

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 – 6:00 PM
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: C. J. Johnson, Kristin Wojtulewicz, Patrick Gierut, (Todd Davis-via phone). Absent: Brad Tertell Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar.
3. Consent Agenda items a & b. Monthly Business (**Items a & b on the consent agenda will be approved with one motion; Board Members with questions should call Matt prior to the meeting.**)
 - a. Minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting
 - b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for February, 2021 in the amount of \$143,869.75 for accounts payable and \$49,553.05 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Ms. Wojtulewicz made a motion to approve items a & b. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minutes per speaker)

5. Old Business

5A - Update on Walker Park Redevelopment Project

Mr. Russian explained no work has been done as of late due to winter weather. Mr. Russian and Attorney Joseph Cainkar met with Kee Construction representatives and legal counsel to address some of the differences in project billing. The park district has requested an updated pay application which would include the removal of items that are in dispute. Attorney Joseph Cainkar reported some clarification was needed, and they are waiting for responses for the change orders which were submitted. There was a discussion with Steve from PRI, and Mr. Russian reported he is waiting for Revised Application 3 which should include work items that everyone agrees upon. Grass and landscaping issues are being delayed at this time due to weather. There was a brief discussion regarding the OSLAD grant that was received for this project and Mr. Russian explained the amount of the grant was \$400,000. \$200,000 was provided initially with the final reimbursement of \$200,000 being delivered upon completion of the project and the IDNR has informed all agencies that no timeline extensions will be granted.

5B - Update on Lake Carriage Way Park Project

Mr. Russian reported that he will keep this on as a general item until the project is finished. He has received requests for verification for submittals but no significant work has taken place lately due to weather.

6. New Business

6A - Board action on payments to Landworks Ltd: Lake Carriage Way project Pay Applications 1 and 2 for \$12,995.50 and \$72,987.30 respectively; final pay application for Soehrman Park improvements for \$7,789.99

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve payment to Landworks Ltd. For Lake Carriage Way Project Pay Applications 1 and 2 for \$12,995.50 and \$72,987.20 respectively; final pay application for Soehrman Park improvements for \$7,789.99. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board action on contract for audit services beginning FY2021

Mr. Russian sent out a request for proposals to roughly 10 firms and received 6 responses. The Park District has used the Sikich firm for several years and they have been very satisfied with their services. There was a brief discussion regarding costs and issues involved with using different auditing companies. Sikich price was \$18,500.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the three-year contract for audit services from Sikich Audit services beginning FY2021. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board action on engagement with Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. for engineering services as part of Walker Park bridge project and discussion on potential grant opportunities.

Mr. Russian has been in contact with the Burr Ridge village engineer since August, and he has been in touch Erica from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick for engineering services on the bridge on the east side of Walker Park. The bridge needs to be replaced. The Village Engineer guided us towards this company and they assisted with preliminary work on the current Walker Park project so they have experience within our park. The culvert replacement at that bridge is estimated about \$200,000. There is a pedestrian bridge just to the west which is estimated at \$150,000. Replacement of the path coming from NE corner of the South parking lot to the bridge site is approximately \$20,000 for that path. \$80,000 could be applied towards regrading and native plantings along the creek. With agency and permit fees, it is estimated to be \$475,000 to \$500,000 for the project, plus the \$60,000 or \$70,000 contract fees from HLR. There are a lot of grant options available to assist with the project. There is a ComEd Grant available for \$10,000. There was further discussion regarding different grant opportunities available for park districts and watershed plans, and whether the Park district would be willing to split some grant application costs.

MOTION

Ms. Wojtulewicz made a motion to approve engineering services with the firm of Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick as part of Walker Park bridge project. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6D - Board action on pay application 3 to Kee Construction for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00

Mr. Russian explained that the board can approve this at it appears on the agenda. No funds will be paid out until the items are finished and all issues are addressed. There is a list of 10 items we have issues with. There are also additional change orders we need to review. \$1,077,000 has been paid to date. Contract total right now that we agreed to is \$1,475,000. On paperwork we received from Kee they are saying the contract is \$1,625,000. There was further discussion regarding different amounts.

MOTION

Ms. Wojtulewicz made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$175,000 at the present time. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6E - Board discussion on July 3rd fireworks event and current pandemic mitigations

Mr. Russian stated he has secured Friday of the Labor Day weekend as a possible backup day. There was a brief discussion regarding how many people could be in the park, parking issues, and other dates which may be available. Mr. Russian will discuss further with ARC pyrotechnics and have information available at the next meeting. Attorney Joseph Cainkar will get information from Alsip park district regarding their handling of the fireworks display and will provide further information for the next meeting.

Regarding the pandemic mitigations, masks should continue to be worn and signage outside regarding wearing masks will continue.

6F - Board action on contract with G & G Lawncare for scheduled 2021 lawn service for \$23,885

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve the contract with G & G Lawncare for scheduled 2021 lawn service for \$23,885. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6G - Preliminary FY2022 budget review

Mr. Russian explained the fiscal year begins May 1, 2021. This budget is presented in March, and there may be some minor changes before it is presented and approved in April. One of the capital items is the bridge project. That may or may not be an actual fiscal 2022 cost. Some of that cost may be realized in 2023. A large amount is for the current Walker Park project, because funds may be carried over. Other items are the Gazebo, Musco field lights, timers on basketball and tennis courts, Lake Carriage Way project. Some of those funds may be carried over into the 2023 fiscal year. Other random items would be monies allocated for the crossing signal, the \$27,000 for the John Deere equipment, parking lot striping and minor repairs at the Vial House.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Gierut reported that carts have been delivered. Grounds will be open on Monday.

8. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only; Board members with questions - contact Matt prior to the meeting.)

9. Additional Items

There was a brief discussion regarding the crossing signal issue.

Mr. Russian reported a check was received from PDRMA in the amount of \$2,850.00. PDRMA was allocated \$1 million dollars to return back to membership.

Easter egg hunt is scheduled for March 27, 2021, but people need to pre-register.

Voting is scheduled for April 6, 2021.

The stimulus package that got passed today may offer funds to special districts.

10. Board Member Comments

11. Executive Session: (As needed)

13. Adjournment

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at 6:55 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

