



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 23, 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, Frey, Mee, Pecharich Welker Vires were present.

PRESENTATIONS

Meagann Panek, Mary Lubko Center Manager stated that 2024 was the year of health at the Mary Lubko Center. There are many other components to being healthy other than just physical health and she wanted to highlight some of those this year. They included:

Winter focused on social wellness, which is what the MLC does best. I wanted to help people exercise their social fitness by giving them avenues to create new friendships or strengthen current relationships. Our yoga class was enjoying each other's company so much, they asked if they could have more time together. Namaste Café was formed and meets once a month after yoga and gives them time to enjoy conversation and coffee.

Spring looked at creative wellness and how to participate in a range of arts and cultural experiences. Expressing emotions and views through the arts is a great way to relieve stress. We recommended people to join one of our choirs, see a theatre show, take a tap class or participate in a fluid art class at the MLC.

Summer offered specific classes that could help boost mental wellbeing. Music, Memory and the Brain talked about how music is processed in the brain and how it works to improve quality of life. Clear Your House, Clear Your Mind discussed how decluttering your home can help decrease stress, anxiety and depression. Paws and Relax: Dog Cuddle Therapy included a visit from Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy where we learned how therapy dogs can heal lives through the relationship between people and animals. It also included a long cuddle session with our 4-legged friends. I opened the dog therapy class to all ages, and we found it was well attended by families and Special Recreation groups in addition to our seniors.

Fall finally focused on physical wellness with 2 new fitness classes. Ageless Grace activates all 5 functions of the brain by using 21 everyday movements that emphasize the healthy longevity of the body and brain. Cardio Drumming is a class that combines the benefits of cardio with the joy of drumming to fun music.

Day Trips are still popular with us, running 2-3 times a month from March through December. We have had over 750 people participate in our day trips this year and we've traveled over 2,000 miles.

What sets us apart from other districts is that we offer high quality day trips that include transportation on a luxury motor coach, the best theatre seats, great restaurants, knowledgeable tour guides and 2 staff on every tour. Everything is included so patrons don't have to worry about any extra expenses.

Some of the places we've visited this year:

- **Theater shows** (Broadway in Chicago, Drury Lane, Fireside) – Fiddler on the Roof, Guys and Dolls, A Streetcar Named Desire, Mamma Mia, The Audience, A Beautiful Noise, Some Like it Hot, Teatro ZinZanni, Miracle on 34th Street
- **Downtown** – Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Garfield Park Conservatory, Navy Pier, Museum of Science and Industry, a private tour of the Chicago River on the Odyssey Glass Boat
- **Guided Tours** – Chocolate Tour, Multicultural Food Tour, Crime & Mystery Tour, Holiday Lights and Delights
- **Unique locations** – Hardy's Reindeer Ranch, Celebration Belle Riverboat, Anderson Japanese Gardens, Starved Rock
- **Restaurants** – Russian Teatime, Eleven City Diner, Beatrix, Art Smith's Reunion, Catch 35, Harry Caray's, Walnut Room

This year, we tried an evening tour this year to see Jazzin' at the Shedd – it sold out very quickly and will now be offered annually.

Extended Travel – exclusively travel with Collette Tours in 2024. We worked with them this year to add home pick-up and drop-off to all our extended trips.

- 2024 Tours
 - o Discover Scotland, The Northern Lights of Finland (which included a stay in a glass igloo), Italian Vistas, Spotlight on New York Holiday
- 2025 Tours
 - o Tropical Costa Rica, South Pacific Wonders, California Dreamin': Monterey, Yosemite & Napa, European Christmas Markets, Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

Some of the New "Free at the MLC" include:

- AARP Tax Aide – serve over 350 people every year
- Senior Tech Made Simple – monthly presentation by Wheaton resident and business owner to discuss all things technology. Some topics offered – password management, online shopping & banking, all things google, wearable technology, internet safety & online scams, AI, Ditching cable TV, Who is Alexa, staying connected with loved ones
- Brain Health Basics – how to live a brain healthy lifestyle
- The Just Right Home – adapt your home to your current needs
- Hospice vs Palliative Care – understanding the difference
- Music and the Brain – Holiday Edition (back by popular demand)

The Newsletter is mailed to homes 4 times a year. We mailed out over 6,000 newsletters this year.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,711,603.85 for the period beginning September 11, 2024, and ending October 15, 2024
- B. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes September 18, 2024
- C. Approval of Bond Issuance Notification Public Hearing Minutes September 18, 2024
- D. Approval of Local Government Efficiency Committee Meeting Minutes October 2, 2024
- E. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes September 4 and October 2, 2024

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024

Commissioner Vires moved to Approve the Bid from Time Bank, Park Ridge at an Interest Rate of 3.46% for the Issue of \$2,142,397 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President of Speer Financial, Inc. provided a recap of the bidding process conducted on behalf of the park district. There were no questions from the board.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

