



# Wheaton Park District

## BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND FINANCE SUBCOMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND FINANCE SUBCOMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday November 3, 2021 5:00 p.m. DuPage County Historical Museum Wheaton, IL 60187

#### **CALL TO ORDER –**

President Frey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Barrett, Commissioner Kelly, Commissioner Mee, Commissioner Morrill, and Commissioner Vires were present

Staff Present included: Executive Director Benard, Executive Assistant Siciliano, Director of Parks & Planning Sperl, Finance Director Simpson, Director of Special Facilities Bendi, Human Resources Manager Jay, Director of Athletics and Facilities Novak.

Also Present: Dave Meyer, President CFM Insurance

#### **Finance and Administration**

1. \$1,841,752 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2021– Bids to be Received November 16

Executive Director Benard stated that on-line bids will be received on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from Chapman & Cutler and Speer Financial will attend the November 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. The board will accept the low bid that evening. There were no questions or comments from the board.

2. Ordinance 2021-04 – An Ordinance Making a Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation of Funds for the Wheaton Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022

Benard stated that this will be approved at the November 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. He asked the board if they had any questions or comments on the budget. The board had no questions or comments. Benard asked the board if they had any questions prior to the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting that they email them to him and Finance Director Simpson so they can be properly addressed prior to the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. Ordinance 2021-05 – An Ordinance Levying and Assessing the Taxes of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois for the Tax Year 2021

Benard stated that this will be on the November 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Agenda. He asked if the board had any questions or comments on this. Commissioner Vires asked what the inflation adjustment was this year. Benard reported a 1.4% CPI for 2021.

4. Ordinance 2021-06 – An Ordinance Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation, Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois

Benard stated that the original 2009 bonds were used for phase one and two of Northside Park, these bonds were called and reissued in 2019 at a significant savings. This item will be on the November 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

5. Review of Employee Insurance Benefits Renewal for 2022 - Health, Dental, Vision Group Term Life and Employee Assistance Program 2022

Dave Meyer, President of CFM Insurance, Inc. stated that 2022 has been a challenging renewal season, not just for the park district, but for most mid-market (51-150) size employer groups. He said that they don't like premium increases any more than their clients do. They work extremely hard to eliminate as much of the increase as possible. They have successfully worked through several rounds of negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield to achieve the following cost savings for 2022.

- Two rounds of rate relief discussions produced 6.6% premium savings
- Bundle Discount produces additional 2.5% premium savings
- \$30,000 Communication Credit was approved and added, generating approximately 2.1% additional premium savings.

CFM re-marketed again this year to the following carriers: Aetna, Cigna, Humana, and UHC. Results were as follows.

- Aetna – Declined to quote; Reason: not competitive
- Cigna – Quoted and medically underwritten; Premium is 39% higher than BCBS expiring
- Humana - Declined to quote; Reason: not competitive
- UHC – Quoted and medically underwritten. Premium is 36% higher than BCBS expiring

### **2022 Recommendations**

Based on market conditions and pricing, we recommend renewing with BCBS at an approximate overall increase of 16.5%. The renewal costs are still approximately \$290,703 lower than 2019 PDRMA costs. There are no HMO/PPO plan design changes to note for 2022 (same plans as last year). Meyer reviewed the "Employer % of

Premium” contribution strategy used at the last renewal, which shares the premium increase between the employer and employee. Meyer stated he could provide the board with alternative contribution models if they would like. Benard stated he would like Meyer to provide this. Meyer stated that the reported figures are not yet final. He will have updated documents after the negotiations are complete.

6. Review of Health Insurance Employee Contribution Rates for 2022

Benard stated this will be discussed in closed session at the November 17, 2021 board meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds**

1. Equipment Purchase for Cosley Zoo – Walk in Freezer Low Quote \$11,166.51

Benard stated this is a purchase over the \$10,000 purchasing policy threshold and therefore will be on the November 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval. Commissioner Morrill commented that he was pleased that this is being paid for by a donor. No further discussion.

2. Carnival Payment for Cosley Zoo – Revenue Share Program with JBR Fundways \$31,389

Commissioner Vires asked how the carnival at Cosley Zoo went this year. Benard stated it was excellent. Bendy stated that staff will provide a final figure on the November 17<sup>th</sup> agenda, since there were a few days the carnival ran after the document in this packet went out.

3. Equipment Purchase for Parks Department – One Toro Groundskeeper 4000-D through the Illinois State Purchasing Contract \$87,425.08

Benard stated that by making the purchase now we are taking advantage of the better pricing. He said that we stagger the replacement of mowers. There were no questions or comments from the board.

4. Equipment Purchase for Arrowhead Golf Club – Two Toro Reelmaster 3555-D Fairway Mowers through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance Contract \$146,196.96

Benard stated that we are hopeful that these mowers will arrive by spring. There were no questions or comments from the board.

5. Civil Engineering Services for Arrowhead Golf Club – Cage Engineering \$11,600

Benard stated this is for the shoreline stabilization on West 4 and 8 at Arrowhead that staff has discussed with the board at previous board meetings. There were no questions or comments from the board.

6. Bid Results – Portable Restroom Services – Low Bid \$52,485

There were no questions or comments from the board on this item.

7. Tree and Bench Commemorative Program – 2022 Tree and Bench Fee Recommendations

Benard stated that this is a cost recovery adjustment on this service. Commissioner Mee asked if we still got a lot of orders for these. Benard stated it is a very popular program. Mee asked Director of Parks & Planning Sperl how long it takes from request to installation. Sperl stated it varies. Plaques take about a month, trees are planted depending on the time of year, and benches can be installed quickly since we have the materials. He said that they are trying to limit doing these to June through the end of the year because they have more staff during those months to be able to assist with this.

8. Arrowhead Golf Club – 2022 Golf Rate Recommendations

Benard stated we are recommending an increase of \$1.00 per 9 holes for residents and \$2.00 per hole for nonresidents. President Frey asked if the rates on the attachment includes a cart. Bendy said yes it does.

9. Rice and Northside Pools – 2022 Pool Membership and Daily Fee Recommendations

Benard stated that staff is not advocating for an increase in the daily rates. Director of Athletics and Facilities Novak stated that we encourage people to buy their pool passes early to lock into last years rates. Novak said that we will promote pool passes through eblasts and the winter program guide. Benard reminded the board that in 2021 we sold season passes at a discounted rate due to a shorter season and having been closed in 2020 due to COVID-19.

10. Gary Avenue Right of Way Improvements

Benard stated that this project aligns with our plans for a zoo parking lot on the east side of Gary Avenue. The City has applied for a grant for this project. Commissioner Morrill asked if there is anything the board can do to show support for the City on this grant. Director of Parks & Planning Sperl will inquire about this.

11. Arrowhead Golf Club – Status of Lease with Pelican Golf

Benard stated that staff is recommending using this soon to be vacated space for cross country ski rental and customer engagement. Offering this service to residents allows

them to enjoy the golf course during the winter months. Staff is also not recommending maintaining golf simulators because the return on investment will take longer than the life of the technology. The Board agreed with this.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:47 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting to enter closed session regarding the selection of a person to fill a vacancy in public office, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). Commissioner Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mee Morrill', written over the 'Absent: None' line.