

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Patrick Gierut, David Gallagher, and Thomas Rashka. Absent: Todd Davis, Jennifer Hennessy
Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian and 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 12, 2025 meeting
 - b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for November, 2025, in the amount of \$855,808.02 for accounts payable and \$69,652.24 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve items a & b. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. 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 to report

5B - Update on New Maintenance Building Progress

Mr. Russian stated that the project is basically done with the exception of some minor items. Electricians are scheduled for tomorrow to work on a light setting issue. Due to weather conditions, fencing will be postponed for a short time.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, there was a discussion regarding putting in a buffer between the path and the back driveway. In talking with the Hoppy's Landscaping, it's approximately \$7,500 to plant 70 hydrangeas to separate the path and driveway. A three-rail split fence was suggested similar to the one at Santa Fe Park, and it was sent to the board. The feedback was to do the fence and add bushes later. With the amount of mulch that would need to be added every year and the weeding that would be needed to maintain it, it was not the best idea because we are trying to be mindful of the amount of money being spent and extra work needed to maintain it.

There were some suggestions made to the landscaper, but we won't be working on this issue for a few months. Any suggestions from the Board would be appreciated. Tony Cavazos is getting prices on the fence.

We are considering using some signs to show maintenance only, no entry in that area.

There was some discussion regarding covering the new storage bins that will store mulch and dirt, and Tony will check pricing. Presently, the quote we have is approximately \$30,000.

There was discussion regarding the old barn and trying to continue using it as viable storage space. It will need some repairs and upgrades to be worthwhile. The overhead doors were also discussed. Approximate number for repairs was \$50,000.

Mr. Gallagher inquired about converting the old barn into a rental space as well as keeping it for storage.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Pay Application 12 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$321,710.76

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 12 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$321,710.76. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board Action on Contract with Herman & McCarrin Construction, Inc. for Flagg Creek Golf Course Clubhouse Renovation in the amount of \$196,477.

Mr. Patrick Jeter stated this is for the entire first floor of the club house. It's anticipated it will be finished early March of 2026.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Contract with Herman & McCarrin Construction, Inc. for Flagg Creek Golf Course Clubhouse Renovation in the amount of \$196,477. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Action to Ratify the Agreement between Flagg Creek Golf Course and Timothy J. Trompeter, Architect-PLCC for Architectural and Interior Design Services in the amount of \$13,550.

Mr. Patrick Jeter explained that this is the Architect who did all the actual layout, plans, and specs.

MOTION

Mr. Raschka made a motion to Ratify the Agreement between Flagg Creek Golf Course and Timothy J. Trompeter, Architect-PLCC for Architectural and Interior Design Services in the amount of \$13,550. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Patrick Jeter explained that the course is covered with snow at this time. We ended up with almost 2,000 rounds in December. Another good month in November. He doesn't anticipate any golfers going out until March of 2026, so it will give us time to get the club house done. It is anticipated that the work in the club house should be starting on Monday, December 15, 2025.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

Mr. Russian reported that C. J. Johnson stopped by the office today and the Foundation will have a late-night bowling event February of 2026. The other item noted was a time capsule which is buried outside the Rec Center on the west side of the building. It's a bi-centennial time capsule to be opened in 2026. It was dated June 19, 1976. Mr. Russian questioned whether we could tie it into the July 3rd celebration. Mr. Johnson inquired if the Board was interested in the Parks Foundation taking that as kind of an event or responsibility. Mr. C. J. Johnson seems to think it would be better as a stand-alone event. There was some discussion between Board members regarding when to open it.

Mr. Gierut questioned whether replacing the new capsule would be another 20 years out. There were some suggestions regarding fund raising around a new capsule.

Mr. Russian suggested not having one ready on the date it's opened. We can contact the Heritage Society and the Parks Foundation to get ideas and suggestions from them as to what items we could place into the new time capsule. Mr. Russian will contact the foundation regarding any further ideas or suggestions.

Mr. Gallagher inquired about the Foundation's brick program and if there is a deadline for ordering. Mr. Russian replied that it will be ongoing so there is not specific deadline.

9. Staff Reports

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports.

10. Additional items

Mr. Russian invited the Board to attend the Holiday Party next Wednesday so they can finalize the number of people attending.

11. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard

12. Executive Session: Review of Previous Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding the Review of Previous Executive Session Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

(Whereupon the Board went into Executive Session at approximately 6:17 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:20pm)

13. Release of Executive Session Minutes, As Appropriate

It was recommended that July 9, 2025, Executive Session Minutes be released to the public.

The remaining Executive Session Minutes were not released to the public at this time due to the need for continued confidentiality.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to release July 9, 2025, Executive Session Minutes to the public. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

14. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at approximately 6:25 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