2. Ordinance 2024-08

Commissioner Vires moved to Adopt Ordinance 2024-08, an Ordinance providing for the issue of \$2,142,397 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of taxes to pay said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

3. Resolution 2024-05

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Resolution 2024-05 Authorizing the Estimate of the Annual Aggregate Levy in Compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law. Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Commissioner Pecharich sought clarification that this was the estimate of the tax levy and that this vote did not determine the final tax levy. Benard stated that this action approves the estimate and that the final levy will be on the December Park Board Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Draft

Commissioner Frey moved to Place the 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Draft and Related Reports on 30-day Public Inspection. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5. Payroll Processing and Human Resources Information Services

Commissioner Barrett moved to Approve an agreement extension with Paylocity through November 2027 for Payroll Processing and Human Resources Information Services with an estimated annual cost of \$127,000 (number of active employees will determine the actual cost)

Seconded by Commissioner Welker. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. Arrowhead Golf Club Food Purchases 2024-2025

Commissioner Pecharich moved to Approve the Bids for the Following Products, Vendors, Costs and Pricing Terms as Presented:

Dairy:	Get Fresh	\$ 162,130	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Seafood:	Sysco	\$ 68,921	Fixed/Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Poultry:	Get Fresh	\$ 135,110	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Meat:	Consumers Meat	\$ 315,253	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Bread:	Turano Baking	\$ 60,110	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
General/Froz:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 172,463	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Dry Goods:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 149,001	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Paper/Disp:	Trimark USA	\$ 66,054	Commodity Pricing- 1 year
Produce:	RFD	\$ 156,440	Fixed Pricing- 1 year
Beverages:	Sysco Chicago	\$ 20,420	Fixed Pricing- 1 year

Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. Arrowhead Golf Club Vehicle / Equipment Purchase

Commissioner Frey moved to approve the purchase of a Yamaha 2025 Deluxe Bistro Beverage Unit from Harris Golf Carts at a cost of \$21,173. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Motion passed by voice vote. No discussion.

8. Park Facilities Trails and Open Space Naming Policy

Commissioner Mee moved to name the Wheaton Park District Community Center in memory of Ray Morrill. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Executive Director Benard stated that we will schedule the renovation of the facility and have a ribbon cutting celebration in the future.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

9. Community Center Renovation Project Phase 3

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve a Professional Services Letter of Agreement from Williams Architects for Concept Design for the Community Center Renovation Project Phase 3 in the amount of \$25,000, reimbursable costs and 9% of the board approved final project costs

Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Mee asked when we will start. Benard said that we will begin design and concept meetings before the end of the year.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. Community Center Renovation Project Phase 2

Commissioner Mee to approve Change Order # 6 in the amount of \$4,243.42 with Stuckey Construction. Seconded by Commissioner Welker.

Commissioner Mee asked when we expect to put in the large lockers. Benard said there were some design issues to sort out with the manufacturer so we don't have an exact date yet, but it will probably be a couple of months.

Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project

Commissioner Vires moved to approve a contract with EP Doyle in the amount of \$1,999,599 plus a 10% contingency for the construction of the Colsey Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12. Arrowhead Golf Club Parking Lot Renovation

Commissioner Frey moved to approve a proposal for professional design services from Wight Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$46,000 for the Arrowhead Golf Club Parking Lot Renovation Project. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

13. Central Athletic Center Southeast Parking Lot Renovation Project

Commissioner Welker moved to approve a proposal for additional services from Engineering Resources Associates for an amount not to exceed \$7,500 for the Central Athletic Center Southeast Parking Lot Renovation Project. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Motion passed by voice vote.

14. Arrowhead Golf Course Chemical Purchases 2025

Commissioner Mee moved to Approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices per Staff Recommendations (*see back page of minutes*) Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard congratulated Director of Recreation Beyer and Director of Parks & Planning Sperrl and their departments for a successful Halloween Happening. Over 1,000 attended the event this year.

Commissioner Welker stated We have reached the conclusion of many of our fall activities here at the Wheaton Park District, with many programs wrapping up this week, so now seems like the right time to give a shoutout and thanks to the many volunteers and coaches who spent so much time supporting our athletic programming. We offer programs in music, art, cooking and so much more here, but I don't think any area utilizes as many volunteers as our youth sports.

Our athletics are a huge part of the Wheaton Park District and a point of pride. We could not run our athletics program without our volunteers. For the programs that are wrapping up now, I'd estimate we have at least 218 volunteers who spend 10-20 hours per week in volunteer service to the park district who can now get a little rest and maybe even re-join their families for a dinner or two.

Recreational Soccer:

Concluded with 1,155 participants and 100 teams, utilizing a volunteer staff of 200 or more. I'd like to extend our sincere thanks for their dedication and hard work.

Rams Football:

Ongoing this weekend

9 out of 19 tackle football teams making it to the playoffs in the BGYFL (local league). First rounds will be hosted at Graf Park in Wheaton this Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers and a volunteer board make the program possible, helping young players develop before progressing to become Falcons or Tigers. Thank you for the hundreds of hours you donate to our community

Rams Flag Football:

The program concluded this past weekend with a record number of players and hosted a record-breaking fundraiser: \$15,000. Special thanks to the volunteer coaches and commissioners for organizing a fun and successful season.

