



Wheaton Park District

**Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
SUBCOMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday January 8, 2025
DuPage County Historical
Museum
102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187
5:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER –

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

Commissioner Welker was absent

Staff Present included: Executive Director Benard, Director of Parks and Planning Sperl, Director of Finance Simpson, Director of Marketing Wilhelmi, Superintendent of Planning Hinchee, Administrative Assistant Fratus.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Buildings and Grounds

1. **Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Project** - Review of Change Order #1 from EP Doyle Construction

President Kelly stated that three pricing options were provided for evaluation. The Park District selected the same solution that was done at Briar Patch Park which used a geogrid to stabilize the area. Kelly stated that topsoil was below grade and needed to be removed to use the Geogrid.

Commission Frey asked what was wrong with the topsoil. Kelly stated that the topsoil is organic and will decompose over time, making the ground unstable.

2. **Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Park District Property per Park Use Ordinance Section 4.4** - Review of Requests for Board Approval of the Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages During Special Events at the Following Locations:
 - a. Memorial Park
 - b. DuPage County Historical Museum
 - c. Cosley Zoo

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Executive Director Benard stated that our Park Use Ordinance requires that we receive board approval for liquor sales for all events. Commissioner Pecharich asked if we had a benefit concert scheduled. Benard stated that we do not have anything scheduled yet.

3. **Central Athletic Center Parking Lot** - Review of License Agreement with Bauer and Bauer Dentistry and Orthodontics for Access and Use of 20 Parking Spaces at the Central Athletic Complex

Executive Director Benard stated that this is the third year we will be partnering with Bauer and Bauer Dentistry. Benard stated that we will need to shift them to parking that is not under construction between April and June. Benard spoke with Bauer and Bauer and they will approve these terms.

4. **Prairie Avenue Office Building** - Review of Agreement with Computer System Innovations for Lease of Office Space

Executive Director Benard stated that he is working out details with our tenant. We are proposing a six-month renewal with a modest increase in rent. Commissioner Barrett asked when the six-month period begins, Benard stated January 1, 2025. Benard stated that if our tenant does not renew, that the Wheaton Park District would most likely take over the space. Barrett stated that the Downtown Wheaton Association has no space as of July 1, 2025, and is actively looking for space. President Kelly would like to see the Wheaton Park District grow into the space as originally intended.

5. **Americans With Disabilities Act Access Audit and Transition Plan**

Executive Director Benard stated that John McGovern from the WT Group will provide a presentation at the Park District Board meeting. Benard stated that federal requirements mandate the adoption of an access audit and transition plan of Wheaton Park District parks and facilities. He also said that our last audit was twelve years ago, and we completed 75% of the prior transition plan. Benard stated that once the board approves, we will begin the work that is outlined on the audit and transition plan. The work will be completed over a period of years.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

Executive Director Benard requested a consensus for renaming the Community Center. The Ray Morrill Community Center was decided and will be conveyed to our architect.

Executive Director Benard stated that the Park District received two grants from DuPage County for being an early voting and election day site. The grants would be for rehabilitation of the Blanchard and CAC parking lots, for a total of approximately \$600,000. Vendors would be paid directly from DuPage County instead of Wheaton Park District. Benard stated that he will receive the final draft of an intergovernmental agreement that will manage the grants and will put it on the agenda for next week or February.

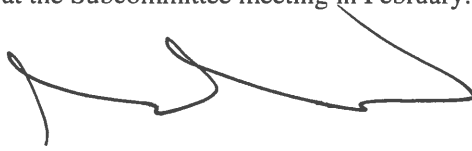
Executive Director Benard stated that he spoke to DuPage County regarding capital repairs needed at the DuPage Historical Museum. A potential surplus of funds (\$500,000) could be dedicated to the

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building. Benard stated that the museum is owned by the county, and they have been pleased with the management and upkeep that the Park District has provided. He requested consensus to offer a 5% match of \$25,000 towards this initiative. Benard stated that our top priority is to replace the front steps. The Board agreed.

Executive Director Benard reported that the Zoo assessment and Rice Pool assessment will be presented at the Subcommittee meeting in February.

ADJOURNMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Benard', written over the word 'ADJOURNMENT'.

At 5:29 p.m. President Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Frey. Motion carried by voice vote.

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