



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 21, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

City of Wheaton Council Chambers 303 W. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

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

Commissioner Morrill was absent

PRESENTATION – Review of Capital Projects Completed in 2022

Superintendent of Planning Hinchee stated that 2022 has been a busy year as we completed several improvement projects around the district. He highlighted a few of these.

Playground equipment at Kelly Park was recently completed and is now open for use. The new playground features separate structures for pre-school and school aged children, a challenge course and multi-generational swings that allow a parent and child to swing together.

The first phase of the Community Center interior renovations is wrapping up and will be ready for use after the New Year. The program rooms on the second floor and the Memorial Room auditorium have all been given a fresh look. Staff is already looking ahead to the second phase with expectation of renovations to the lower level.

Several projects were completed this year at Cosley Zoo. These included replacing some large viewing decks next to the wildlife exhibit, residing and painting work, and a new roof for the giftshop and restroom building. The Arrowhead maintenance building roof and the Toohey pre-school roof were replaced. We strive to keep up with the regular maintenance at our facilities to continue serving our community. Similarly, staff replaced old fencing at several baseball backstops at Atten, Graf and Hoffman Parks.

Hinchee stated that as we finish out 2022, we look forward to the year ahead and will work hard to maintain parks and facilities that the Wheaton community can be proud of.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$348,138.70 for the period beginning November 9, 2022 and ending December 13, 2022
- B. Approval of the Disbursements totaling \$1,603,615.77 for the period beginning November 9, 2022 and ending December 13, 2022
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Hearing November 16, 2022
- D. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022
- E. Approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022
- F. Approval of the Minutes of the Continued Public Hearing December 7, 2022

- G. Approval of the Subcommittee Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022
- H. Approval of the Designation of Michael Benard as Delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the IAPD January 28, 2023
- I. Approval of the 2023 Meeting Schedules of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

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

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2023 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2022-05

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Ordinance 2022-05 Making a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Wheaton Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

2. 2022 Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-06

Commissioner Pecharich move to adopt Ordinance 2022-06 Levying and Assessing the Taxes of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Tax Year 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Discussion:

Commissioner Mee stated that he hoped that in the future, the board doesn't regret failing to capture a portion of the CPI that was available on the 2022 tax levy.

Commissioner Vires stated that we have a combination of favorable events that will benefit the taxpayers. City of Wheaton TIF 2 expires at the end of the year. The related tax revenue for TIF 2 had been diverted to the City of Wheaton for the last 23 years. As a result, in 2023 the park district will receive an additional 2% in operating property tax revenue without a related increase on tax bills. Also, an additional 1% increase in operating property tax funding will be received as a result of new construction within the community. Also, park district taxpayers will see a meaningful reduction in property taxes because of the 2005 referendum debt being retired at the end of 2022.

Wheaton Park District property taxes will be reduced by 17% in 2023. Resident property owners will see a smaller Park district tax bill in 2023. The levy that we are approving tonight is less than it was 10 years ago because of the debt retirement.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

3. 2022 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance 2022-07

Commissioner Vires moved to approve Ordinance 2022-07 Abating the Taxes Heretofore levied for the year 2022 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. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

4. Disposal and Sale of Personal Property

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Ordinance 2022-08 Approving the Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Mee stated that the listing of the property is located in this board packet.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

5. 855 Prairie Avenue Office Lease Agreement

Commissioner Mee moved to approve Ordinance 2022-09 Approving the Terms and Authorizing the Execution of a Lease Agreement Between the Wheaton Park District and Computer System Innovations INC. for the Lease of a Portion of the Wheaton Oaks Professional Building Located at 855 W. Prairie Avenue, Wheaton Illinois Seconded by Commissioner Kelly. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

6. 2023 Rams Football Uniforms and Equipment Purchases

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices for the 2023 Rams Football Uniforms and Equipment Purchases per Staff Recommendations (see detail after minutes) Seconded by Commissioner Barrett. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

7. 2023 Youth Baseball and Softball Uniforms and Equipment Purchases

(see detail after minutes)

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the Bids for the Vendors, Products and Prices for the 2023 Baseball and Softball Uniforms and Equipment Purchases per Staff Recommendations. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Executive Director Benard thanked Athletic Superintendent Lewendowski and his team for their work.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

8. 2023 Zoo Admission Fees

Commissioner Kelly moved to Increase Non-Resident Adult and Senior Admission Fee by \$1.00 per Guest Beginning January 1, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

9. 2023 Golf Membership Fees

Commissioner Vires moved to approve 2023 Golf Membership Fees as Follows: \$2,899 for Residents, \$2,499 for Senior Residents, \$3,599 for Non-Residents and \$3,099 for Senior Non-Residents. Seconded by Commissioner Kelly.

Commissioner Mee stated that we currently have approximately 15 members.

Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Alcohol Sales During Event Rental at Central Athletic Complex Ice Rinks –

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve the Sale of Beer and Wine at the Central Athletic Complex Ice Rinks During the R33M Foundation Hockey Tournament January 28, 2023, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Community Center Interior Renovation Project / Purchase of Tables

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Purchase of Thirty-Seven 18"x72" Tables and Forty 30"x72" Tables from Southern Aluminum for \$31,349. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Commissioner Kelly asked if we were purchasing these through the co-op? Benard stated we are not, we are buying them directly from the manufacturer.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

12. Central Athletic Complex Parking License Agreement –

Commissioner Pecharich moved to approve a License Agreement with Bauer and Bauer Dentistry and Orthodontics for 20 Parking Spaces at the Central Athletic Complex. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Executive Director Benard stated we are bringing another successful year to a close. He thanked staff for their hard work and the board for their support.

Commissioner Mee wished the staff and board happy holidays. He congratulated Sue Vasilev on her upcoming retirement. Mee asked Director of Special Facilities Bendy why the visitation decreased at Cosley Zoo this year from last year. Bendy stated that last year due to Covid being outside was the thing to do, we also had a wet spring this year.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., Commissioner Vires moved to recess to closed session for the purpose of Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21) Commissioner Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

At 5:28 p.m. the board reconvened to open session.

Resolution Concerning the Release of Certain Closed Session Minutes
Commissioner Mee moved to approve Resolution 2022-09 the release of certain closed session minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Vires. No discussion.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

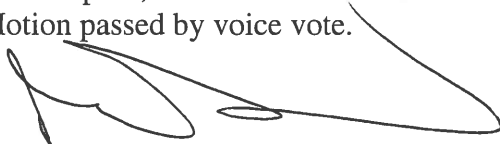
Ayes: Barrett, Kelly, Mee, Pecharich, Vires, Frey

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morrill

At 5:29 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 'Mee', written over the text 'Motion passed by voice vote.'