Wheaton United Soccer:

The 2010 Academy Red Girls won the Illinois President's Cup this past weekend right here at home at the CAC. It was an honor to host the prestigious event. The 2010 Red Girls were also Midwest Conference Champions. Overall, this fall, 20 teams finished as tournament champions or finalists. In the last 12 months, Wheaton United has seen 12 college commitments from its players. To give an idea of how much this program has grown Pre-merger (Wings): 12 teams and approximately 145 players. Two years later (Wheaton United): 52 teams and approximately 680 players. Most teams have at least two dedicated volunteers serving as assistant coaches or parent managers in addition to professional staff. I'd like to thank those volunteers for the huge success the program has seen in these few short years. Our parks were brimming with activity this fall, thanks to the dedication of volunteers and their families. Many thanks to you all.

Commissioner Vires said that Director of Parks & Planning Sperl spoke at the Lions Club about the 2024/2025 Capital Projects, he thanked Sperl for a great presentation. Vires also said that the issuance of bonds goes towards a lot of those capital projects as well as maintaining facilities and open spaces.

Commissioner Mee stated that as golf is ending, he wanted to commend the staff at Arrowhead. He was impressed that we sold more rounds than in 2023. He also congratulated Commissioner Bob Frey and his wife Shannon for winning the couples league at Arrowhead. He thanked the Director of Cosley Zoo Wahlgren and her staff for a job well done at Pumpkin Fest. Hoptoberfest was a success with 584 tickets sold.

Commissioner Frey was pleased that Arrowhead won the Can Head tournament and brought the trophy back to Arrowhead.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:34 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Commissioner Frey seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



Motion Details - New Business Number 14
Arrowhead Golf Course Chemicals 2024

- Advanced Turf Solutions of Geneva, IL for: Isoxaben in the amount of \$188.55 for 1 gallon, Envu Fairway Health in the amount of \$11,496.00 for 1 unit, Envu Fairy Ring in the amount of \$5,741.48 for 1 unit, Envu Snow Mold Utility Health in the amount of \$3940.00 for 1 unit, Gold Standard 45 in the amount of \$207.27 for 2.5 gallons, 22-0-4 w/ZnB 50% XCU in the amount of \$840.00 per ton, Reslia in the amount of \$918.87 for 2.5 gallons, Command in the amount of \$144.93 for 2.5 gallons, Cutless MEC in the amount of \$1,280.00 for 2.5 gallons
- BTSI of Frankfort, IL for: Signature Extra Alternate in the amount of \$125.00 for 5.5lb
- Clesen's of Linconshire, IL for: Chlorantraniliprole in the amount of \$966.50 for 64 ounces, Carbaryl in the amount of \$122.73 for 2.5 gallons, Chlorothalonil in the amount of \$68.55 per 4 x 5 pound case, Tetrino in the amount of \$1992.00 for 1 case, Fluazinam in the amount of \$486.74 per case
- Pendleton Turf Supply of Waterford, WI for: Gold Standard Alternate in the amount of \$120.00 for 2.5 gallons
- Reinder Inc of Geneva, IL for: Thiophanate-methyl in the amount of \$102.27 for 2.5 gallons, Iprodione in the amount of \$142.04 for 2.5 gallons, Tebuconazole in the amount of \$40.62 per gallon, Propamocarb in the amount of \$203.12 per gallon
- Simplot AB Retail of Downers Grove, IL for: Syngenta Winter Solution in the amount of \$6,572.00 for 1 unit, Syngenta A2Z in the amount of \$8,181.00 per 1 unit, Daconil Action in the amount of \$265.00 for 2.5 gallons, Daconil Weatherstick in the amount of \$210.00 for 2.5 gallons, Syngenta XT Solution in the amount of \$18,588 for 1 unit, Triclopyr in the amount \$103.13 for 2.5 gallons, Syngenta Greens Protection Solution in the amount of \$10,204.00 for 1 unit, Signature Extra in the amount of \$192.80 for 5.5 pounds, TV Base in the amount of \$173.63 for 2.5 gallons, TV Siphon in the amount of \$145.00 for 2.5 gallons, Indemnify in the amount of \$1,767.20 for 17.1 oz, Trinexapacetyl in the amount of \$234.21 for 2.5 gallons
- Heritage Landscape Supply Group of McKinney, TX for: Sethoxydim in the amount of \$650.00 for 2.5 gallons, Prohexadione in the amount of \$1,158.43 for 1 case, Propiconazole in the amount of \$127.17 for 2.5 gallons, Daconil Weather Stick Alternate in the amount of \$59.51
- Nutrien Ag Solutions of Pittsford, NY for: Paclobutrazol in the amount of \$129.90 per gallon

