

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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, and Thomas Raschka. Absent: Ms. Jennifer Hennessy

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 September 13, 2023 meeting

b. Minutes of the September 13, 2023 Executive Session

c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for September, 2023 in the amount of \$176,050.14 for accounts payable and \$60,801.98 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve items a - c. 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 – Nothing heard

5B - Buildings Project Discussion

There was a discussion between the Board members regarding the current environment, cash reserves, smaller projects and improvements needed for the park district, and a possible referendum by the school district. The maintenance barn, Santa Fe Park, and maintenance on the main building were discussed.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Ordinance 2023-4: Amending Article III. Operational Policies, Section B, Purchasing and Bids, and Section C, Assorted Policies, of the Pleasant Dale Park District Policy Manual

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated that this ordinance (11T and 11U) was directed to Mr. Russian to address changes of the policy manual. Purchasing and bidding requirements have changed because the statute changed. There was discussion regarding the amount and what would be included in the bidding process and packet.

It was decided that the amount should be \$300,000.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-4: Amending Article III. Operational Policies, Section B, Purchasing and Bids, and Section C, Assorted Policies, of the Pleasant Dale Park District Policy Manual. It was decided that the bidding amount would be \$300,000. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board Action on Ordinance 2023-5: Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$800,000 general obligation limited tax bonds, Series 2023, of the Pleasant Dale Park District, Cook County, Illinois and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated that this is the annual rollover bond, \$800,000 limited tax bond for refunding and capital projects. A public hearing was had last month, and the appropriate amount of time has passed.

Mr. Russian indicated that he spoke to Tom Reedy regarding the \$800,000 amount. One payment will be made December of 2023, and another payment will be made June of 2024. Those payments plus fees will amount to approximately \$500,000. That would leave the Park District with \$300,000 for capital improvements.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Board Action on Ordinance 2023-5: Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$800,000 general obligation limited tax bonds, Series 2023, of the Pleasant Dale Park District, Cook County, Illinois and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Seconded by Mr. Rashka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Action on IAPD Credentials Certificate for annual meeting on January 27, 2024

Mr. Russian indicated that this is an annual meeting to list himself and other staff members to be the voting person at the annual meeting at the conference that is being held January 27, 2024.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Board Action on IAPD Credentials Certificate for annual meeting on January 27, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Davis stated that the golf course is in great shape.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report – Nothing Heard

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board was very complimentary about staff reports. Comments regarding the Octoberfest were positive.

10. Additional Items

Mr. Russian discussed the crossing signal and stated that he spoke to David Preissig, Village Engineer for Burr Ridge. They are awaiting a date for work to begin. IDOT has awarded the contract to Meade, Inc. The contractor is procuring materials, many of which have a four-week lead time. Other work cannot be scheduled until IDOT completes the contract processing.

11. Board Member Comments

Mr. Raschka inquired about the maintenance companies hired to perform work at the lake at Lake Carriage Way Park. Mr. Russian replied that the correct payments were made to the former company (Solitude) and we will be moving forward with Black Lagoon. He also inquired about remaining work from Copenhaver for the culvert/bridge project at Walker Park. Mr. Russian responded that a few final punch list items have been identified and we will hold onto retainage funds until permits are signed off on by the various permitting agencies. Mr. Gierut inquired about the property line on the north portion of Lake Carriage Way Park, specifically the path that heads north. Mr. Russian informed him that once the path heads to the north, that is property of the local HOA.

A gentleman appeared questioning if dogs were allowed in the park and if they were there for training purposes. Mr. Russian explained that dogs are not allowed in the park but for the most part when people break the rules and bring their dogs to the park, they are on leash. If they are not on leash, it's possible they might be part of the geese police, a service we pay for to keep geese out of our parks and could be done at various times of the day.

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

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:46 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:56 pm)

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular meeting and Executive Session ended at 7:00 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

