



# Wheaton Park District

## Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 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

None

### COMMUNITY INPUT

The following Wheaton Park District residents provided public comment concerning the proposed Cosley Zoo parking area concept plan:

John Patterson 1849 Cherry Street, Wheaton, IL

Liz Westergaard 742 Ralph Court, Wheaton, IL

The following Wheaton Park District residents provided public comment concerning a Petition for Disconnection from the Wheaton Park District:

Jessica Hatton 2S725 Cree Lane, Wheaton, IL

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$2,544,419.35 for the period beginning November 15, 2023, and ending December 12, 2023
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$438,282.52 for the period beginning November 15, 2023, and ending and ending December 12, 2023
- C. Approval of Subcommittee Meeting Minutes November 8, 2023
- D. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes November 29, 2023
- E. Approval of Public Hearing Minutes December 6, 2023
- F. Approval to Appoint Michael Benard as Delegate to the Illinois Association of Park District's Annual Meeting January 27, 2024
- G. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedules for the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Petition for Disconnection of Certain Territory from the Wheaton Park District - Disconnection Petition for 2S725 Cree Lane**

Commissioner Vires moved to deny the Disconnection Petition for 2S725 Cree Lane Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Commissioner Vires stated that it has been the board's practice to deny disconnection requests. Executive Director Benard stated that the park board was provided with a memo from legal counsel outlining that the park board has sole discretion regarding disconnection requests. Benard stated that he recommends denying disconnection requests because a disconnection would interfere with adjacent out of district property owner's ability to annex. He also stated that the property tax that would be lost by the property disconnecting would be assigned to remaining taxpayers. Commissioner Mee asked Benard to review the related history for this property. Benard stated the prior owners of this property petitioned to annex and were granted annexation into the park district in 2011. The former owners then contacted the park district again in 2015, and 2018 with the desire to disconnect, but never formally petitioned.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**2. 2024 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance** - Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2023-03 Making a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Wheaton Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024

Commissioner Vires moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-03 Making a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Wheaton Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024 Seconded by Commissioner Mee. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.  
Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Vires, and Kelly  
Nays: Pecharich  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**3. 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance**

Commissioner Frey moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-04 Levying and Assessing the Taxes of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Tax Year 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.  
Ayes: Barrett, Frey, Mee, Vires, and Kelly  
Nays: Pecharich  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**4. 2023 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance**

Commissioner Vires moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-05 Abating the Taxes Heretofore levied for the year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. Seconded by Commissioner Mee.

Executive Director Benard stated that this set of bonds were issued in 2009 and called and re-issued in 2019. A significant portion of the proceeds from this bond issue was used to fund phase one and two of the Northside Park redevelopment project. The park district's debt service extension base and related annual general obligation bond proceeds is the alternate source of revenue identified to pay the principal and interest on these particular bonds making it necessary to abate the property taxes that would otherwise be assessed.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **5. 2024 Rams Football Uniforms and Equipment Purchases**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices for the 2024 Rams Football Uniforms and Equipment Purchases per Staff Recommendations (*see detail after agenda*). Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Commissioner Frey asked if we have used these vendors in the past. Director of Athletics and Facilities Novak stated we have. President Kelly thanked staff for their hard work on the bidding process.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

#### **6. 2024 Youth Baseball and Softball Uniforms and Equipment Purchases**

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices for the 2024 Baseball and Softball Uniforms and Equipment Purchases per Staff Recommendations (*see detail after agenda*). Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich

President Kelly stated that the payment for this equipment comes from the fees collected from the program.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **7. Arrowhead Golf Club Greens Fees**

Commissioner Frey moved to increase Greens Fees by \$1.00 for 9 holes and \$2.00 for 18 holes for all rates with the exception of the Junior/Senior Resident Fees which will not increase for 9 holes and increase \$1.00 for 18 holes Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **8. Central Athletic Complex Kale Gym Floor Replacement Project**

Commissioner Mee moved to table all bids. Seconded by Commissioner Vires

President Kelly stated that we are tabling this because subsequent to the bids being opened, it was learned that there may be a related asbestos removal project required. More time is needed to investigate further and determine the best approach before awarding a contract. Motion passed by voice vote.

## **9. Vehicle Purchases for Parks Department**

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve Resolution 2023-12 Ratifying and Approving the Emergency Expenditure of Funds Without Competitive Bidding for the Purchase of Certain Vehicles Seconded by Commissioner Frey.

Executive director Benard stated that we continue to have supply chain and availability issues with vehicles typically available through the state bidding program. Staff will secure at least three competitive quotes before proceeding.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **10. Commissioner Attendance IAPD IPRA Educational Conference**

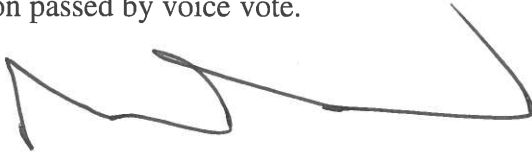
Commissioner Mee moved to approve Commissioner Attendance at the IAPD IPRA Educational Conference at a Cost Not to Exceed \$800. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion passed by voice vote.

## REPORTS FROM STAFF

Commissioner Mee commended Rams Football on the Super Bowl. He thanked the Wheaton Police Department for their help with our events. He was pleased to see winter program registration results. He was also pleased that Cosley received their USDA recertification. Mee thanked Director of Marketing Wilhelmi for the marketing she and her team do for Arrowhead weddings. He also thanked her for her great job on the Reindeer Run with 1,174 runners and \$40,000 in sponsorships. He stated that Parks Plus Fitness Center looks great. He said that DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation Board Bob Jacobsen will be missed.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m., Commissioner Vires moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Frey seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

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