

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER  
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS  
JUNE 10, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 May 13, 2026 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for May, 2026, in the amount of \$251,721.58 for accounts payable and \$69,652.24 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher a motion to approve items a & b. 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

Mr. Davis stated he read through the 200-plus page environmental report and mentioned there were several pages relating to the exact boundaries of their land and referring to our land and the driveway, and the one acre which was sold to School District 107.

**5B -** Board Discussion on potential for new recreation center building

Mr. Russian commented that he wanted to follow up with last month's presentation from the two groups. He reached out to Wight, and Mr. Bob Ijams from Wight was going to contact Mr. Paul Hanley from Beyond Your Base. Mr. Gierut stated he gets a positive response from people who live in the district. There was a brief discussion regarding plumbing issues, roof issues, future expansions, and what would be the best way to handle any referendums.

6. New Business

**6A -** Board Action on Pay Application 17 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$40,186.67

Mr. Davis confirmed that this is the last pay application, and the park district will be getting back approximately \$486,000.

Mr. Russian stated the park district was not necessarily receiving that amount back, but the project was under budget by that amount.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 17 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$40,186.67. All Ayes. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All ayes. Motion passed.

**6B - Board Action on purchase of new bleachers from Keeper Goals in the amount of \$15,581**

Mr. Russian stated that it's standard in the capital budget planning, but it's more than \$10,000 and needs to be presented before the Board.

**MOTION**

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve the purchase of new bleachers from Keeper Goals in the amount of \$15,581. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6C - Board Action on installation of gymnasium overhang by FBi Buildings in the amount of \$16,555**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the installation of the gymnasium overhang by FBi Buildings in the amount of \$16,555. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6D - Board Action on Rec Center roof repairs by Mueller Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$17,510**

Mr. Russian pointed out that this is for the skylight repairs over the gymnasium.

**MOTION**

Ms. Hennessy made a motion to approve the Rec Center roof repairs by Mueller Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$17,510. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6E - Board Action on Willow Fest donation request**

Mr. Russian stated that a donation of \$750 has been given for the last couple of years. We have never specifically asked them for fireworks support. We received a check for \$500 for fireworks.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Willow Fest donation in the amount of \$750. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6F - Board Action increase of greens fees rates for juniors at Flagg Creek Golf Course**

Mr. Patrick Jeter researched and did a market analysis of other courses, and Flagg Creek Golf Course is still below the 3 local comparative golf courses. He feels the small increase for juniors is needed.

Mr. Raschka stated that he wanted to make sure that the juniors are utilizing services and does not want an increase to be a financial deterrent. He asked if they are coming in and taking spots from other people at "higher volume" times. Mr. Jeter stated that the course is sold out almost all day, every day. The course is in great shape and that juniors will play at all times of day. He thinks it makes sense to have this small increase and push this forward. It's been over five years since there's been an increase to junior rates. Mr. Davis said he likes to keep junior rates less to keep kids playing golf. Mr. Geirut stated he is not in favor of raising rates. Mr. Davis added that our costs are less than our competitors.

Mr. Gierut questioned how many rounds juniors play, and Mr. Jeter reported that in May there were over a thousand rounds by Juniors. He suggested that any rate should not be less than \$20 at Flagg Creek for nine holes and that it is not about moving revenue up or down, it's about getting our rates in line with what the market bears. Mr. Davis stated that he does not like raising junior rates but he does think that the current rates are too low when compared to other courses. Mr. Geirut stated that while he is against raising rates, he understands that the rates haven't been increased in 5 years and that \$2 is not going to have a negative impact. Mr. Davis

pointed out that, even with the increase, Flagg Creek rates would still be below what competition is charging. Mr. Gallagher added that it should be considered that the Flagg Creek Advisory Board supports the increase.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the increase of greens fees rates for juniors requested by Flagg Creek Golf Course (Weekday junior rates increasing from \$14 to \$17 and weekend junior rates increasing from \$16 to \$18). Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

## **7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

Mr. Patrick Jeter mentioned that there were 7,000 rounds in May. Over April and May it was over 11,000 rounds played, and we are still very busy. The parade was on Saturday and opened up the golf course on Sunday. There were a lot of golfers on Sunday and Monday. There was a brief discussion regarding the rounds being played, the PA system, the lighting, and capital improvement plans.

September 22, 2026 is the scheduled ride-a-long.

## **8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report**

Mr. Russian mentioned he received an email from Melissa regarding June 23, 2026 for the time capsule celebration and summer concert.

The time capsule celebration begins at 6:00, and we have lined up a representative from each of the cities that feed into the park district, mayors or aldermen from each. They will talk for approximately five minutes about what the park district means to them and will explain the items they will be donating to the time capsule.

They are in the process of getting some media coverage at the event and reached out to a magazine.

We would love to have a volunteer from the Park District Board to speak.

There was a brief discussion as to who might be available.

Mr. Russian mentioned that the Board could recommend any items that they would like to be included in the time capsule.

Regarding the brick update, the blank bricks should be arriving today, the personalized ones were picked up this week and delivered to the park district, and Tony Cavazos is going to pick up the blank bricks. There has been new concrete work done around the flagpole, and that's where the bricks are going to be placed. The installation date has not yet been determined.

The next event they are sponsoring is The Unplug Event on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Mr. Russian stated he will be at the concert and will be donating a roll of pennies to the time capsule.

There was a suggestion to include a picture of the Board.

## **9. Staff Reports**

### **a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)**

The Board complimented the staff reports and complimented Chelsea Shulke on the positive comment she received from a community member.

## **10. Additional items**

Mr. Russian mentioned that some board members will not be available to attend the July 8, 2026 Regular Park District meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the July 8, 2026 meeting.

## **11. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Gallagher relayed a question whether artificial turf could be used on the baseball field.

Mr. Russian stated that it's not possible as most of Walker Park is either flood plain or floodway. This was researched many years ago, and because of the flood plain artificial turf was not an option.

There was minor discussion about an ice cream truck in the parking lot while Pleasantdale school district gym classes were using Walker Park fields.

Mr. Gierut thanked those that were able to attend the funeral service for his Mother.

## **12. Executive Session: Review of 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 6:25 pm)

(Whereupon the Board came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:28 pm)

## **13. Release of Executive Session Minutes, As Appropriate**

It was recommended that December 10, 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 December 10, 2025, Executive Session Minutes to the public. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

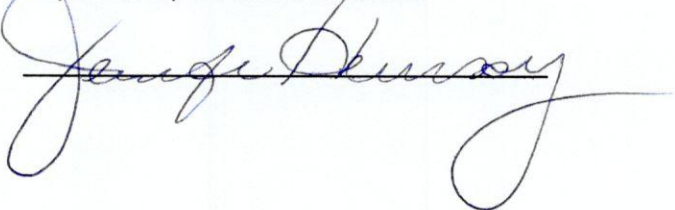
## **13. Adjournment**

### **MOTION**

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

(Whereupon the Regular and Executive Session Meetings ended at approximately 6:30 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carmella Traverso", is written over a horizontal line.