



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 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 Welker were present.

Commissioner Mee was absent

PRESENTATIONS

Alex Diserio, Superintendent of Athletic Programs & Facilities – gave an update on the Health and Wellness Committee. He stated that the sports day event they hosted in February included Bags (cornhole), basketball, pétanque, and pickleball and had 31 attendees. They have several upcoming events including Group Fitness Team Building Day on July 23, Meditation in the Park on September 17 and the Winter Wellness Challenge beginning the week of Thanksgiving and running into the New Year. He stated that the committee's goals include employee health, engagement, teamwork, and wellness.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$3,095,070.60 for the period beginning June 10, 2026, and ending July 7, 2026
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2026

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second, by Commissioner Kelly. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich Welker Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arrowhead Golf Club Rooftop Unit Replacement Project

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a contract with AI Heating & Air Conditioning for the base bid in the amount of \$392,600 with a 10% contingency of \$39,260. Second by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich Welker Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee

2. Ray Morrill Community Center Phase 3 Interior Renovation Project

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$15,624.00 a with Happ Builders. Second by Commissioner Kelly. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich Welker Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee

3. Northside Park and Central Park Sport Court Lighting Replacement Project-

Commissioner Welker moved approve a contract with Utility Dynamics for the base bid amount of \$400,000 with a 10% contingency of \$40,000. Second by Commissioner Frey No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Pecharich Welker Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: Kelly

Absent: Mee

4. Ordinance 2026-05 – Motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District.

Pecharich moved Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Pecharich Welker Vires

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mee

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Athletic Department 2025 Annual Report

Superintendent of Athletic Programs and Facilities Cody Nelson thanked Director of Parks & Planning Kimbrough and Assistant Parks & Planning Pickett for all the work that their staff does to prepare and maintain the athletic fields and facilities. He also thanked the numerous volunteer coaches.

Commissioner Pecharich appreciates the report. She asked what the number of volunteer coaching staff is, as opposed to coaches that are paid. Staff will provide the board with this information.

Commissioner Kelly asked if we had completed the baseball and softball fields renovation project yet. Kimbrough stated that three fields have been completed with five more scheduled. Three of the remaining five are located in a flood plain with city permits pending.

Commissioner Welker would like to see more of a breakdown on the financial pages.

President Vires said the number of volunteers we have is fantastic and are appreciated by the board.

Executive Director Benard congratulated City Manager Dzugan on his retirement. Benard enjoyed working with him over the years.

Benard commended the team for their outstanding work over Independence Day weekend including the fireworks weather related pivot to July 12th. It takes the whole park district to pull these events together. He also thanked partners and sponsors.

Pecharich mentioned that the first weekend of the concert series was great, and the 4th of July activities and the way it was handled were great, it was the right decision to cancel and reschedule. The drone and fireworks were great; she acknowledged that moving from the Cream of Wheaton right into the 4th is a lot of work. She gave kudos to the team for this.

Benard reported that providing a fireworks show for the community next year will be a challenge due to future access restrictions on County Property. Staff will report to the board on the possibilities for continuing the show in future years.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:14 p.m., Commissioner Frey moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Barrett. Motion passed by voice vote.

