



Wheaton Park District

**Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND FINANCE
SUBCOMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday August 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
DuPage County Historical Museum
Wheaton, IL 60187**

CALL TO ORDER –

Vice President Vires called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m., Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Frey, Commissioner Mee, Commissioner Pecharich, Commissioner Welker were present.

President Kelly was absent.

Staff Present included: Executive Director Benard, Director of Parks & Planning Sperl Superintendent of Planning Hinchee, and Angela Doromal Assistant to Director of Parks & Planning.

COMMUNITY INPUT - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Buildings and Grounds

1. Hawthorne Junction Park Playground Equipment Purchase – Review of Bid Results. Playground manufacturers are invited to submit design proposals within a certain budget amount using feedback gleaned from surveys completed by residents and their children concerning playground attributes they prefer. Design proposals are evaluated by a staff committee comprised of members of our planning and construction teams and are rated on various criteria. Commission Vires asked why it has been so long to replace this park. Benard stated we are one to two years behind on our playground replacement schedule due to capital projects being suspended at that time due to the financial uncertainties related to the Pandemic. Commission Pecharich questioned what is done with the old playground equipment. Bernard stated that old playgrounds are typically donated to a non-profit called Kids Around the World, a group who repurposes playground equipment in third world countries. Commission Pecharich asked if we preferred a design, could we accept a proposal from a company at an amount higher than our stated budget amount. Benard stated that the Board could choose to do.

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2. Toohy Park Preschool Carpet Replacement - Review of Quotes
No discussion.
3. Briar Patch Park Shelter Siding Replacement - Review of Quotes
Benard stated this is the final sub project within the complete Briar Patch Park renovation project remaining to be completed. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 14 at 11:00 am.
4. Cosley Zoo Taylor Barn Project - Review of Project Scope
Benard stated there are two zoo support facility renovation projects identified to be completed in advance of the zoo existing conditions assessment and related prioritization project commissioned by the park board last February. The first is a public restroom renovation project which is currently out to bid. The second is the Taylor Barn replacement project. The interior of the barn has been deemed unsafe for use by structural engineers. Staff seeks consensus from the board to go out to bid for a replacement for the barn as described within the related subcommittee report and will be placed more or less on the same footprint as the existing barn structure. The Cosley Foundation has received donations to cover close to half of the projected cost. All commissioners present agreed that designs and specifications should be completed and put to bid. The Board was open to reviewing a naming opportunity for this building to honor a donor.
5. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Lot - Review of Additional Design Services Proposal from Wight Engineering
Benard stated there were additional engineering and design costs related to the lengthy special use permit approval process that was recently concluded. The additional costs totaled \$19,875.

Finance and Administration

1. Ordinance 2024-06 – Review of an Ordinance Approving the Disposal and Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Wheaton Park District
No discussion.
2. Wheaton Park District Committee Meeting Schedule – Review of Amendments to the 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule
Benard stated reviewed that as a result of recent statewide legislation, the park district must complete a local government efficiency report every 10 years. This process requires three public committee meetings to be held and the involvement of the Board of Commissioners and at least two citizen appointees. The amendments to the Board Committee meeting schedule include the addition of three Local Government Efficiency Committee Meetings to take place the first Wednesdays of the months of September, October, and November. Benard stated Commissioner Welker will be added to the committee, replacing former Commissioner Ray Morrill.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 5:20 p.m. Commissioner Vires moved to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

Motion carried by Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: Kelly

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