

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT  
WALKER PARK RECREATION CENTER  
7425 SOUTH WOLF ROAD, BURR RIDGE, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 8, 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 March 11, 2026 meeting
  - b. Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for March, 2026, in the amount of \$159,255.28 for accounts payable and \$69,210.80 for employee payroll.

**MOTION**

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve items a & b. 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

Mr. Davis noted that there was a school board meeting last night and the board appears to be looking at multiple options for development of the property, including industrial, as noted in a recent Patch article. He also noted the portion of the District's March meeting minutes on the topic.

6. New Business
  - 6A - FY25 Audit Presentation by Sikich, LLP

Mr. Tom Siwicki appeared before the Board and reviewed the FY25 audit. He thanked the District for their assistance in the process, especially with the transition of finance staff. He stated that Sikich awarded a clean audit opinion which is the highest level of assurance that the materials are free from any financial misstatements. He added that the District did a nice job within the Management's Discussion and Analysis with comparisons to the year prior. Within the audit, Mr. Siwicki highlighted the increase in the District's net position from FY24 to FY25 was \$1.7M. He discussed some of the particulars within the various funds, fund balances, and statement of revenues and expenditures. He reviewed the IMRF contributions and accompanying net position, adding that as of 2024 the District was 97.09% funded. The Auditor's Communication to the Board of Commissioners was reviewed next, including various journal entries due to the transition in finance staff.

Mr. Davis complimented the work across the board, especially with how it related to the new maintenance building and how concise and well done the report was completed.

**6B -** Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on May 1, 2026 and ending on April 30, 2027

Attorney Joseph Cainkar opened the public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on May 1, 2026 and ending on April 30, 2027.

Notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper, posted at the District, and a budget in tentative form has been on file with the Park District for 30 days.

There being no questions from the Board, and no questions from the Public, the public hearing was closed.

**6C -** Board Action on Ordinance 2026-1: Providing for Budget and Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2027

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-1. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6D -** Board Action on Pay Application 14 from Wight & Co. for new maintenance building work in the amount of \$33,992.49

Mr. Russian stated that this invoice was received a day after the last meeting and nothing else since then so one final invoice should be coming, and that will be dependent on the final landscaping items getting completed.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Pay Application 14 from Wight & Co. in the amount of \$33,992.49. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All yes. Motion passed.

**6E -** Board Action on purchase of a 2010 Land Pride 72" Slit Seeder from Molitor Athletic Fields in the amount of \$11,500

Mr. Russian noted that investigation into the best option will continue as some new models may be available for a nominal increase. He added that we have worked with Molitor for many years and know that this unit has been well taken care of.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2010 Land Pride Slit Seeder from Molitor Athletic Fields in the amount of \$11,500. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6F -** Board Action on Automated License Plate Reader Policy

Mr. Russian noted this policy is required as part of the Cook County application to have the cameras installed at the entrance to Walker Park parking lots.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve the Automated License Plate Reader Policy. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6G -** Board Action on Gym Floor Replacement through TIPS Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$164,900

Mr. Russian stated that the vendor through TIPS will be Stalker Sports Floors and they are scheduled for another visit to review some of the details within the quote. There will be a few items encompassed within the project that require another vendor. The existing floor will not be removed and a vapor barrier will be added between the existing and new floor.

Mr. Raschka inquired about the waves in the existing floor and those causing issue to the new floor and Mr. Stalker has told us that will not be an issue. Mr. Russian added that for every year that preventative maintenance is completed by Stalker Floors, an additional year is added to the warranty. Mr. Russian will check with the vendor to confirm the length of the warranty.

**MOTION**

Mr. Raschka made a motion to approve the gym floor replacement through TIPS Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$164,900. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6H -** Board Action on July 3 Fireworks Contract with Arc Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$40,000

Mr. Davis felt that ARC Pyrotechnics did a great job of explaining everything at the last meeting and it makes sense to proceed.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the contract with Arc Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$40,000. Seconded by Mr. Davis. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Mr. Russian added that during follow-up communication, while “up to \$40,000” was discussed at last month’s meeting, ARC needs a definitive number to plan our specific show.

**6I -** Board Action on purchase of Stihl AZA 700 Series 60” battery operated mower from Russo Power Equipment in the amount of \$21,199.00

Mr. Russian added that this particular mower normally retails above \$30,000. This is a special rebate being offered at all Stihl vendors and it make sense to approve now in order to take advantage of this special pricing.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the purchase of a Stihl AZA battery operated mower from Russo Power Equipment in the amount of \$21,199.00. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6J -** Board Action on trade in of gas ranger cart and purchase of new 2027 Freedom Elite golf cart for Flagg Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$8746

Mr. Patrick Jeter stated that the 2020 cart, while not very old, is constantly down and needing repairs and is a constant hassle. This new cart runs on two battery packs and looks similar to the other carts. Mr. Raschka inquired about the electrical charges being the same as what exists and Mr. Jeter confirmed they are compatible.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the trade in and purchase of a 2027 Freedom Elite golf cart in the amount of \$8746. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6K -** Board Action on trade in of three EZ Go golf carts and purchase of three new 2027 EZ Go golf carts for Flagg Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$25,035

Mr. Jeter stated this is the same process done over the last three seasons with retiring old carts and replacing with new carts. The golf course has replaced 17 carts over the last few years. Mr. Gallagher inquired if the golf course has a sufficient number of carts and Mr. Jeter said they do and the total is 38. Mr. Russian asked if the course would continue to order three carts annually to replenish and Mr. Jeter said that 10 carts may need to be replaced in two years so they may have to order five next year and another five the following year.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the trade in and purchase of three EZ Go golf carts for Flagg Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$25,035. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6L -** Board Action on purchase of a Toro Aerfier from Reinders for Flagg Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$43,754

Mr. Jeter stated this is replacing a 2004 unit and will increase efficiency and is very necessary.

**MOTION**

Mr. Gierut made a motion to approve the purchase of a Toro Aerifier from Reinders for Flagg Creek Golf Course in the amount of \$43,754. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**6M -** Board Action to award a contract to Lyons & Pinner Electric for the Flagg Creek Golf Course Lighting Project in the amount of \$158,500

Mr. Jeter stated the project is underway and should be completed by the end of April or first part of May.

**MOTION**

Mr. Davis made a motion to award a contract to Lyons & Pinner Electric for the Flagg Creek Golf Course Lighting Project in the amount of \$158,500. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report**

Mr. Jeter noted that the course has been open for play and been very busy. Carts will be sent out for the first time this season on Sunday. Staff are excited to return to work and looking forward to the season.

**8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report**

Mr. Davis shared that the initial deadline for the purchase of bricks for the Foundation fundraiser ends this upcoming Monday.

**9. Staff Reports**

- a. (Staff reports are provided as information only)

Mr. Gallagher commented that he heard positive comments about the Easter Egg Hunt and passed his congratulations along to Ms. Murray and the team.

**10. Additional items**

**11. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Gierut passed along congratulations to Mr. Russian regarding the finance department over the difficulties experienced this last year.

**12. Executive Session: As Needed**

**13. Adjournment**

**MOTION**

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.  
(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at approximately 6:24 pm)

Reported by Matt Russian

