

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 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: C. J. Johnson, Patrick Gierut, and Brad Tertell. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar. Absent: Todd Davis and Kristin Wojtulewicz.
3. Consent Agenda items a - c. Monthly Business (**Items a, b & c 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 June 10, 2020 meeting
 - b. Minutes of July 2, 2020 public input meeting
 - c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for June 2020 in the amount of \$633,931.22 for accounts payable and \$65,685.66 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve items a - c. 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 reported that work on this project is not moving as quickly as anticipated. Four change orders were approved last month, but not much work has been done. There have been weekly construction meetings, and a construction schedule was requested, but we have not received anything yet. There has been some inclement weather which delayed some construction. PRI is also in the process of attaining another concrete construction company for this project.

The initial contract was supposed to have substantial completion by July 3, 2020. Some of the delays were caused by the global pandemic, soil conditions, and issues with the pier footings for the shelter. The excavation of the large playground area is complete, and new drainage in the playground area has started. The mud slab may be in as soon as Monday. There is a construction meeting scheduled for June 30th. A revised application for payment has been received, but there were some errors on the document and certified payment was incomplete. These will be reviewed, and payments will be made as soon as we receive what we need.

5B - Update on Soehrman Park Project

This will be the last time it's on the agenda. It is complete, and we have received many compliments. Mr. Gierut questioned whether the bathroom is supposed to be open. Mr. Russian stated that they are coordinating a schedule for routine cleaning of this facility, and it is on a timer to open and close at certain times. Mr. Tertell mentioned some of the apparatus have some rough spots on the lower areas which need to be addressed. Mr. Tertell will discuss that issue with Tony.

5C - Update on Lake Carriage Way Project

Mr. Russian thanked Mr. Johnson, Mr. Gierut and Mr. Tertell for attending the public input meeting. There was great in-person attendance with five or six people attending on zoom. There was a power point presentation provided in the packets, and comments taken into consideration from the public. Overall goal is to keep it naturalized, improving those five lake access points, shoreline grading and stabilization, native plantings, rock trows in the water and the outlet. There was a discussion regarding extending the path along the south end of the shore, but there were more comments against extending that path. Mr. Russian suggested not including that issue in the bid specs.

Mr. Johnson questioned how the park district acquired this property.

Mr. Tertell mentioned that the park district acquired that property after that subdivision went in.

Mr. Russian will check the paperwork and deeds regarding this issue.

Tentative schedule is to get the bid out and publicized by July 27, 2020. Bids due around mid-August. That would give PRI and Living Waters time to review the bids and give their recommendations. We had planned to have approval of the contract at our September 9, 2020 meeting, and then construction can start after the contract is signed, maybe end of September, October and into November for work.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on purchase of park amenities (refuse, recycling, and planter containers) from Max-R for \$20,031.60

MOTION

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve the purchase of park amenities (refuse, recycling, and planter containers) from Max-R for \$20,031.60. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board Action on Ordinance 2020-03: Amending Article II, Park Usage Rules and Regulations, Section B, Prohibitions Against Activities, by adding Subsection (II.B.29.), Public Assemblies, of the Policy Manual of the Pleasant Dale Park District

Mr. Johnson expressed his concerns regarding having to provide police for certain groups, insurance, and questioned who would be responsible for any costs involved.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that further information was needed, and this issue would be scheduled on the August meeting agenda.

6C - Board Action on contract addendum with Living Waters Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$20,000

MOTION

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve the contract addendum with Living Waters Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6D - Board discussion on Restore IL Phase 4 Implementation

Mr. Russian reported that the CDC gave some guidelines, but each municipality was given their own authority to decide how these issues should be handled with regards to splash pads and playground areas. Unfortunately, the park district doesn't have the manpower to monitor social distancing at these facilities. Presently, it has remained closed. Inquiry calls and emails have been received from the public. It is important that the entire board is in agreement to keep the splash pad closed for the time being due to safety concerns. As far as other municipalities, Willow Springs is open. LaGrange, Hodgkins, and Burr Ridge will not be open for the season. This issue can be addressed again at the August meeting.

Mr. Tertell inquired about asking countryside to help with the water costs at the splash pad and Mr. Johnson indicated he plans to meet with them in the future and discuss it.

Mr. Russian addressed the issue of the fireworks display that was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020. After many suggestions, it was decided to postpone the fireworks display until next July.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Gierut reported that the kitchen is not open at the present time. Beer is being sold outside, and everyone is practicing social distancing with regards to golfing and carts. There is no congregating inside.

8. Staff Reports

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

The Board commended the staff reports.

9. Additional Items

10. Board Member Comments

11. Executive Session:

-Review of Prior Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the review and release of prior Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Tertell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:40 p.m.)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:45 p.m.)

12. Board Action on release of Executive Session Minutes, as appropriate

MOTION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes from December 11, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

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

Reported by Carmella Traverso

