



Wheaton Park District

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Workshop Meeting - Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners
Thursday May 14, 2026
DuPage County Historical Museum
102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187
5:30 pm**

May 12, 2026

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wheaton Park District, DuPage County, Illinois (the “Park Board”) will hold a Workshop Meeting on Thursday May 14, 2026, at the DuPage County Historical Museum 102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL 60187

**Please contact Michael J. Benard, Board Secretary, for further information.
mbenard@wheatonparks.org**

Michael J. Benard
Secretary

The Agenda for the May 14, 2026, Meeting is as Follows:

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the park district's ADA Compliance Officer, Michael Benard, at the park district's Administrative Office, 102 E. Wesley Street, Wheaton, IL Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Requests for a qualified ASL interpreter require five (5) working days advance notice. Telephone number 630.510-4944; fax number 630.665.5880; email dsiciliano@wheatonparks.org



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Meeting of the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners

Thursday May 14, 2026, 5:30 pm

No Action Will Be Taken at This Meeting – Review & Discussion Only

CALL TO ORDER

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 the President.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Rice Pool and Waterpark** – Review of Exploratory Survey Draft
- aQity Research and Insights Inc.

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The Wheaton Park District is considering a *potential* referendum in the upcoming November election to fund needed facility improvements. The Park District is asking residents to share their opinions about the proposed improvements, so please take a few minutes to complete a brief survey about this topic.

If you prefer to take the survey online, visit www.arisurvey.com/s3/XXXXXXX (or scan the QR code) and enter your password: **[PIN]**

All responses are confidential, and the results will be tallied and reported by aQity Research in Evanston, IL (an independent third-party firm). If you have any technical issues with the survey, please contact aQity Research by phone (847-424-4171, ext. 218) or email (aqity@aqityresearch.com).

If you have any questions about the proposed improvements or a possible referendum, please contact the Wheaton Park District by email (XXXXXXX@wheatonparks.org) for more information.

Thank you very much for your prompt response; your opinions are very important and greatly appreciated!

1. How long have you lived within the Wheaton Park District boundaries? *If less than 1 year, enter "0".*

_____ years

2. Are you registered to vote at your current address? Yes No

3. As you know, there will be a general election this coming November which will include candidates for Governor, US Senator, Congress, and other elected offices. How likely is it that you will vote in the upcoming general election (e.g., by mail, on election day, through early voting, absentee, etc.)?

Very likely Somewhat likely Not very likely Not at all likely

4. Have you or any household members visited or used any Wheaton Park District parks or facilities in the past 12 months?

Yes No

5. Have you or any household members participated in any Wheaton Park District programs or events in the past 12 months?

Yes No

6. Please rate your overall opinion of the Wheaton Park District. *If you aren't familiar with the Park District, please select "Unfamiliar".*

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8. Why would you **[BASED ON Q7: support / oppose]** the referendum? Please be specific.

9. The typical Rice Pool & Water Park season is from Memorial Day (late May) through Labor Day (late August/early September).

If a new facility had lap lanes and a splash pad/spray area that stayed open an extra month after Labor Day (through September), would you be more likely to support the proposal?

- Yes No

10. Below is a list of potential Rice Pool & Water Park improvements and features if a referendum were to pass. Please read the entire list first and then rank order the importance of each to you/your household (with "1" for the most important, "2" for second most important, etc. through "11" for the least important). **[VARY EXCEPT FOR "NONE"]**

- _____ New pool shell, plumbing and pumps, and overall mechanicals to reduce ongoing repairs/costs and provide more efficient overall operations
- _____ Water park with added features (e.g., water slides, vortex pool, floating water walk feature)
- _____ A deep-water diving well
- _____ Dedicated lap lanes
- _____ Improved locker and changing rooms, including family and individual changing spaces
- _____ New open pool for general recreation/play/swimming
- _____ A splash pad/spray area for younger children
- _____ Compliance with current accessibility/ADA code
- _____ Compliance with current Public Health Department code
- _____ Shade features including cabanas

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- A sand play area for younger children
- None of the above [\[SINGLE SELECT, ANCHOR ALWAYS LAST\]](#)

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These last questions are to make sure we have a representative sample. Your responses are completely confidential and will be grouped with everyone else who completes the survey.

11. In what year were you born? _____

12. Please note your gender: Male Female

Commented [JA1]: Programming note: NOT a required question.

13. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? _____

14. **[IF Q13=2+]** Including yourself, how many people in your household are under age 18? _____

15. In the past two years, has anyone in your household used or been to the Rice Pool & Water Park?

Yes No

Thank you very much for completing the survey!