

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 August 9, 2023 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for August, 2023 in the amount of \$251,876.05 for accounts payable and \$76,335.10 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve items a & b. 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 mentioned that Willow Springs has been an outstanding partner on this whole property issue.

5B - Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project Update

Mr. Russian reported that surfacing should be finished tomorrow. The playground portion is almost complete. Drop testing needs to be done, and the landscaping is almost complete.

6. New Business

6A - Bond Issue Notification Act – Public hearing on the proposal to sell non-referendum bonds in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 for the purpose of payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing facilities of the District; and for the repayment of principal and interest on the outstanding Series 2014A General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)

Attorney Joseph Cainkar opened the public hearing. Notice of the public hearing has been published in the paper as provided by law. This is a public hearing on the proposal to sell your Limited Bonds that we do every year, rollover for part of them is for capital improvements, and the other part is for the repayment of the 2014A Alternate Revenue Source Bonds.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar asked if there are there were questions from the public or from the Board.

There were no questions from the public and no questions from the Board.

Since there were no questions from the public or the Board, the public hearing was closed.

Next meeting we will have the Ordinance.

**6B - Board Action on Pay Application 2 from Innovation Landscape Inc. for \$75,747.92 towards Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve Pay Application 2 from Innovation Landscape Inc. for \$75,747.92 towards Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6C - Board Discussion on Potential Update to Purchasing Policy**

Mr. Davis requested that this be put on the agenda after discussions with Mr. Russian and Attorney Joseph Cainkar. There was a brief discussion regarding present policies for contractors and training for large projects, and including previous work performance.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated you need to be cognizant of who is bidding on your projects and the size of the contractor. The policy itself should be implemented on larger projects and not the \$50,000 projects.

Projects under a certain amount do not need to go out for bidding. With certain jobs you don't have to be union to do it, you just need to have this extra training. Most of the time it's going to be union.

Mr. Gallagher mentioned in his experience when picking a contractor, they are selected by determining who has the most experience, training, and knowledge in that field for that particular project.

Mr. Russian mentioned in previous years the bidding threshold was \$20,000, and now it is \$30,000. We are doing prevailing wage on anything no matter what.

There will be further discussion at the next meeting. Attorney Joseph Cainkar will research this further.

**7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

The golf course has been very busy.

Mr. Russian stated everyone should have received an email regarding a ride-along next Tuesday, September 19, 2023. It's the annual meeting with golf course board, City council, and park district board. They do a quick ride-along showing the different projects which have been done or are anticipated.

**8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report – Nothing Heard**

**9. Staff Reports**

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the Staff. There were very favorable surveys and feedback.

Mr. Davis complimented the variety of the adult programming offered.

**10. Additional Items**

Mr. Russian received an email from Dave Shutter regarding the golf course asking if we could get an LED proposal to our Board. As the park district agenda was already published, it couldn't officially be placed on the agenda but Mr. Russian was sharing for information purposes. They are planning on switching to LEDs on the driving

range. The improvement cost is just over \$35,000, with a \$30,000 credit. Out of pocket is going to be \$5,000. Mr. Davis thanked Matt for bringing this information to the Board's attention.

**11. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Raschka brought up information regarding the Santa Fe playground. Mr. Russian indicated he has received the same email 5 or 6 times. We don't have anything budgeted for this fiscal year. The parcel is only .44 acres. It would be beneficial to engage those people in the neighborhood to get their input on potential improvements. Steve and Darrel from PRI will inspect the site and provide a proposal for landscape architecture services.

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

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Pending Litigation and review of previous Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. 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 6:26 pm)

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

(Whereupon the Regular meeting and Executive Session ended at 6:30 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Hennessy", written over a horizontal line.