

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, Jennifer Hennessy, David Gallagher, and Thomas Raschka. Absent: Patrick Gierut.

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 July 10, 2024 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for August, 2024 in the amount of \$268,582.21 for accounts payable and \$92,886.69 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher 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)- Nothing Heard

5. Old Business

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

5B - Update on new maintenance building progress

Mr. Russian provided an update on the plans for the new maintenance building. The team from Wight & Co. continues to develop the overall plans. The initial permit application and drawings were submitted to the Village of Burr Ridge. The meeting for initial review is scheduled to take place at the Village's September meeting (September 16). One specific item that Wight is working on is storm water management. They are looking at a number of options in order to deal with storm water. Two potential options include utilizing the already-formed detention area along Wolf Road with some new modifications. Mr. Russian noted his desire to make sure any decision made now does not handcuff potential future projects. Mr. Davis mentioned his appreciation for Willow Springs as it appears the sanitary connection will be able to be made to the south.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Pay Application 2 from George's Landscaping, Inc. for Santa Fe Playground work in the amount of \$42,406.20

Mr. Russian reported that there was a small issue with the drainage which was resolved. A Burke representative came to the property Monday to inspect the Santa Fe playground installation. Tuesday morning, a letter was provided that indicated everything passed inspection. The District met with Wight representatives to do a walk through and create a punch list. A couple of minor items were noted but it is unclear if any of them require the

construction fence to stay up. There are some grading issues which may/may not need the construction fence to stay up.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 2 from George’s Landscaping, Inc. for Santa Fe Playground work in the amount of \$42,406.20. Seconded by Mr. Raschka . All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board action on Ordinance 2024-3: Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying for construction of park improvements

Attorney Joseph Cainkar explained that this is for the new maintenance building. These are the revenue sourced bonds. The park district will publish the intentions in the local newspaper. Once 30 days have passed, the district will pass another ordinance issuing the bonds. Mr. Russian mentioned that Mr. Gierut contacted him and questioned whether this is separate from the normal annual general obligation rollover bonds. This is in addition to it. Mr. Davis stated that there’s no additional tax. It just extends the existing tax bill.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-3: Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds not to exceed \$200,000,000 for the purpose of paying for construction of park improvements. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board discussion on park vandalism

Mr. Russian reported that there was damage at White Buffalo from fireworks on the 4th of July. There were fireworks put into the trash cans, recycling units, and field bins. The school district had video that the police were able to view. The police have identified boys seen in the video. Mr. Russian reached out to the police officer who responded to the call but has not heard back from him yet. At the police department’s suggestion, Mr. Russian did submit a FOIA request for the police report and any other associated information. The police report was received this afternoon along with some videos showing the police visiting the homes and talking with parents and some children.

There was roughly \$4,500 worth of damage. An initial PDRMA report has been filed. The police officer issued citations to the families with which he spoke.

There was also a discussion on how to approach and handle the parties responsible for the damage and the amount involved so the Park District may avoid filing a claim with the insurance.

Mr. Russian mentioned that he spoke with a gentleman from Flock Safety about the potential for installing cameras in certain areas of our parks. The amount and types of cameras were discussed briefly. Mr. Russian mentioned he would like to consult with an expert who could come out and provide guidance as to where the cameras would need to be located, how many might be needed, and what types of cameras, either hard-wired or solar powered.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report – Mr. Davis mentioned that they are always busy, and that the price increase hasn’t really affected the attendance.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks District Foundation Report - Nothing Heard

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

There was a discussion regarding window repairs or replacements at the Vial House. Mr. Russian suggested having one of the board members be part of the discussions with the Vial House volunteers. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Davis volunteered to have discussions with them.

10. Additional Item –

Mr. Russian passed handouts to the board and reported that IAPD provided information regarding electric scooters. There is a new law in effect that riders need to be 16 and have an ID to be on the electric scooters. The district put up signs regarding no electric scooters and a reminder of no pets in the park. Attorney Joseph Cainkar has been given a copy and will investigate this further.

Mr. Russian mentioned he received an email complimenting the park district about Soehrman Park from a local organization who works with participants that have special needs. They stated that this park is fully accessible and they loved it. Pictures were provided also.

11. Board Member Comments –

Mr. Raschka mentioned he knew of a person to help with the accounting.

Mr. Russian reported he has been dealing with temp agencies. It's very limited work. Many of the people applying want to do the work remotely, but we need to have someone on the premises to provide payroll every other week and AP once a week. Fees will have to be discussed, but we definitely need a person to be available in-house.

12. Executive Session: As Needed

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at 6:35 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

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