



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 17, 2024 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. Barrett, Mee, Pecharich, Welker Vires were present.

Commissioner Frey was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

Parks Plus Fitness Center Manager Alex Deserio stated that as of July 10, 2024, Membership numbers are at 2,203 compared to 1,711 members last year and that current visits year to date are 45,337 compared to 36,980 from this time last year. He said that Parks Plus Fitness Center insurance based monthly revenue continues to grow at new highs each month. Revenue is up 29.67% from this time last year. Parks Plus student promotion hit an all-time high of 67 students. Deserio stated that we are doing an Olympic Challenge (10,000 meters (6.2 miles) of cardio. Mileage may be completed over the course of the competition and should be reported to the front desk each day. We currently have a total of 44 participants. We started a Falling Prevention class that currently had 6 participants. Staff is working on starting a Holistic Health Improvement program for 2025. Parks Plus is increasing its networking opportunities such as participating in the 4th of July parade, spending time at the Mary Lubko Center and meeting all their participants and meeting or scheduling presentations with the Chamber and Rotary Clubs.

Athletic Manager Troy Clements stated that Wheaton Bowl is on Sunday, August 18th with roughly 80+ teams participating in a jamboree style set of games at Graf Park and WWSHS. Rams Tackle season officially kicks off with our first home games the weekend of Saturday, August 25th We are expected to have 19 teams this year with 355 kids currently registered which is up 37 participants from 2023 Clements stated that Rams Flag Football evaluations are scheduled for Thursday, July 25th and Monday, July 29th with the league kicking off on Saturday, August 17th. Currently there are 310 participants signed up which is up by 23 participants from 2023, Rams Cheerleading officially started their 2024 season in May. We currently have 198 athletes with 10 total squads which is increased by 9 participants from 2023. Fall Baseball/Softball evaluations are scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd and Wednesday, July 24th with the league kicking off on Saturday, August 10th. We currently have 174 participants registered. The Fall Soccer season is set to begin on August 5th with practices and games beginning August 17th There are 918 participants signed up for the Fall Season with a couple weeks of registration left. We fully expect to have over 1,000 participants again. Wheaton United tryouts were held in April & May to form the 2024/2025 teams that begin play in August. 53 teams were formed with 650 players on them. For the 2023/2024 season, there were 45 teams with 540 players on them. Just 3 years ago for the 2021/2022 season, there were only 15 teams and 170 players. Clements said that means the travel soccer program has grown by 39 teams and 480 players in just 3 years.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,118,586.31 for the period beginning, June 12, 2024, and ending, July 9, 2024
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$680,844.67 for the period beginning, June 12, 2024, and ending, July 9, 2024
- C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes June 19, 2024
- D. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024
- E. Approval of Amended 2024 Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 2024-05

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Ordinance 2024-05 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of the First Amendment to the Funding and Reimbursement Agreement for the Purchase and Installation of an Additional Playground and Picnic Shelter for the Sensory Garden Playground Between the Wheaton Park District and the Play For All Playground and Garden Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Executive Director Benard stated that we have a ten-year relationship with the Play For All Foundation. The park district continues to develop the playground on a long-term lease we hold with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District. When the park district signed the last reimbursement agreement with the Play for All Foundation there was \$600,000 worth of assets to be installed. While installing the unitary surface it was brought to our attention that it would be more economical to install the surface under the swing areas as well instead of doing it later. This increased the cost by \$50,000 that the foundation will reimburse the park district for.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

2. **Central Athletic Complex**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Change Order 1 from Utility Dynamics Corp. for the Central Athletic Complex Field #31 Lighting Project. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

President Kelly stated this change order was for the difference condition for a lot of debris that needed to be cleaned up in this area. He thought this was a fair price.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3. **Equipment Purchase**

Commissioner Vires moved to approve the purchase of a 2024 Vermeer S925TX Mini skid steer with bucket from Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$38,798.00 through the Sourcewell Pricing Program. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

4. **Equipment Purchase**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve replacing Truck #1103 in 2024 at a cost of \$70,000 and delay the previously approved Replacement Truck #1112 to 2025 (*Park Board approved the replacement of Truck #1112 in March of 2024 for \$69,538. Truck #1103 will take its place in replacement priority*) Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

5. **Resolution 2024-04**

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Resolution 2024-04 Providing for the Destruction of Particular Verbatim Recordings of Closed Session Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Vires.

Benard stated that state law allows for approved but closed verbatim recordings be destroyed within 18 months. This is a housekeeping item.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard congratulated Athletic Manager Matthew Wrobel on his new career at the Bolingbrook Park District as their Facility Manager. Wrobel has done a great job in his time at the Wheaton Park District in the Recreation and Athletics Departments.

Commissioner Mee thought the Athletics Annual Report was excellent and liked the year in review. He is pleased to see that both revenue and participation numbers continue to increase.

Commissioner Mee congratulated the Wheaton United 2006 girls' team that won the US Youth Soccer Midwest Regional Championship. He was pleased to see that Camp Sports and Sorts, Central Athletic Complex usage numbers, Parks Plus Fitness Center memberships, pool passes, and golf rounds at Arrowhead were all increased.

Commissioner Vires provided comments concerning the park district emergency fund balance reserve policy, current level of reserves and how those reserves grow annually due to the park district maintaining positive net operating outcome practices utilizing a combination of property tax revenue, user fees and charges for services. Vires asked Benard to elaborate on this policy as well park district's practice of transferring fund balance reserves above the maximum reserve level set by policy to the capital projects fund for the purpose of maintaining the park districts infrastructure and replacing assets as they become obsolete or unmaintainable. Benard did so and added that the park district's long range capital asset replacement schedule has close to 30 million dollars' worth of asset replacements and improvements scheduled through 2039 and reported that the park district does not make it a practice to defer maintenance and capital improvements to existing assets.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:36 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of Purchase or lease of real property, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) and Setting of price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Commissioner Pecharich seconded.

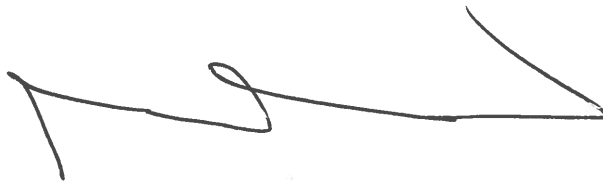
Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Frey

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Commissioner Mee, is written over the list of names.