in the greens section. He asked Director of Special Facilities Bendy if this was because of improved green speeds and improved bunkers since the last rating. Bendy stated that that was the case.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:24 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frey seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

