



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 20, 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. Barrett, Frey, Mee, Pecharich, and Vires were present.

PRESENTATIONS

President Kelly made comments in honor of Commissioner Ray Morrill who passed away suddenly on August 27, 2023. This was the first meeting held after Commissioner Morrill's passing. A moment of silence was held.

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", and the proposed Cosley Zoo parking lot expansion plan.

Residents:

Jeff Mousseau 25W700 Flint Creek Road – Zoo Parking Lot
Matt Szfranski 815 W. Elm – Zoo Parking Lot.
Jim Crispin 604 Evergreen Street – Locker Room/Restroom
Sharon Biersdorf 766 Ralph Court – Zoo Parking lot
Edward Sepke 1043 Oakview Drive – Zoo Parking Lot
Diane Gallow (need address) – Zoo Parking Lot.
Gabby Resik 428 S. West Street – Locker Room/Restroom
Susan Varcek 520 N. Mais Street – Zoo Parking Lot
Kate Wasserman 1639 W Wadem Place – Locker Room/Restroom
Minette Vote 1639 Wadem Place – Locker Room/Restroom
Pam Bassi 225 W. Franklin – Zoo Parking Lot
David Sohmer 720 N. Main Street – Locker Room/Restroom
Liz Westergaard 742 Ralph Court – Zoo Parking Lot
Mike Flynn 2081 Wexford Circle – Locker Room/Restroom
Pam Knight 795 W. Hawthorne Blvd – Zoo Parking Lot
Christy Needham 1311 N. Carlton Ave – Zoo Parking Lot
Mary Lee 1310 N. Carlton – Zoo Parking Lot
Angie Anderson 616 S. Dorchester Ave – Locker Room/Restroom

Non-Residents:

Claire Childs Winfield – Locker Room/Restroom
Mary Chapely 300 Dwane Street – Glen Ellyn- Locker Room/Restroom

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,044,299.42 for the period beginning July 12, 2023, and ending September 12, 2023
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,293,103.34 for the period beginning July 12, 2023, and ending September 12, 2023
- C. Approval of the Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023
- D. Approval of the Subcommittee Meeting Minutes July 5, 2023
- E. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023
- F. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes August 14, 2023
- G. Approval of Amended Meeting Schedules for the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2023-06

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Resolution 2023-06 Approving the Filing for a Petition for Annexation with the City of Wheaton for Property Located at 0N239 Gary Avenue, Wheaton Illinois. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Briar Patch Park Improvement Project

Commissioner Pecharich moved to Reject the Sole Bid for the Briar Patch Park Improvement Project from Innovation Landscape. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

President Kelly stated that we will re-bid the project at a more favorable time. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Community Center Parking Lot Repaving Project

Commissioner Frey moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Community Center Parking Lot Repaving Project from Abbey Paving in the Amount of \$9,886.10. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Supply and Delivery 2023-2024

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Bid for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Supply and Delivery from Feece Oil Company at a Cost of the OPIS Rate Plus \$0.198 per Gallon for a Term Beginning December 2023 and Ending November 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Graf Park Fence Replacement Project

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the Bid for the Graf Park Fence Replacement Project from Northern Illinois Fence Including Base Bid A and B and Alternate No. 1 at a Cost of \$41,013.07 plus a 10% Contingency of \$4,101. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Lift Truck Purchase

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Resolution 2023-07 Ratifying and Approving the Emergency Expenditure of Funds Without Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of Certain Vehicles at an Amount Not to Exceed \$116,900. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Scottdale Park Backstop Replacement Project

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the Bid for the Scottdale Park Backstop Replacement Project from Northern Illinois Fence Project Including Field #9, Field #10 and T-Ball Field #2 in the Amount of \$165,363.23 plus a contingency of \$16,536. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Cosley Zoo Visitor's Center Deck Replacement Project

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Cosley Zoo Visitor's Center Deck Replacement Project from Wallfill in the amount of \$625.

Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. Mower Purchase

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Purchase of a Groundsmaster 4000-D Mower from the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract through Reinders Inc. at a Cost of \$89,240.70. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. Jay Allen Concert Fundraiser

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Payment to the Alzheimer's Association in the Amount of \$30,250.71. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Commissioner Vires reflected on how much he enjoyed serving on the board with Ray Morrill and what a good man he was. Vires stated that the summer concerts were fantastic and there were many great acts. He is looking forward to many more years of concerts in Memorial Park.

Commissioner Mee thanked Executive Director Benard for his eulogy for Ray at the funeral and for President Kelly's comments at the beginning of the meeting. He said that Ray was a great guy, and he will be missed. Mee thanked Benard and staff for all the summer events. He was pleased that the 2023 fall soccer, tackle football, and cheerleading were all stronger in 2023 than 2022. Camps, and pickleball numbers as well as the Central Athletic Complex usage hours were all up. He thanked the Special Facilities Department for increased attendance numbers at the zoo and museum, and an increase in golf rounds.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing the: Pending, probable or imminent litigation, 5ILCS 120/ 2 (c) (11) Commissioner Vires seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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