

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT

Wednesday, July 14, 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: Todd Davis, Brad Tertell, Patrick Gierut.

Absent: Jennifer Hennessy & David Gallagher. Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar.

3. Consent Agenda items a - c. Monthly Business (**Items a – 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 9, 2021 meeting

b. Executive Session Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Meeting

c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for June, 2021 in the amount of \$239,659.20 for accounts payable and \$84,821.42 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve items a, b & 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 Lake Carriage Way Park Project**

Mr. Russian is scheduling a final walk through with Steve and Ted from Living Waters, and the contractor from Landworks Ltd. Concrete work at the outlet is in the process of completion, but has been delayed due to weather conditions. There was a brief discussion regarding a downed willow tree in that area. PDRMA claims are being addressed, and Landworks Ltd. is addressing planting issues related to the downed willow tree and some plants that were washed out.

**5B - July 3 Fireworks Review**

Mr. Russian called Rob from ARC, but has not received a response. Sound system used during the fireworks show needs to be addressed. There was a brief discussion regarding parking and whether to offer a free shuttle service for the fireworks display or charge a small fee. Presently, there is a \$20 per car fee in parking lots and \$10 in grass lot which wasn't used this year. If a free shuttle service is offered, we incur the cost of the shuttle and also lose the fee per car for grass lot parking. TCF parking lot may also be a consideration. The Score facility contacted Mr. Russian to offer parking options on their premises.

6. New Business

**6A - Board Action on Flagg Creek Golf Course Consideration to Waive Formal Bid Process and Enter into a Contract with Midwest Irrigation, LLC for \$22,980**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve waving the formal bid process and enter into a contract with Midwest Irrigation, LLC for \$22,980. Seconded by Mr. Tertell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6B - Board Discussion on New Federal Holiday - Juneteenth & Potential Change in Employee Handbook**

Mr. Russian requested input from the Board regarding adding the Juneteenth Holiday. A quick adjustment would be to give a personal or floating holiday. Since the Park District is open on many holidays, there was a suggestion to have a floating holiday. Mr. Russian suggested a brief handbook review and would discuss certain issues with Attorney Joseph Cainkar. There was also a suggestion to discuss this with the current park district staff.

**7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

Mr. Gierut reported that everything is working well presently.

Mr. Russian stated Billy Rosinia has submitted his letter of retirement and may continue working through the end of September. An email was received from Ms. Gail Paul from the City of Countryside. Ms. Paul and Mr. Dave Schutter would be looking to fill that position. Every person at the golf course is an employee of the City of Countryside. It may be Billy's wish or intent to stay on in some capacity with the Flagg Creek Golf Course.

**8. Staff Reports**

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

**9. Additional Items**

Mr. Gierut attended the Unplug Illinois event.

Mr. Russian stated that Unplug Illinois is an Initiative through IPRA to get rid of the technology and put the phones away and just get outdoors and be out in the park.

We received an email thanking us and the staff for an enjoyable and fun event, especially thanking the young man who facilitated the obstacle course and who was great with the kids. There were also some pictures submitted.

**10. Board Member Comments**

The Board complimented the fireworks display. There was very good feedback regarding the taco truck and funnel cake truck.

**11. Executive Session - Pending Litigation - Kee Construction vs. Pleasant Dale Pk. Dist. Case No. 2021L003899 and Review of previous Executive Session Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Pending Litigation and to review previous Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Tertell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:17 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:39 pm)

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

**MOTION**

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve the release of Executive Session Minutes: December 20, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

