

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 – 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Todd Davis, Patrick Gierut, Jennifer Hennessy, and Thomas Raschka. Absent: David Gallagher.

Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian & Attorney Joseph Cainkar.

Mr. Davis asked to have a Moment of Silence out of respect for Mr. Ernie Moon, who served on the Board as a former Park District Commissioner.

3. Consent Agenda items a, b, & c Monthly Business (**Items a, b, & 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 11, 2024 meeting
- b. Minutes of the December 11, 2024 Executive Session
- c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for December, 2024, in the amount of \$125,882.60 for accounts payable and \$62,148.58 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve items a, b, & c. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. 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

There was a brief discussion regarding Celtics Soccer reaching out to the Park District concerning the park district's acreage in that area.

5B - Update on New Maintenance Building Progress

Mr. Russian reported that since the last meeting and because of the holidays, not too much has transpired. The bid opening was held earlier in the day on December 11, 2024. There is now a breakdown of different bids that have been opened. The number is approximately \$464,000 under the estimated budget. The original amount estimated project total was \$3.84 million. The initial plans included necessary structural support for the future addition of solar panels. With the initial savings, Mr. Russian has asked Wight and Co. to provide numbers to install solar panels as part of the current project.

There was a meeting with the County on a separate issue, but it may get intertwined. If there is a bad rain, the sidewalk adjacent to the detention area which used to be the soccer field, sometimes pools with water and in the winter freezes over. Tony Cavazos is working with the Village regarding any solutions to this problem. It's kind of a steep pitch off the road. The road is County property, and the village property is on the right-of-way, and then there's the sidewalk that goes into our property. We would like to work together. The County indicated

the Village needs to do something. There was a water main break North of the fire hydrant there, and they did a quick repair.

The village is going to seek an emergency permit to make that repair, because there's not even a ditch to catch the water. Hopefully, we can all work together to resolve this issue.

Mr. Russian does not want to put our detention area in a position where it's taking all the drainage from the road into our property. The County is viewing this as two separate issues. If we need to do something on our property, now would be the time to do it.

6. New Business

6A - Board Discussion on Flagg Creek Advisory Committee Members for 2025

Mr. Davis pointed out that we had three members for 2024, and now we have only two who are needed for 2025.

Michael Natale has been on the Board for many years. He's a phenomenal golfer. So my suggestion is to reappoint Michael Natale.

There are two people, Brian Remedi and Frank Urban. Both have served the board very admirably.

I suggest we do a coin toss between Brian Remedi and Frank Urban. The Board agreed with Mr. Davis, and a coin toss was made for the one member to be appointed.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar explained that he has each name written, one for heads and one for tails.

Mr. Patrick Jeter stepped forward and did a coin toss which landed on heads.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar announced it was Frank Urban.

MOTION

Mr. Gierut made a motion to appoint Michael Natele and Frank Urban as the two representatives to be on the Flagg Creek Advisory Board for 2025. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board Approval on Asbestos Removal proposal for 7601 Wolf Road Property from M & O Environmental Services in the amount of \$12,300

Mr. Russian explained there's some window calk along with some tiles that need to be removed. We were connected with M & O Environmental Services through Wight, and they did the initial inspection and put a report together. They are ready to get started on April 1, 2025. They are not going to board up the windows upon completion. It may take them a day or two, and Wight said they will be working right behind them. So, there is no need to board up any windows.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Asbestos Removal proposal for 7601 Wolf Road Property from M & O Environmental Services in the amount of \$12,300. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Approval on Dredging Project proposal for Flagg Creek Golf Course from Organic Sediment Removal Systems in the amount of \$14,995

Mr. Patrick Jeter mentioned that this was one of the quotes. They will clear it out, and we are looking to do that as soon as the water gets over 50 degrees.

MOTION

Ms. Hennessy made a motion to approve the Dredging Project proposal for Flagg Creek Golf Course from Organic Sediment Removal Systems in the amount of \$14,995. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Patrick Jeter explained that play has slowed down due to the weather. There was a brief discussion regarding closing the course down during winter months to protect it from damage. There’s quite a bit of frost damage on some of the greens where people go out before the frost clears. Certain areas have a lot of shade and it doesn’t clear up the frost for several hours. That’s something we will consider for next season. We may consider closing December, January, and February. If it goes over 40 degrees, we may be open. The bar and carpeting should be done sometime in March. If it’s closed during the winter months, we should definitely look into adding on to the range.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks District Foundation Report

Mr. Russian mentioned that the Pleasant Dale Park District Foundation was scheduled to meet after the Park District’s meeting tonight. We are going to meet with them later this month to discuss special events for the next year and talk about some sponsorship dollars.

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports. There was a brief discussion regarding purchase of a bus for field trips.

10. Additional Item – Nothing Heard

11. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard

Mr. Gierut complimented the hard work and dedication that Mr. Ernie Moon showed during the time he was on the Board for the Pleasant Dale Park District.

12. Executive Session: As Needed

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at 6:16 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

