



Wheaton Park District

Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday March 5, 2025 5:00 p.m. DuPage County Historical Museum 102 E. Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

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

President Kelly and Commissioner Welker were absent.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Public comments are important to the Board. However, it is the Board's policy not to take action on items until time has been taken to gather information and discuss all options. Lack of action does not imply lack of interest in the issues. During the community input portion of the agenda the Board typically will ask residents to provide input prior to accepting input from nonresidents.

The purpose of the public participation is to allow the public the opportunity to make a statement to the Board. The purpose of public participation is not to provoke a debate with the Board. Once an individual has spoken, that individual may not speak on the same issue again. Any limitation regarding addressing the Board may be waived by a majority vote of the Board.

Except during the public comment portion of the regular Board agenda, or as stated in this rule, no person other than the Executive Director or the District's Attorney may address the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Cosley Zoo Education Pavilion & Duck Enclosure Project

Commissioner Mee moved to approve the base bid and Alternate #1 with EP Doyle and Sons, LLC for the Cosley Zoo Education Pavilion & Duck Enclosure Project in the amount of \$757,503 plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Barrett.

Executive Director Benard reviewed the bid results and reported that the Cosley Foundation will contribute \$207,000 to this project.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kelly and Welker

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No Action Will Be Taken on These Items – Review & Discussion Only

Finance and Administration

1. Review of 2025 Board Meeting and Subcommittee Meeting Schedules

Benard requested this change in the April Board meeting date to allow him to participate in a student symposium at Southern Illinois University.

2. Appointments to the Board of the DuPage County Historical Museum Foundation – Review of Resolution 2025-01

Marty Keller currently serves as Foundation President. Wayne Rosenwinkel will be a new appointment to the Museum Foundation Board. Benard stated that Wayne has been an active volunteer at the Museum.

3. Government Relations Service Agreement – Review of Agreement for Services with the Government Navigations Group INC

Benard reviewed the related report from GNG and grant success history. Benard is recommending a \$500 per month increase in the retainer amount. The park district has worked with GNG since 2012 and the retainer has never been increased

4. Rules For Allowing Commissioners to Attend Board Meetings by Means of Video or Audio Conference – Review of Policy

This policy needs to be updated to reflect recent changes in the law.

5. Independent Contractors for Recreation and Athletic Programming – Review of expenses anticipated to exceed \$19,999 in 2025

Commissioners Frey and Mee inquired about the amounts being paid to individuals related to the Wheaton United Program. Benard reviewed the related details.

Buildings and Grounds

1. Arrowhead Golf Club Equipment Purchase – Review of proposed purchase of one Toro 5800 G Sprayer through the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance administered by Omnia contract #2023261 at a cost of \$80,641.23

The Equipment being replaced was purchased in 2007. The old equipment will be put to auction.

2. Arrowhead Golf Club Equipment Purchase – Review quotes for proposed purchase of two John Deere Gator GS Utility Vehicles at a cost of \$29,727.44.

No discussion.

3. Blanchard Building Parking Lot Project – Review of bid results

A grant will fund this project.

4. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Project – Review of Additional Services Proposal with Engineering Resource Associates

No questions

5. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Paving Project – Review of bid results

A grant will fund this project.

6. Central Athletic Complex Parking Lot Paving Project – Review of proposed pedestrian access improvements

Benard stated that staff received feedback on pedestrian access during bust times at the CAC. The Board agreed that staff should pursue the proposed changes.

7. Central Athletic Complex – Review of City of Wheaton proposed sewer main replacement project and related easement request

The board agreed that the proposed improvements would benefit the community and agreed to review a related easement proposal from the City of Wheaton.

8. Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project – Review of change order #2

Deductive change order related to electricity.

9. Memorial Park Lions Terrace Shade Structure Project – Review of bid results

This bid was sent to twenty-eight companies with one response. Commissioner Pecharich asked if we have a reconciliation process for approved budgeted projects and how we monitor overages. Finance Director Simpson stated that we monitor project expenses against the total budget as they are presented for payment.

10. Natural Areas Landscape Maintenance Contract – Review of bid results

Benard reported that the low bidder is Bedrock Earthscapes who is the incumbent contractor.

11. Ray Morrill Community Center Entrance Façade – Review of design options

All board members present liked option 1. The project being completed mid-June. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony in late June or early July.

12. Memorial Park Sculpture Donation – Review of Wheaton Garden Club sculpture donation and proposed installation location

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:38 p.m., Commissioner Mee moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Pecharich.

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