

WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT  
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 15, 2024



President Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:31 p.m. Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were Present: Cohen, Mahoney, Perry, Venouziou; Absent: Coleman Staff present: Knitter, Bordewick, Ravasio, Ritter, Webber. Absent: None

Public: David Briggs, 6936 Sun Drop Avenue, Woodridge, IL 60517

#### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Cohen asked if there was any public comment. Woodridge resident David Briggs informed the Board that a small parcel of property on the corner of 71<sup>st</sup> Street & Janes Avenue was for sale and asked if the District would be interested in purchasing it and preserving it as open space. Executive Director Knitter said she would research the property and get back to Mr. Briggs.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

D.1. President Cohen mentioned that the IAPD annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel and that the Board shall certify a delegate and 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> alternate delegates to take necessary action as a voting member at the annual IAPD board meeting. The following delegates were chosen:

- Delegate: President Cohen
- 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate: Commissioner Venouziou
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate: Commissioner Perry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate: Not needed

D.2. President Cohen reminded the Board that a special Celebration event will be held Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in honor of Commissioner Mahoney's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

President Cohen next reminded the Board that the IAPD Best of the Best Awards Gala will be held on October 25, 2024, Commissioner Mahoney will be honored for his 40 years of service as District Commissioner and Coach Josh "Bubba" Williams will receive the Good Sportsmanship Award.

President Cohen then congratulated ARC Fitness Instructor Robin Balster on her 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the District.

President Cohen next reviewed upcoming District events including Haunted Forest Walk on October 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Director Knitter closed the President's report reminding the Board that the December 17, 2024 Board Meeting will be starting at 5:00 since the meeting will also include the 2025 Budget Presentation. She also noted that the February 2025 Board will be held a week later than normal, on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### STAFF REPORTS

##### Finance

1.a. Superintendent of Finance & Personnel Chris Webber presented his only action item, the 2025 Employee Health Benefits Plan Coverage. Webber reviewed the plan in detail including current user statistics, the HRA account, the Employee Buy Out option, what the District funds and cost comparatives. For 2025, PDRMA has determined premium

changes on average as follows – the HMO a 3.6% increase, PPO 6.9% increase, Dental a 3.5% increase and Vision a 0.3% increase.

Webber reported that Staff reviewed the 12 plan options weighing benefits to employees versus the cost to both employees and the District. After a thorough analysis, Staff recommends that the District maintain the same HMO and PPO coverage for 2025. Additionally, Staff recommends that the District absorb the cost of the increases in the medical plans, which will increase the District's overall cost by an additional 1.3%.

#### Medical Coverage Options

- PPO \$3,500 deductible option with a \$3,000 HRA (District underwrites \$3,000) – Employee Cost = \$1,968.20 per life per year (same Employee cost as 2024)
- HMO coverage cost to employee – Employee Cost = \$1,060.28 per life per year (same Employee cost as 2024)
- Dental Coverage with Orthodontia: Employee Cost = \$114.92 per life per year (same Employee cost as 2024)
- Buy-Out Option (no change):
  - o 1 Life – Employee receives \$1,500 annually for not taking District Insurance
  - o 2 Lives – Employee receives \$3,000 annually for not taking District Insurance
  - o 3 or more Lives – Employee receives \$4,500 annually for not taking District Insurance

#### Vision Insurance

- Davis Vision – Gold Managed Plan – employees to cover portion of the cost at \$15.86 per life per year
- PDRMA Vision – additional vision coverage offered to employees with 100% cost assumed by employees (\$400 annual benefit)

#### Life Insurance

- 1.5X employee salary up to a \$200,000 benefit: District to cover the cost at \$6.30 per employee per month

Webber shared that based on known employees' current medical plans and assumptions for 2025 positional changes and unfilled positions, the overall increase in projected medical benefits may result in a 19.4% or \$116,178 increase to the District. The employee share of the overall plan would be 15.03% in 2025 compared to 15.64% in 2024 and 15.59% in 2023. He noted that Staff entered the proposed figures into the 2025 budget with the assumptions above to determine feasibility and notes no issues budget-wise. Finally, it should also be noted that the main driver in the overall increase is changes in Staff and the chosen medical plans.

Webber asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Staff recommended the Board approve the 2025 PDRMA Employee Health Benefits Plan as presented.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Venouziou to approve the 2025 PDRMA Employee Health Benefits Plan as presented.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions. President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Perry and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

Webber closed his report referring the Board to the Finance report for his informational items.

