

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023 – 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, & Jennifer Hennessy. Absent: David Gallagher

Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar.

3. Consent Agenda items a, b & 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 March 8, 2023 meeting

b. Minutes of the March 8, 2023 Executive Session

c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for March, 2023 in the amount of \$99,714.64 for accounts payable and \$53,774.56 for employee payroll.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Tertell for his 18 years of service to the Pleasant Dale Park District. Pictures were taken, and a gift was presented to Mr. Tertell for his services.

MOTION

Ms. Hennessy 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)

Ms. Mary Lou Edwards appeared and stated she has been a resident of the park district for approximately 23 years, and she would like dogs to be allowed in the park. She expressed her concern regarding people walking their dogs in the park area and not cleaning up after their pets. She complimented the children's areas, the fields, tennis courts, and facilities. She suggested having people register with the park district to be assured that their pets have their vaccines. She also expressed her concern with letting younger children use adult equipment in the park. Ms. Patti Battaglia also appeared.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Board addressing this issue, posting it on the agenda, and then possibly making an amendment to the existing Board policy.

Mr. Tom Raschka appeared and introduced himself as the recently elected Board Member for the Pleasant Dale Park District.

5. Old Business

5A - Potential partnership with School District 107 update/Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property

There was nothing heard regarding the above update. The Board decided to keep this issue on the agenda.

6. New Business

6A - Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024 beginning May 1, 2023, and ending on April 30, 2024

Attorney Joseph Cainkar declared the public hearing open. Notice of the public hearing was provided March 30, 2023, in the Pioneer West Hinsdale Doings, a version of the Chicago Tribune. The Budget and Appropriation Ordinance has been on file for the past 30 days. The Board has two versions in front of them.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar questioned if there were any comments from the public. No comments were made. There was a brief discussion regarding the budget.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated that there were no further comments. The Public Hearing was closed.

6B - Board action on Ordinance 2023-2: Providing for Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024

MOTION

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-2: Providing for Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2024. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board action on IGA with School District 107 for 2023-24 Extra Innings Program

Mr. Russian stated this is the annual agreement for allowing us to run Extra Innings out of the elementary school.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the IGA with School District 107 for 2023-24 Extra Innings Program. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6D - Board action on replacement lift station pump for Walker Park from Metropolitan Industries for an amount not to exceed \$14,295.

Mr. Russian noted that Tony Cavazos provided information in his report regarding the area north of the building and north of the 5-12 playground area where the pump station is located.

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve the replacement lift station pump for Walker Park from Metropolitan Industries for an amount not to exceed \$14,295. Seconded by Mr. Tertell. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6E - Board action on purchase of Fertilizer Spreader/Sprayer from Advanced Turf Solutions for \$18,575

Mr. Russian gave a brief description of the issues related to the fertilizer prices and application process.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of Fertilizer Spreader/Sprayer from Advanced Turf Solutions for \$18,575. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6F - Board action on purchase of additional playground equipment from NuToys for \$18,830

Information was previously emailed to the Board regarding the playground equipment.

MOTION

Ms. Hennessy made a motion to approve the purchase of additional playground equipment from NuToys in the amount of \$18,830. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6G - Board action on Pay Application 3 from George's Landscaping, Inc. for \$17,370 towards Soehrman Park Playground Project

MOTION

Mr. Tertell made a motion to approve Pay Application 3 from George's Landscaping, Inc. for \$17,370 towards Soehrman Park Playground Project. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6H - Board discussion on investment of reserve funds

Mr. Russian reported that rates have increased significantly. The amount of interest income that was budgeted for has been exceeded by a large amount. The district has reserve funds at IPDLAF – Illinois Park District Liquid Asset Funds -totaling roughly \$4.4 million dollars. Mr. Russian wanted to start a discussion to make sure we were utilizing those funds to their potential in order to take advantage of the favorable financial climate. There was further discussion regarding this issue. It was decided to provide more information and address this issue next month.

6I - Introduction of SB3789-Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

Attorney Joseph Cainkar reported that there needs to be a meeting by June 10, 2023, for the Decennial Committee for the Local Government Efficiency Act where different issues will be discussed and reviewed. The committee will review how efficient the district is, policies, statutes, suggest changes, review how issues are handled, and then establish a report and provide that report to Cook County.

The elected park board, along with two residents of the district will be on the committee.

Mr. Davis suggested having a meeting at 5:30 before next month's meeting.

IAPD sent out templates to follow, because the main function of this committee is to generate a report, and the report is good for ten years, and then the committee disbands.

There was a brief discussion and suggestions were made as to who could be included on the committee.

Mr. Tertell offered to be on the committee.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar and Mr. Russian will provide documents to pass out at the next board meeting.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

There was a brief discussion regarding the butterfly garden and the maintenance agreement.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

The golf outing will be on June 16, 2023, at 2:30 for 18-holes which will be held at Carriage Greens.

9. Staff Reports

- a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports.

10. Additional Items – Nothing Heard

11. Board Member Comments

12. Executive Session: Kee Construction vs. Pleasant Dale Park District Case No. 2021L003899
Nothing heard.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular and Executive meeting ended at 6:40 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

