



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 14, 2022 5:00 p.m.

DuPage County Historical Museum, 102 E. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

CALL TO ORDER –President Frey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Barrett, Frey, Kelly, Mee, Morrill, Pecharich, and Vires were present.

PRESENTATIONS

Lincoln Marsh Natural Area- Summer Program Review and Preview of Fall Activities

Environmental Education Supervisor Deb Ditchman gave a summer camp recap. She stated that the percentage of camps running increased 19%, and that the number of participants increased 22%. The Climbing Tower and Adventure walk reopened this year with 19 adventure walks add on programs. There are 18 climbing tower programs offered so far this year. The Teaming w/ Nature allows for larger groups to rotate through 2 – 2hour programs. Staff was excited that they are bringing back Nature Play Days. Ditchman stated that there are a few new programs for fall, Monster Hunts, and Doggone Mystery, and that coming next winter Family Build it programs Engineering adventure day

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,481,962.34 for the period beginning July 13, 2022 and ending August 9, 2022
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$449,395.50 for the period beginning July 13, 2022 and ending August 9, 2022
- C. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$814,971.27 for the period beginning August 10, 2022 and ending September 6, 2022
- D. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$460,361.28 for the period beginning August 10, 2022 and ending September 6, 2022
- E. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2022

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Proposal** – Motion to Place the Proposed 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Related Reports on 30 day Public Inspection

Commissioner Kelly moved to Table the Proposed 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and Related Reports being on 30-day Public Inspection. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Kelly stated that there are some different things in the budget this year with CPI at 5% and TIF 2 concluding. The Tax cap allows for a tax levy increase of the CPI or 5% whichever is less. With the CPI being 5% this year, the board needs to have further discussion about this before the 2023 budget is released for public inspection.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. **Cream of Wheaton** – Motion to approve net proceeds share payment to the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for \$22,262.42

Commissioner Vires moved to approve net proceeds share payment to the Wheaton Chamber of Commerce for \$22,262.42 Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. **Tourism Attractions and Festivals Grant Program** – Motion to approve applications for the 2022 Tourism Attractions and Grant Program for the Cosley Zoo Parking Lot Project and the Shakespeare in the Park Event

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve applications for the 2022 Tourism Attractions and Grant Program for the Cosley Zoo Parking Lot Project and the Shakespeare in the Park Event Seconded by Commissioner Vires.No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. **Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program (OSLAD)** – Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-07 authorizing the application for the 2022 OSLAD Grant Program for the Danada South Park Improvement Project

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Resolution 2022-07 authorizing the application for the 2022 OSLAD Grant Program for the Danada South Park Improvement Project. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. **Vehicle Purchase for Cosley Zoo** – Motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit Connect Wagon XLT LWB for \$35,486.86 through the state purchasing agreement via National Auto Fleet Group – Contract # 091521-NAF

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit Connect Wagon XLT LWB for \$35,486.86 through the state purchasing agreement via National Auto Fleet Group – Contract # 091521-NAF. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. **Resolution 2022-06** – Motion to approve Resolution 2022-06 ratifying and approving the emergency expenditure of funds without competitive bidding for the purchase of football helmets for the 2022 Rams Football season.

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Resolution 2022-06 ratifying and approving the emergency expenditure of funds without competitive bidding for the purchase of football helmets for the 2022 Rams Football season. Seconded by Commissioner Morrill.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard stated that he will be at NRPA next week along with several staff members as well as Commissioner Mee, Pecharich, and Kelly.

Commissioner Mee was happy to see the soccer merger going so well. He mentioned the significant increase in Camp Sorts & Sports and that Pickleball was at the maximum capacity. He was please to see Parks Plus Fitness Center memberships up.

Commissioner Morrill was happy to see that Kopion Wings merger was going well. He commended Director of Recreation Beyer and her staff for achieving camp re-accreditation.

Commissioner Pecharich liked the concession stand statistics. She commended Executive Director Benard and his staff on sending out letters to our staff for service awards. A friend of her son received his 5-year service award certificate and a gift card. She thought this was a nice touch.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vires seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Mee', written over the text of the adjournment.