#### Parks, Planning & Development: Planning, Development & Natural Resources Division

2.a.1. Superintendent of Planning & Development Ryan Bordewick opened the report with his first action item, the Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c. He shared that the construction/permitting

documents that Hitchcock Design Group (HDG) submitted to the Village of Woodridge's Community Development Office for permitting review and comment the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> were returned on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The 10-page list of comments was extensive and the most impactful items were the Village's call for the development of a left turn lane for southbound traffic on Woodridge Drive and modifications to the grading and stormwater management design in the Garden Plots area. HDG and the engineers immediately began work to address the review comments and revise the bid documents in preparation for issuing a permit resubmittal/response and letting the bid November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bordewick reported that the development schedule will target completion of the internal walking loop in advance of the 2025 Jubilee event providing an accessible link between the Village Municipal Complex and the corner of Woodridge Dr. and 71st Street. The remainder of the development will be opened for public use in fall 2025 and will be fully available for use as part of the 2026 Jubilee event.

Executive Director Knitter added that Staff will be planning a groundbreaking ceremony for early 2025.

Staff requested Board authorization to bid the Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Perry to authorize Staff to bid the Jubilee Point Park (Town Centre) Phase 2 – Development Project, CDP #24-04c.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion.

Executive Director Knitter reported that she would be meeting with Al Stonitsch, Village Manager, on October 16<sup>th</sup> and planned on reviewing the comments with him and advocating for a quick turnaround on the revised documents the District sent back to the Village so the project can stay on the current timeline.

Commissioner Mahoney asked how long the review process takes during the permitting process. Executive Director Knitter said that when Staff asked the Village, their response was that the process typically takes four weeks, but this process took seven weeks.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Mahoney, Perry, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

2.a.2. Bordewick moved on to his next action item, the Park Entrance Sign Fabrication and Replacement Project, CRP #24-06pc. He explained that the project consists of the rehabilitating six existing large-format park signs, which includes the replacement of all rough-sawn cedar wood components, staining of wood components, refinishing/repainting existing metal framing components and angle plates for reuse, new aluminum sign faces and new replacement copper caps. Parks Division Staff will deliver existing signage and upon completion, pick up the rehabilitated product from the fabricator's shop in Internationale Center. Staff will also complete the installation of the rehabilitated signs. He noted that the order will also include the fabrication of three new large-format signs for Jubilee Point Park. Their cost, \$10,230.00, will be billed to the development project.

Bordewick shared that Western Remac, Inc., now RoadSafe Traffic Systems, was the original fabricator of the custom signage produced in 2007, and the District has maintained a longstanding positive working relationship with the company.

Staff recommended the Board accept RoadSafe Traffic Systems' quote for park sign improvements and approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$24,148.70 based on their quote dated September 9, 2024, for the Park Entrance Sign Fabrication and Replacement Project, CRP #24-06pc.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Mahoney to accept RoadSafe Traffic Systems' quote for park sign improvements and approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$24,148.70 based on their quote dated September 9, 2024, for the Park Entrance Sign Fabrication and Replacement Project, CRP #24-06pc.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions. President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Mahoney, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

2.a.3. Bordewick moved on to his next action item, 2024-2025 Prescribed Burns, MSP #24-05c-02, reviewing the detailed history of the Prescribed Burn Bids over the past two years which included both incomplete burn contracts due to weather/site related issues and unsuccessful bid attempts due to a lack of bidders.

Bordewick said Staff solicited bids beginning in late August for these same sites: Water Tower Reserve Outlot B, Water Tower Reserve Outlot C, Heritage Parkway/Vicente Outlot A and Vicente Outlot D. There was an alternate bid that included Duke Street Basin, Vicente Outlot E and Westminster Park. Only one bid was received, from the same contractor who'd submitted the lone proposal for the 2024 RFP in February:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. Bid	Total Cost
Tallgrass Restoration, LLC.	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 59,300.00

Bordewick explained that while the project cost exceeds the 2024 budget, most of the work is expected to be completed in 2025 based on historic weather conditions ideal for prescribed burns late in the season. Therefore, Staff recommends proceeding for several reasons:

- While only one bid was received, a review of the bid shows that pricing is consistent with pricing received in recent bid/proposal solicitations
- All sites included in the project are past due for burning based on the District's Natural Resource Management Plan.
- Staff followed up with the contractors who declined to submit bids. Some noted that they declined because they felt the fuel loads at the sites were too high with abundant weed species, notably significant stands of Phragmites. These contractors also noted that they would not be interested in this project if it were reissued for bid.
- Tallgrass Restoration has previously held the District's prescribed burns contract on multiple occasions, most recently in 2022. The District has maintained a longstanding positive working relationship with the company.
- \$25,000 of the project will be funded from the FY2024 budget which will be carried forward into 2025,

Staff recommend the Board accept Tallgrass Restoration, LLC as the low-qualified bidder based on the contractor's base bid and acceptance of the alternate bid and approval of a \$59,300.00 contract for the 2024-2025 Prescribed Burns, MSP #24-05c-02.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Venouziou to accept Tallgrass Restoration, LLC as the low-qualified bidder based on the contractor's base bid and acceptance of the alternate bid and approval of a \$59,300.00 contract for the 2024-2025 Prescribed Burns, MSP #24-05c-02.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion.

