

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, August 9, 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, Patrick Gierut, David Gallagher, Jennifer Hennessy, and Thomas Raschka

Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar

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 July 12, 2023 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for July, 2023 in the amount of \$354,006.29 for accounts payable and \$82,564.36 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Davis made a correction to the July 12, 2023 meeting minutes to reflect that the alarm for the storm went off at 6:13, not 6:30, and the meeting resumed at 6:41.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve items a & b with the correction noted. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

4. Open Forum (Limited to 15 minutes, 5 minutes per speaker)

5. Old Business

**5A - Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property**

Mr. Davis reported that a meeting was held at LT on Monday night. There was an update indicating a more collaborative approach in dealing with this issue.

**5B - Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project Update**

Mr. Russian reported that Innovation has been great. They seem to be on schedule, and they anticipate being done by Labor Day weekend. Concrete footings were poured today. Almost all equipment is in.

6. New Business

**6A - Board Action on Ordinance 2023-3: Authorizing the Donation of Surplus Personal Property to St. Cletus Parish School**

Mr. Russian reported that Innovation worked out the details with St. Cletus. There was no additional cost incurred by the Park District.

**MOTION**

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-3: Authorizing the Donation of Surplus Personal Property to St. Cletus Parish School. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6B -** Board action on Pay Application 6 from George's Landscaping Inc. for \$196,685.50 towards Soehrman Park Playground Project

Mr. Russian reported that there was a punch list walk through yesterday, and Steve and PRI are preparing a list to provide George's Landscaping with minor repairs to be done. Replacement parts were delivered today to fix some of the damage. The repairs will be done later this Fall.

**MOTION**

Ms. Hennessy made a motion to approve Pay Application 6 from George's Landscaping, Inc. for \$196,685.50 towards Soehrman Park Playground Project. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6C -** Board Action on Pay Application 1 from Innovation Landscape Inc. for \$69,628.90 towards Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 1 from Innovation Landscape, Inc. for \$69,628.90 towards Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy

**6D -** Board action on alcohol permit request by Compass Management for Walker Park tournament rental

Mr. Russian reported this is an annual request for the adult soccer tournament. There was a question regarding donations. Mr. Russian stated in the past the Board has requested a donation, and it will be addressed in the correspondence to them.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the alcohol permit request by Compass Management for Walker Park tournament rental. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

There was a brief discussion regarding programs for children on the course and the services provided on the back practice area of the course for them.

**8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report**

Mr. C. J. Johnson appeared and reported that \$8,300 was collected from the total amount of golfers.

\$7,945 was collected in sponsorships, \$1,800 was collected from raffles and split-the-pot.

The total was approximately \$18,000, with costs of approximately \$6,262, and we netted approximately \$11,738.

We are working an event for Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. There was a brief discussion regarding plans for upcoming events and future plans for utilizing the band shell.

**9. Staff Reports**

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff and commended Mr. Russian and the staff for their response during the storm in August.

There was a brief discussion about work being done at Santa Fe Park, and some of the damages which were caused by the storm and what is being done to address them. Countryside and IDOT were contacted for help with some of these issues.

**10. Additional Items**

**11. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Davis addressed the issue regarding dogs in the park. Service animals are 100 percent allowed in the park.

Mr. Raschka questioned the email from IDOT regarding higher estimates.

Mr. Russian indicated that the original agreement was that the village was going to take care of permitting and engineering, the school and park district was going to split the installation costs. The goal was to try to split the costs into thirds, but it didn't end up being those initial amounts.

Mr. Russian will send an email addressing this issue.

**12. Executive Session: Kee Construction vs. Pleasant Dale Park District Case No. 2021L003899**

Attorney Joseph Cankar indicated that there is status in two weeks.

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

(Whereupon the Regular meeting ended at 6:20 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Hennessy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Reported by Carmella Traverso".