

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024– 6:00 PM

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 Elizabeth Blood.
3. Moment of Silence to honor the victims of September 11, 2001
4. 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 August 14, 2024 meeting
 - b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for September 2024 in the amount of \$219,405.63 for accounts payable and \$91,211.78 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve items a & b. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

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

Amy Brown and Lisa Stawczyk spoke to the Board about their sons in regard to the vandalism that took place at White Buffalo Park on July 4, 2024. They requested the option of paying for their share of the damages but that not all of the families named are willing to pay. The Board appreciated their position as parents, thanked them for coming to speak, and requested they be patient as an updated letter is expected to be mailed out in the near future.

6. Old Business

6A - Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property

Mr. Davis reported that he had been contacted by the President of the LTHS Board, Jill Grech, and that she requested a meeting, along with the Vice President of LT Board, Brian Waterman, and their lawyer to have a conversation about their property. LTHS has been discussing the potential for utilization of the property in their open meetings along with a goal to restore community trust. They are currently looking at possible meeting dates towards the end of the month.

6B - Update on new maintenance building progress

Mr. Russian distributed an updated design of a conceptual possibility regarding the issue of storm water detention for the new maintenance building. There was a brief discussion regarding where the detention area could be and how that may impact other park usages. This concept also allowed for expansion of the south parking lot. There is no dollar amount attached to this concept at the present time, but Wight is supposed to prepare an updated cost estimate within the next week. Mr. Russian's goal is to ensure we do not handcuff us for any future improvements.

7. New Business

7A - Board Action on Pay Application 3 from George's Landscaping, Inc. for Santa Fe Playground work in the amount of \$66,387.87

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 \$66,387.87 Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7B - Bond Issue Notification Act-Public hearing on the proposal to sell non-referendum bonds in the amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs to demolish an existing residence and to construct and equip a maintenance building at 7601 S. Wolf Road, Burr Ridge, and other services necessary, useful, or advisable to such program and, incidental thereto, paying bond discount, interest, reserve, legal, other financing, and related administrative fees.

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There were no persons present, and no public comments were made. The Board had no comments. The public hearing was then closed.

7C - Bond Issue Notification Act-Public hearing on the proposal to sell non-referendum bonds in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 for the purpose of payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing facilities of the District; and for the repayment of principal and interest on the outstanding Series 2014A General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)

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8. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Jeter reported that in August they had 7,600 rounds. There is a \$200,000 project that probably will start after the next meeting in October, if it is approved. Mr. Russian stated Dave Schutter called today reporting they had bid results for the cart path and parking lot work. The bids were done September 3, 2024, but we cannot take formal action tonight. Mr. Russian indicated to Dave S that he will share this information with the Board tonight since the project is time sensitive. The Board will be able to take formal action next month. There was a

brief discussion regarding the company that would be doing the work, possibly skipping the parking lot at the present time and concentrate on the cart path. Mr. Jeter reported that the next project will be the starter shed for approximately \$15,000. They may not be able to get electrical for it this year. The quote was for approximately \$15,000 for electric. Solar panels were discussed but may not be an option. The new electric golf carts were received last week. The annual ride-around meeting will be held next Tuesday, September 17. Mr. Russian forwarded the email that was received prior to the meeting to the Board regarding the Flagg Creek annual ride around on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00.

9. Pleasant Dale Parks District Foundation Report

Mr. C. J. Johnson reported that they are busy working with Laurie and trying to attend park district events, including the concert in the park, the recent chamber of commerce event, and the upcoming Fall Festival. They want to be able to continue financially supporting those types of events. The last fundraising event for the year will be this upcoming Sunday at Coach's Corner for a Bears watch party. The last quarter of the year will entail a real push towards fundraising, including the banner program.

10. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

Mr. Russian stated that he was forwarded an estimate on windows for the Vial house, and that information will be forthcoming.

11. Additional Item – Nothing heard

12. Board Member Comments – Nothing heard

13. Executive Session: As Needed

14. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at 6:27 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

