

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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 August 12, 2026 meeting

b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for August, 2026, in the amount of \$415,789.03 for accounts payable and \$103,977.65 for employee payroll.

MOTION

Ms. Hennessy made 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)

Ms. Christina Andino appeared for a presentation regarding the Flagg Creek Heritage Society.

Mr. Russian stated that Mr. Rob Novak from Pyrotechnics will be attending the meeting shortly.

5. Old Business

5A - Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property

Ms. Hennessy reported there was an LTHS meeting last night, but this issue was not on the agenda.

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

Mr. Davis stated that he is receiving neighbors' comments who like the idea of an indoor walking path. There was a brief discussion regarding the basketball court and a potential future public referendum.

6. New Business

6A - Flagg Creek Heritage Society Request Presentation

Ms. Christina Andino appeared and presented each Board member with a binder explaining proposals and ideas for the Heritage Society. She has been involved with the society since 2018, and it is all volunteer work. Presently, there are three older women who may be leaving the society. Ms. Andino asked the Board to review the information provided in the binder, and she would be available at the next meeting to discuss these ideas. There was a brief discussion in regards to having a consultant for the Heritage Society. The Board complimented and thanked Ms. Andino for the information provided in the binder.

6B - Board Action on proposal from Paycom for HR and payroll software management in the amount of \$2500 for initial setup and approximately \$12,800 annual cost thereafter

Mr. Russian presented the Board with a packet and explained how the HR and payroll software would help with the automation and level of efficiency using digital records and not having as many paper records. The numbers are not exact, and the charge is variable. Initial fee is approximately 2,500. They have provided us with different modules to decide on. The initial fee is 2,050.07.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the proposal from Paycom for HR and payroll software management in the amount of \$2,050.07 for initial setup and approximately \$12,800 annual cost thereafter. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - 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 current refunding of outstanding bonds.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar opened the hearing to the public. Notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper and provided in accordance with the Open Meetings Act which is also required. This bond issuance will not exceed \$800,000 for capital purposes and refunding. This is done every year for capital expenses and rollover bonds. He asked if there were any questions from the public or the Board. There was no response, and the public hearing was closed.

6D - Board Action on purchase of new bleachers and finishing installations from Kepper Goals in the amount of \$17,031.

Mr. Russian stated that another set of bleachers was ordered for the softball field. It also includes finishing the installation, stretching some chain fabric, and installation of the rails.

MOTION

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve the purchase of new bleachers and finishing installations from Kepper Goals in the amount of \$17,031. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6E - Board discussion on proposal from Minuteman Security for video camera installation

Mr. Russian indicated the Board approved the Flock cameras approximately a year ago and noted that Flock cameras have been in the news lately. The cameras we have within Walker Park are up and operating. We are waiting for a Cook County Permit regarding two other installations. One to be installed in the North parking lot and one in the South parking lot. When we were investigating this approximately a year ago, we discussed the potential for additional cameras where we could just purchase them and connect into that system.

Mr. Tony Cavasos discussed the idea with Minuteman Security regarding the potential for different cameras at the Rec Center and also outside at the new maintenance facility. There were some concerns when this was first discussed, and Mr. Russian wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. He said he was not sure if now is the time to entertain Flock cameras for the building. There was discussion regarding getting more cameras, adding them to the present ones, and also whether to get them for the Rec Center and the maintenance building at this time.

Mr. Davis stated protecting the outside assets makes sense including the maintenance facility. He mentioned damage sustained at White Buffalo on July 3rd a couple of years ago. Some members of the Board agreed.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he abstains from the conversation under general principles.

Mr. Russian stated in regards to a proposal, there is a purchase option and a lease-to-own option from Minuteman Security. He will try and put this on the agenda for next month, so we will have the opportunity to fine tune those issues.

Mr. Gallagher questioned whether the \$40,000 initial amount was just for the maintenance building and if it included some type of maintenance program.

Mr. Russian indicated that as far as the Flock cameras the big difference is the park district is just paying for access to the data. The data is the property of the park district, not the cameras. The Minuteman Security option would need infrastructure. If any board members have any questions, they are asked to share those questions with Mr. Russian.

6F - Board Action on proposal from Molitor Athletic Fields for Flagg Creek stabilization within Walker Park in the amount of \$24,975

Mr. Russian reported that due to erosion, the SE corner of the Walker Park needs to be regraded and the boulders that have fallen should be locked in place.

MOTION

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the proposal from Molitor Athletic Fields for Flagg Creek stabilization within Walker Park in the amount of \$24,975. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Patrick Jeter appeared and reported that presently they have had 1,500 rounds played. The golf course is down approximately 1,000 rounds due to the recent storms. A few trees were lost, but we were able to have the cleanup done and we are back to normal. Next week is the drive-around meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm. Mr. Russian forwarded an email from the City regarding the drive around and asked any board members interested in attending reply to the email or contact him directly so he could supply a head count for dinner.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

Mr. Davis suggested that someone from the Foundation attend next month's meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding possibly having the foundation attend every other month.

Mr. Russian had nothing to report from the Foundation. He explained that Mr. CJ Johnson, Lucy, and Melissa were hosting an event on the same night in August as the park district meeting.

9. Staff Reports

- a. (Staff reports are provided as information only) – The Board complimented the staff reports

10. Additional items

Mr. Davis reported that he received a card from a resident thanking them for the work put into the July 3rd fireworks show, which was performed early due to inclement weather.

Mr. Rob Novak appeared. There was a brief discussion regarding how the fireworks were handled, whether to put in a rain date for inclement weather for next year. Mr. Novak pointed out if there's a rain date and they have set up, there will be a surcharge. There was discussion regarding the Fall Festival.

11. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard

12. Executive Session: As Needed

13. Adjournment

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at approximately 6:30 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

