

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020 – 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: Todd Davis, Kristin Wojtulewicz, and Patrick Gierut. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar. Absent: C. J. Johnson & Brad Tertell

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 12, 2020 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for February 2020 in the amount of \$80,434.08 for accounts payable and \$49,155.11 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 stated that updates are posted on the website for all three projects, Walker, Soehrman, and Lake Carriage Way as they develop. There was a brief discussion regarding the backstop warranty, dug out, fencing, a drain tile, and issues relating to some topsoil in the area.

5B - Update on Soehrman Park Project

Mr. Russian reported that signs have been put up in the area indicating that construction is scheduled to start in April. Countryside has a new building commissioner, and plans have been submitted to them regarding a stand-alone CXT building which will not have any plumbing, just some electrical provided for locks for the building. CXT was contacted and questions were submitted. Their response was forwarded to Countryside, but no response has been received back from them.

5C - Foundation Operating Agreements-Golf Outing Discussion

Mr. Russian reported that Mr. Johnson is trying to get the foundation up and running, but he is also part of the Pleasant Dale Park District Board. Mr. Johnson had suggested increasing fees for the golf outing or offer some additional levels for sponsorship opportunities.

Mr. Davis suggested since the foundation does not have an agreement presently in place, for this year ask the foundation for their support and perhaps that can transition next year. There was a brief discussion regarding the issues of the agreement for the foundation, sponsorship, golfing fees, and possibly asking the foundation to help out with raffle prizes this year.

Mr. Davis suggested keeping the present golfing fee of \$75.00 per person and keeping the present sponsorship fees the same: \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100.

6. New Business

6A - Discussion on Indian Head Park resident pricing proposal

Mr. Russian stated that Mr. Johnson asked if he could meet with the Mayor of Indian Head Park, Tom Hinshaw. Mr. Johnson suggested offering non-residents of Indian Head Park the resident pricing.

There was a discussion regarding taxes the residents are paying for use of the park district and suggestions as how to handle and charge fees for non-residents.

Mr. Russian read an email into the record sent by Mr. Tertell: "When we originally started to try to purchase the Maple Crest Golf Course, we knew that we couldn't do it on our own, so he (Mr. Tertell) contacted Indian Head Park, Burr Ridge Park District, Western Springs Park District, LaGrange Park District, Western Springs, and Countryside to see if they would be interested in purchasing Maple Crest together. After several months of talking back and forth, they all decided they were not interested. So that is when Countryside and Pleasant Dale went to referendum to purchase Maple Crest. Indian Head Park could have been a partner, but they chose not to. So, with all that said, what benefit is it to us and to Countryside to give them resident rates." Mr. Tertell wanted to provide the Board with some history.

There was a brief discussion regarding the issues of taxes paid by residents for the park district, program fees, and issues with charging non-resident fees. There was further discussion regarding a possible referendum to annex certain areas in the future. There is no interest in offering Indian Head Park residents a discount at this time.

6B - Board action on contract with G & G Lawncare for scheduled 2020 lawn service for \$19,115.00.

MOTION

Ms. Wojtulewicz made a motion to accept the contract with G & G Lawncare for 2020 lawn service for \$19,115.00. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Preliminary FY2021 budget review

Ms. Wojtulewicz and Mr. Davis questioned certain line items in the new budget, and Mr. Russian explained each item in detail. He explained that there are four capital line items: Equipment, Building, Vehicles, and Land Improvement with most of the projects being for Land Improvement.

Mr. Davis posed a question relating to the difference in amounts for the Spring soccer revenue. Mr. Russian explained the difference is a fiscal split, depending on when the year ends and when monies came in and when monies were allocated. Summer camp program was briefly discussed.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar explained that the budget is on file for 30 days for review. A hearing will be scheduled. Notice is seven days before the Board has the hearing. Mr. Russian can make the sponsorship change even when it's on file. Presumably issues are brought up at a public hearing.

If the Board would like to have a hearing at the meeting on April 8, 2020, and then have a special meeting on Friday April 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for hearing and approval of the budget.

Mr. Russian has been in contact with Musco lighting for several months. There is a 10-year warranty agreement for every field except A Field which has a 25-year diamond program. The service provides If a certain percentage of the lights go out, Musco will replace them. There was a brief discussion regarding conversion to LED lighting, the tennis, basketball and sand volleyball court lighting, and side-by-side lighting in certain areas.

Some estimates were given to convert east and west together which was \$235,000 to \$250,000. The softball field, which is A, has the 25-year warranty. Spina field is \$180,000 to \$200,000, with other estimates of \$50,000 to \$65,000 for 4 of the 6. Present warranty, except for A, gets us through this season and maybe another year.

Mr. Russian explained reasons to convert to LED lighting is the reduction of spill light and glare by more than 50 percent, reduction of energy and maintenance of up to 85 percent. Unfortunately, there is no way to isolate tower usage, because everything is tied into the park usage.

Mr. Russian suggested addressing the lighting issue in the Spring of 2021, because of the present warranty. There was further discussion regarding maintenance of the present building, repairs to the maintenance barn roof, and extensive repairs needed for the gazebo.

6D - Board action on Flagg Creek Golf Course price increases

Mr. Gierut reported discussions and recommendations from the Flagg Creek Golf Course board regarding any increases for green fees for residents and non-residents and cart rentals. It was decided to increase golf course fees to \$1.00 for non-residents and increase \$1.00 on cart rentals for residents and non-residents.

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to increase the golf course green fees to \$1.00 for non-residents and increase \$1.00 on all cart rentals for residents and non-residents. Seconded by Ms. Wojtulewicz. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6E - Coronavirus update with police coordination

Mr. Russian reported that he has been in contact with Officer Worth who is the Dare coordinator, the school district and PDRMA regarding actions that may have to be taken with regards to the Corona Virus issue.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

There was a brief discussion regarding painting and lighting in the club house and mud jacking done near the entrance.

8. Staff Reports

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

There was a brief discussion regarding the St. Patrick's Day Gold Coin Hunt being canceled and possible cancellation of the Easter Egg Hunt due to the Corona virus issue.

9. Additional Items

10. Board Member Comments

11. Executive Session: (As needed)

12. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at 6:50 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

