

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER  
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Todd Davis, Jennifer Hennessy, Patrick Gierut, and David Gallagher. Absent: Thomas Raschka  
Also present: Executive Director Matt Russian and Attorney Joseph Cainkar.
3. Consent Agenda items a - c, Monthly Business (**Items a - 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 10, 2025 meeting
- b. Minutes of the December 10, 2025 Executive Session
- c. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for December, 2025, in the amount of \$451,226.53 for accounts payable and \$69,035.80 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve items a - c. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. 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.  
Ms. Hennessy reported that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday. Regarding what is listed on the agenda, they may be choosing as a broker.
6. New Business
  - 6A - Board Action on Pay Application 13 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$271,821.86

Mr. Russian explained after an initial reviewing of the numbers, there may be \$60,000 to \$80,000 left as a balanced owed on the project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 13 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$271,821.86. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6B - Board Action on Flagg Creek Advisory Committee Members for 2026**

Mr. Davis stated the three members for 2026 Advisory Committee are Michael Natale and Frank Urban, who have agreed to return. The new member is Doug Whitaker, who will be the third member for Flagg Creek Advisory Committee for 2026.

**MOTION**

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the following members: Mr. Michael Natale, Mr. Frank Urban, and Mr. Doug Whitaker to serve on the Flagg Creek Advisory Committee for 2026. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6C - Board Action on Employment Contract with Executive Director**

The Board Members complimented Mr. Russian for all his hard work, dedication, and attention given to all the projects relating to the park district.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve the Employment Contract with the Executive Director. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

Mr. Patrick Jeter reported that the project is moving along. He provided some details regarding the construction being performed, materials being delivered, tiling of the bathrooms, and some construction in the bar area. The electricians are going to put data lines in for hard access on all the exterior doors. It was a minimal cost. There's a camera system in his office.

**8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report**

Mr. Davis mentioned that the Candlelight bowling is set for February 27, 2026 for the next event. There are some advertisements for the memorial bricks. The bowling event will be replacing the annual golf outing.

**9. Staff Reports**

a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

The Board complimented the staff reports. There was discussion regarding putting more money into the old maintenance building. If it is used as storage space, it may need new siding and a new garage door.

Mr. Russian stated that the old maintenance building is falling apart. If we want to use it for usable storage space, which is kind of the plan, we need to put some monies into it.

There was a brief discussion regarding the third-grade basketball team issue.

**10. Additional items**

**11. Board Member Comments**

There was a brief discussion regarding the meeting with the Village of Burr Ridge. Mr. Davis thanked the Village of Burr Ridge for their partnership and support. Mr. Russian stated that Laurie has met and been in contact with Burr Ridge to look at the 2026 Calendar for special events like the Fall festival, concerts, and the need for staff.

**12. Executive Session: As Needed**

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at approximately 6:15 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso

