

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 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, Jennifer Hennessy, and Thomas Raschka. David Gallagher participated by phone conference for a brief portion of the meeting. Subsequently, he appeared in person.

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 November 8, 2023 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for December, 2023 in the amount of \$359,082.44 for accounts payable and \$57,716.03 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve items a & b. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. 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 attended a meeting with the Village of Willow Springs where Willow Springs property consultants appeared concerning zoning, and the proper zoning is correct.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Proposal from Wight & Company for Design and Engineering Services for New Walker Park Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$210,000

After a brief discussion the Board decided to postpone voting until they can get more information regarding the use of reserved dollars for the Walker Park Maintenance Facility.

6B - Board Action on Pay Application 3 from Copenhaver Construction for work on Walker Park Bridge/Culvert Project in the amount of \$104,862.71

Mr. Russian explained that this is work that was done by Copenhaver Construction. This work was checked by ERA, Engineer Resource Associates, the company that was hired to oversee the project. There is a small retainer left to get us through until Spring when final permit approval is received.

MOTION

Ms. Henessy made a motion to approve Pay Application 3 from Copenhaver Construction for work on Walker Park Bridge/Culvert Project in the amount of \$104,862.71. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Action on Pay Application 3 from Innovation Landscape for work on Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project in the amount of \$108,281.35

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve Pay Application 3 from Innovation Landscape for work on Walker Park 2-5 Playground Project in the amount of \$108,281.35. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(At which time Mr. Gallagher appeared in person after participating by phone conference)

6D - Board Action on Purchase of F350 Truck through Suburban Purchasing Cooperative in the amount not to exceed \$56,000

Mr. Russian gave a brief explanation of the different vehicles that the Park District presently has and the amount that was previously budgeted for this item.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to accept the Purchase of F350 Truck through Suburban Purchase Cooperative in the amount not to exceed \$56,000. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6E - Board Discussion on Flagg Creek Advisory Committee Members for 2024

There are 3 seats available for next year on the Flagg Creek Advisory Committee. There was a brief discussion regarding three candidates.

Mr. Russian will include the three individual candidates to officially nominate them at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

6F - Board Action on Ordinance 2023-7: Providing for the Levying, Assessment, and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, for the Pleasant Dale Park District

There was a lengthy discussion regarding taxes and approval of different percentages between Board Members as it relates to Ordinance 2023-7.

MOTION

Mr. Raska made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-7: Providing for the Levying, Assessment, and Collection of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, for the Pleasant Dale Park District at 5 Percent. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy.

- Roll Call: Mr. Davis - Nay
- Ms. Hennessy - Aye
- Mr. Raschka - Aye
- Mr. Gierut - Aye
- Mr. Gallagher - Nay

Mr. Davis stated that the count is 3 to 2. Ayes have the Vote at 5 Percent. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Gallagher mentioned that the grounds look great, Breakfast with Santa had a good turnout, and people are continuing to play.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

Mr. C. J. Johnson appeared and reported that there will be a fundraiser in January, they are continuing to sell banners, are sponsoring various activities, and are looking for any suggestions by the Board for fundraising.

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports.

10. Additional Items

Mr. Russian reported he and Tony Cavazos attended the Wolf Road/Indian Head Park project update on Wolf Road. They presented some of the previous results, and there will be another group meeting in 2024.

11. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard

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

Review of Previous Executive Session Minutes, and Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body

(At which time Mr. Todd Davis left the meeting, and Mr. Patrick Gierut took over the meeting)

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Pending Litigation, Review of Previous Executive Session Minutes, and Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:25 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:35 pm)

13. Release of Executive Session Minutes, as appropriate-Nothing Heard

14. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular and Executive Session meeting ended at 6:40 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

