

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024 – 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, David Gallagher and Thomas Raschka.

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 December 13, 2023 meeting

b. Minutes of the December 13, 2023 Executive Session

c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for January, 2024 in the amount of \$116,008.54 for accounts payable and \$58,521.91 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 - Board Action on Proposal from Wight & Company for Design and Engineering Services for New Walker Park Maintenance Facility in the amount of \$210,000

Mr. Davis suggested that it would still be beneficial to postpone any action on this item until a solid financing plan is in place. Board members concurred.

5C - Appointment of Flagg Creek Advisory Committee Members for 2024

As noted last month, Michael Natale, Frank Urban, and Brian Remedi were suggested to serve as representatives of the park district on this committee. Mr. Natale and Mr. Urban have both previously served on the committee and Mr. Davis noted Mr. Remedi's background in sport management and that he would be a great fit.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to nominate Michael Natale, Frank Urban, and Brian Remedi to serve as park district representatives on the Flagg Creek Advisory Committee for 2024. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6. New Business

6A - Maintenance building finance presentation-Tom Reedy, Stifel

Mr. Reedy appeared to present the board with an overview of financial information pertaining to the district, including existing district debt and potential funding scenarios for a new maintenance building. His presentation incorporated the two possibilities for the district to finance portions of the proposed project, Alternate Revenue Bonds and Limited Bonds. Potential dollar amounts, timelines, fluctuating EAV, and interest rates were discussed as well as pros and cons of the various scenarios. It was noted that due to the existing condition of the maintenance building, this project is more of a need than a want. Minor discussion ensued with no official action taken. The Board would like to see if the Wight & Co. estimate (roughly \$3M) could get lowered. Consensus appeared to be that this project should move forward with a 50/50 cost-sharing between existing reserves and issuing some additional debt.

6B - Board Action on Employment Contract with Executive Director

Mr. Davis and the Board complimented Mr. Russian on his work as Executive Director.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the contract with Matt Russian as Executive Director. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Nothing Heard

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

No report but Mr. Russian reminded everyone about the event at Johnny Cabs for Sunday, January 14.

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports. Mr. Gallagher noted that 1st/2nd grade boys basketball numbers seemed to be high and that the 1st/2nd grade girls seemed to be lower. Mr. Russian replied that Western Springs has started a basketball league and the district has historically had a large contingent of players from Western Springs.

Mr. Davis commented that he appreciated how the staff interaction went with the unruly 1st/2nd grade coach and that type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Mr. Geirut inquired about space limitation, in relation to birthday parties, and if we turn people away. Mr. Russian replied that we're not necessarily turning parties away but, yes, there are often times when we have space issues and having additional space would better allow us to service more parties and additional programming.

10. Additional Items – Nothing Heard

11. Board Member Comments – Mr. Gallagher noted that the Christmas decorations in and around the building looked very nice.

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

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:59 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 7:06 pm)

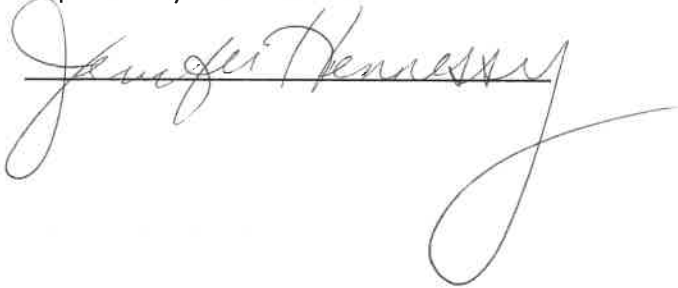
13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the regular meeting ended at 7:06 pm)

Reported by Matt Russian

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jennifer Hennessy", written over a horizontal line. The signature is positioned below the text "Reported by Matt Russian".