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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Todd Davis, Patrick Gierut, David Gallagher, Jennifer Hennessy, 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 September 9, 2026 meeting
- **b.** Financial Statements presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for September, 2026, in the amount of $179,720.13 for accounts payable and $104,989.72 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 - Potential Board Action on Flagg Creek Heritage Society September proposal

Ms. Christina Andino appeared asking the Board for feedback from the proposal presented at the September meeting. Mr. Davis complimented Ms. Andino on her previous presentation stating it was well done and he appreciates her involvement at the museum. He added that he would be interested in talking about some of the items in the packet, including the financials of the Heritage Society, and how those would play into the entire conversation. Mr. Davis asked about the employee role and if that was someone they would hire or would it be Ms. Andino. She replied that she understands there is a process to follow but would be interested in the position. Mr. Davis added that anything regarding a budget discussion would need to be considered in next year's fiscal budget. Mr. Davis acknowledged that the current fiscal year budget for the Heritage Society is roughly $80,000 and that includes funds for potential window replacement and is typically around $40,000 to $45,000 annually.

Mr. Davis stated that one of the items that has been discussed is ways to grow the museum and acknowledged that both staff and board members have changed over the years. He asked if there were more ways to engage the community, more events, etc. as both the land and the museum have value to the community.
Ms. Andino added that moving the house and restoration came with significant cost back in the late 1980s. She noted that she is attempting to reengage with the park district and raise awareness in the community as there are so many cool things they could be doing. She also commented on potential ideas from LaGrange and a roundtable of local historical societies about fundraising and connections with other park districts.

Mr. Davis said he appreciates the fresh energy and acknowledged the financial implications that need to be part of the discussion. Ms. Andino understood the financial aspect and will provide a copy of the Heritage Society financials for distribution to the Board. Lastly, she mentioned the military display was just taken down as the Board will be visiting the museums at the end of the meeting.

5B - Update on potential sale of LTHS Willow Springs property.

Mr. Davis stated bids will be opened Nov. 9, 2026. Mr. Russian stated there appeared to be a change in time.

6. New Business

6A - Board Action on Flagg Creek Golf Course profit sharing distribution for FY 2026 in the amount of $202,317.

Mr. Patrick Jeter appeared stating they are still holding back approximately $400,000 for future projects. There was a brief discussion regarding the driving range, irrigation system drainage, and projects for the next five to ten years.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Flagg Creek Golf Course profit sharing distribution for FY 2026 in the amount of $202,317. Seconded by Ms. Hennessy. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6B - Board action on Ordinance 2026-3: An ordinance amending the Pleasant Dale Park District Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual pertaining to motorized vehicles, cycles, and devices.

Attorney Joseph Cainkar stated that the new statute for January 1, 2027 allows park districts to disallow the use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and various types of other equipment driving on walkways, pathways, trails, etc. This Ordinance provides for that and the administrative policy manual will now reflect the changes.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-3: An ordinance amending the Pleasant Dale Park District Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual pertaining to motorized vehicles, cycles, and devices. Seconded by Mr. Raschka. All Ayes. Motion passed.

6C - Board Action on agreement with Wight & Co. for conceptual design services in the amount of $37,300

Mr. Russian stated that Wight & Co. visited the Board in May of 2026 and provided very general drawings about future potential building options. This agreement takes the next step to consider and design some real scenarios as to what could be done to reconfigure and/or redesign or other options for a new building on the property. He noted some itemized items in the agreement, specifically items noting community engagement. He reminded the Board that an initial buildings project was discussed back in 2022 and included a potential new maintenance building and a new recreation center. The new maintenance building has been completed. Mr. Russian noted that back in 2023, a community engagement night was held and feedback was received. He believes new community input should be gathered due to the time lapse between then and now. He voiced a concern of not wanting to be disingenuous based on the financial limitations and space we will have. It is conceivable that a community desire for amenity "x,y,z" will be identified but will not be possible due to our pre-existing limitations. Discussion continued and board members agreed that feasible potential options should be presented.

Mr. Russian then stated that the other portion of this plan would be working with Beyond Your Base, which is the company that works with agencies on referendums and are election experts. Mr. Russian requested a general estimate for those charges and said he just received an email providing two different phases of base fees. The first is $19,000. The next one is $67,000, for a total of $86,000. There are more hard costs associated with this. They total just over $42,000. This would be for collecting voter data, citizen task force, videographer,

mailings to the community, and surveys, etc. That total is approximately $128,000, but It's just a ballpark number. Mr. Gierut mentioned that if we approve this, we would be leading ourselves into that procedure. It's either that or we do nothing.

MOTION

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to approve the agreement with Wight & Co. for conceptual design services in the amount of $37,300. Seconded by Mr. Gierut. All Ayes. Motion passed.

7. Flagg Creek Golf Course Report

Mr. Patrick Jeter reported that after looking at the rounds through September, they are down by 6%, around 2200 rounds short. Due to inclement weather, the golf course has been down within the last few months. We are still doing well and probably will come right back but may have hit a plateau point. Mr. Davis complimented a number of course improvements that have taken place.

Ms. Hennessy questioned whether Night Golf had sold out and Mr. Jeter responded that they did.

8. Pleasant Dale Parks Foundation Report

Mr. C. J. Johnson mentioned that the engraved brick legacy project is doing well. Bricks are selling, and we have gotten the first wave installed around the flagpole. June 23, 2026 was the Time Capsule Ceremony which was a great event and Tuesday, October 27, 2026, will be the date of the new time capsule burial.

He stated that there will be a night of bowling in February, 2027.

December 2, 2026 is the Christmas event where they are working with Laurie. Today was the last seniors bingo which was a great event.

Financially, we are at $93,185.21. With monies coming in, we anticipate $100,000 in the future and have been supplementing the park district $6,000.

9. Staff Reports

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

10. Additional items

Mr. Gallagher questioned the health insurance and whether there's a need to address it formally at some point in time. Mr. Russian stated he received feedback from the Board which was nearly unanimous and the coverage is remaining the same.

11. Board Member Comments – Nothing Heard

12. Executive Session: As Needed

13. Motion for Adjournment for Commissioners to visit the Flagg Creek Heritage Society Museum

MOTION

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

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting ended at approximately 6:30 pm, and the visit to the Flagg Creek Heritage Society Museum by Board members ended at approximately 7:00 pm)

Reported by Carmella Traverso