

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 October 18, 2023 meeting

b. Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Executive Session

c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for November, 2023 in the amount of \$109,258.37 for accounts payable and \$88,918.72 for employee payroll.

MOTION

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

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

Mr. Jerry Barrido appeared before the Board and thanked them for their service to the community. He expressed his concern regarding dogs not being allowed in the Pleasant Dale Park District, and asked if the Board had any suggestions regarding petitions to allow dogs in park areas.

Mr. Davis indicated there were some issues in the past regarding dogs being off leash and other concerns. He noted that service dogs are welcome in the park.

Mr. Gierut pointed out issues regarding extra costs of putting in signage, bag holders, and clean up that would be required.

Mr. Russian offered to have Mr. Barrido contact him to discuss this issue further.

5. Old Business

5A - Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property – Nothing Heard

5B - Buildings Project Discussion

Mr. Russian was given direction to move forward and provide information regarding a new maintenance building. Mr. Russian and Tony Cavazos met with Wight & Company yesterday in a zoom meeting and reviewed drawings and some costs. In March of 2023, the cost estimate of the maintenance facility was roughly \$2.9 million dollars. With his background, Tony Cavazos is very knowledgeable with regard to materials that may be needed. He provided some information to Wight & Company, and they can incorporate into their proposal. We might have a proposal for them either in December of this year or January of 2024. Mr. Russian spoke with Tom Reedy regarding bonds. It's important that we don't deplete our savings if the plan is to pay for the new maintenance building with reserve funds. There was a brief discussion regarding grants, heating, and energy savings.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Ordinance 2023-6: Amending Article II, Park Usage Rules and Regulations, Section C, Miscellaneous, Subsection 3, Parking, of the Pleasant Dale Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated this is putting in the policy that there is no overnight parking of commercial vehicles.

There was a brief discussion regarding lighting in the area.

MOTION

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-6: Amending Article II, Park Usage Rules and Regulations, Section C, Miscellaneous, Subsection 3, Parking, of the Pleasant Dale Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside Regarding the Enforcement of Park Usage Rules and Regulations of Park District Property.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Board Action on Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside Regarding the Enforcement of Park Usage Rules and Regulations of Park District Property. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Action on Proposal from Wight & Company for Design and Engineering Services for Santa Fe Park in the amount of \$19,000

Mr. Russian will reach out to people who have emailed him from that neighborhood, have a meet and greet and get some feedback from them. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Gierut indicated they would be interested in sitting on a committee regarding Santa Fe Park.

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve Proposal from Wight & Company for Design and Engineering Services for Santa Fe Park in the amount of \$19,000. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6D - July 3 Fireworks Recap with ARC Pyrotechnics

Mr. Rob Novak appeared and discussed the soundtrack system, songs played, length of show, and any increase in prices.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Russian stated he received an email from Dave Schutter that he was providing the distribution check from golf course profits.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report – Nothing heard

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports

10. Additional Items

Attorney Joseph Cainkar sent an email to Mr. Russian with two examples of the Levy. He suggested that the Board review it and discuss it so it can be approved next month.

11. Board Member Comments

Mr. Raschka indicated that some of the services and classes provided by the park district do not come up on google search. Mr. Russian will address this with the person who handles the website.

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

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated that a settlement conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

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

Reported by Carmella Traverso

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