

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 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, & David Gallagher.

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

Also present was newly elected Commissioner: Thomas Raschka

3. Swearing In of Newly Elected Commissioner: Thomas Raschka

Attorney Joseph Cainkar administered the oath of office for Park Commissioner for the Pleasant Dale Park District to Thomas Raschka.

Mr. Davis congratulated Mr. Pat Gierut who was also elected for a 6-year term. Mr. Davis then congratulated and thanked Mr. Brad Tertell for his many years of service.

4. Election of Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer

**NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT:**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut nominated Mr. Todd Davis for President. Mr. Davis accepted the nomination. Nomination seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**NOMINATION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:**

**MOTION**

Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Patrick Gierut for Vice-President. Mr. Gierut accepted the nomination. Nomination seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER:**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher nominated Ms. Hennessy for Secretary/Treasurer. Ms. Hennessy accepted the nomination. Nomination seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

5. 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 April 12, 2023 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for April, 2023 in the amount of \$427,241.30 for accounts payable and \$51,288.96 for employee payroll.

## **MOTION**

Ms. Hennessy made a motion to approve items a - b. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

### **6. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minutes per speaker)**

Mr. Davis noted that a resident had reached out to the board with concerns regarding the new fieldstone work along the bridge at Walker Park. Mr. Russian will discuss with the landscape consultant to see what may be addressed.

### **7. Old Business**

#### **7A - Potential partnership with School District 107 update/Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property**

Mr. Davis reported that he and Mr. Russian attended a meeting with representatives from School District 107, Lyons Township High School, and Willow Springs. The meeting was friendly and LTHS stands by their March 10, 2023 statement that nothing has changed and the property is not on the market.

#### **7B- Walker Park Buildings Project update**

Mr. Russian presented the recent studies performed by Wight & Company. The study included the compiled results from the community input night as well as input from park district staff. The study included various potentials for building layout as well as locations for a potential new building and maintenance garage. Pros and cons were noted for many of the options.

Mr. Gierut inquired as to when the cost starts to be part of the discussion as well as when potential for site tours of other facilities may take place. Mr. Russian will investigate and report back to the Board.

### **8. New Business**

#### **8A - Board Action on Pay Application 2 from Copenhaver Construction for \$174,212.09 towards Walker Park Bridge/Culvert Project**

Mr. Russian noted that Copenhaver had finished all the hardscape and asphalt work. The only real item left to finish was minor landscaping and probably reseeding of the creek beds along the tributary. The path is back open and the fencing is scheduled to come down this week.

Mr. Raschka referenced the email regarding the stonework that was noted earlier in the meeting and inquired about what may be done to address the concern. Mr. Davis answered that our landscape consultant should look at it and provide some thoughts, perhaps some grinding of edges.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve Pay Application 2 from Copenhaver Construction for \$174,212.09 towards the Walker Park Bridge/Culvert Project. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**8B - Board action on Flagg Creek Golf Course purchase of beverage cart for \$22,087**

Mr. Davis noted that a 1-year lead time for a new cart was amazing but that it's totally necessary and will make money and liked that the existing beverage cart will be repurposed. Mr. Gierut inquired about the potential to do anything with the beverage portion insert of the cart that could be used to serve beverages in another fashion. Mr. Raschka asked about potential use for that beverage insert at Walker Park and Mr. Russian replied that had been tried in the past but due to low demand was consistently non-profitable. Mr. Gallagher mentioned that he and Mike Natale have discussed the possibility of adding some type of beverage distribution out of the gazebo that sits in between holes 4-5. Lastly, Mr. Gierut noted that his recollection was that the current heavy duty beverage cart was purchased because employees were hard on the prior beverage cart, and it was getting abused at the time. He would like to ensure that employees that will be utilizing the new cart will be trained properly so that a beverage cart doesn't need to be purchased every few years. The last beverage cart purchase was approved in September of 2020.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the purchase of a new beverage cart for \$22,087. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**8C - Board action on Flagg Creek Golf Course purchase of 6 golf carts for \$53,850**

It was noted that this purchase included the trade-in of older, obsolete carts.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 new golf carts for \$53,850. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**8D - Board action on Flagg Creek Golf Course purchase of Jacobsen Greens Mower for \$42,775**

Mr. Raschka questioned if this was also a trade-in but nothing in the memo from Countryside noted a trade-in as being part of the proposal.

Mr. Tertell noted that during the last few rounds he has played, he has experienced slow pace of play. Mr. Gallagher replied that he had the exact opposite experience and that maybe time of day plays into potential slowdowns.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the purchase of a Jacobsen Greens Mower for \$42,775. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**8E - Board discussion on potential change to park policy manual**

Mr. Davis stated this was in regard to the request received last month about dogs being allowed in the park. He thinks that having a real discussion is important as there are many pros and cons to making a large policy change. Concerns of liability as well as feces are valid issues. Mr. Gierut noted that no one was in attendance at this meeting to voice their concern and there doesn't appear to be a large public outcry. Mr. Davis agreed and emphasized that the board shouldn't overreact and make a rash decision. Mr. Gallagher added that there are a

number of open spaces where people can take their dogs. Ms. Hennessy mentioned that there is a dog park in Willow Springs that is very close and available. The discussion was tabled for the time being.

**8F - Board action on Resolution 2023-1: Forming a committee on local government efficiency**

Mr. Davis mentioned that the committee met prior to the board meeting and thanked Brad Tertell and Brian Hennessy for their willingness to serve on the committee.

**MOTION**

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-1: Forming a committee on local government efficiency. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**9. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

Mr. Davis requested that Patrick Jeter attend next month's meeting to provide the board with an overall review of golf course operations.

**10. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report**

Mr. CJ Johnson reported that the March Madness event raised \$800. Dr. Sonny Martusciello has joined the Foundation Board. Mr. Johnson asked the park district board for assistance to secure foursomes and sponsorships to assist with the upcoming golf outing.

Mr. Davis noted that the Village of Burr Ridge has pledged a donation of \$1500 to the event which is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Johnson discussed the need for the board to provide direction for future fundraising efforts. Any effort will have a better chance for success if tangible items/plans can be identified.

Lastly, Mr. Johnson added that the foundation will be sponsoring the jelly-ball blaster attraction at this year's July 3 fireworks. Mr. Davis inquired as to current foundation assets and Mr. Johnson replied roughly \$47,000.

**11. Staff Reports**

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports. Mr. Gierut congratulated Mr. Russian on the acquiring of his Certified Parks and Recreation Executive (CPRE) certification. Mr. Gallagher thanked Tyler LeGrand for his assistance during the transition time between athletic supervisors.

**12. Additional Items**

Mr. Russian announced that the Walker Park 2-5 playground project bid will be publicized and officially out for bid starting May 11 and bids will be due on June 5 with anticipated construction start around the end of July or early August.

**13. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard**

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

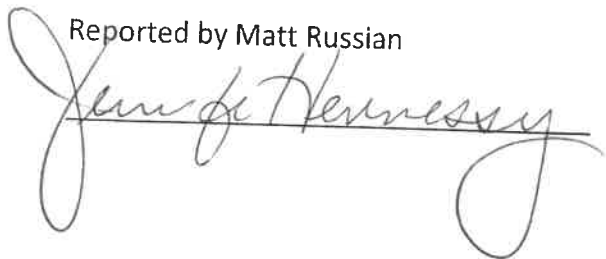
**15. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

(Whereupon the Regular and Executive meeting ended at 6:41 pm)

Reported by Matt Russian

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jennifer Hennessy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Reported by Matt Russian".