Commissioner Mahoney asked how contractors are contacted about the bids. Bordewick explained that a legal notice is published in the newspaper and Staff emails potential bidders. Staff also follows up reminding them of the pending bid opening.

Commissioner Venouziou asked if an individual site has to be burned all at once or if it can be split up. Bordewick said it depends on the site and the weather conditions, but that contractors prefer to burn a site all at once.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Mahoney, Venouziou, Perry and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

2.a.4. Bordewick presented his final action item, the change order for the 2023 Prescribed Burns, MSP #23-01pc, sharing that due to weather and site condition limitations in Spring and Fall 2023 and again in Spring 2024, the contractor, Integrated Lakes Management (ILM), was unable to complete the contracted prescribed burns. In preparation for the planned burns the contractor installed burn breaks on multiple occasions. ILM requested payment for this work (\$1,520) as the District closes out the contract. Staff denied this request as there is no mechanism in the contract to pay for preparation scope work only and the means and methods and timing of preparation work is managed by the contractor and not controlled or dictated by the District.

Staff recommended the Board authorize Change Order #1 to Integrated Lakes Management's contract, for a net decrease in the amount of \$10,720.00 for the 2023 Prescribed Burns, MSP #23-01pc for work that was unable to be completed due to weather and site condition limitations.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Mahoney to authorize Change Order #1 to Integrated Lakes Management's contract, for a net decrease in the amount of \$10,720.00 for the 2023 Prescribed Burns, MSP #23-01pc for work that was unable to be completed due to weather and site condition limitations.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Mahoney, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

Bordewick closed his report sharing the following action items:

- Hawthorne Hill Woods – Path Development Project held a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and Ted Grey of Living Waters Consultants on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, National Sports Nets, LLC installed two, 25' high support posts at Orchard Hill Park. The following day their crew returned to restore the impacted pavers in the plaza area. After allowing time for the footings to cure, their crew returned to install the netting and cables beginning on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and completed the installation the following day with all work now completed for this project.
- Since the completion of the Jubilee Point Park woody invasive species removals project in June, Staff continues to conduct herbicide applications throughout the natural areas to control invasive species. While some clean-up remains on the property and supplemental planting efforts will continue in the years to come, Staff already observed native plants flourishing during this first growing season. Recently Staff identified native asters, pokeweed, white snakeroot, and goldenrods. Given the agricultural history of the site, it is encouraging how well native species, especially the late summer flowers, have taken root since the invasive brush was removed.

Parks, Planning & Development: Parks Division

2.b.1. Superintendent of Parks John Karesh opened the Parks Report with the only action item, the FHCC - Air Handler Drain Pan Repair Project, MSP #24-22pc, sharing that Staff originally sought out proposals to remove and recoat the drain pan, which would also require removal of the Air Handler located in the administrative copy room ceiling. This solution resulted in some very high proposals:

Drain Pan Sealing - Proposals Received

Excel Mechanical Services, LLC:	\$19,867.00
Oakbrook Mechanical Services, Inc.:	\$23,750.00

Karesh said one of the contractors suggested an alternate solution of adhering a new drain pan over the existing one to solve this problem. Staff reached out to AMSCO Engineering, the engineer who provided the scope for the drain pan sealing. They reviewed this alternative solution, inspected the project site to ensure its viability, and approved and provided a scope of work for this new solution.

Staff requested proposals for the revised scope which will include rerouting the piping to the building drain so the pan can drain properly. Staff received two proposal:

Proposals Received

Oakbrook Mechanical Services, Inc.:	\$15,950.00
Excel Mechanical Services, LLC:	\$39,760.00

Staff recommended the Board accept Oakbrook Mechanical Services, Inc.'s. proposal in the amount of \$15,950.00 for the FHCC - Air Handler Drain Pan Repair Project.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Mahoney to accept Oakbrook Mechanical Services, Inc.'s. proposal in the amount of \$15,950.00 for the FHCC - Air Handler Drain Pan Repair Project.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Mahoney, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

Karesh closed his report sharing that the 63rd St Park portable toilet unit was burned on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Woodridge Police and Fire Departments responded and upon arrival they found the portable toilet unit was burning inside and quickly extinguished it. He then added that on October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Janes Avenue Park portable toilet unit, located next to the concession building, burned down. Finally, on October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Mending Wall Park portable unit was set on fire. No arrests have been made for any of fires and the police are continuing to investigate.

President Cohen asked if the District owns the portable units. Executive Director Knitter reported the District has a contract for renting portable units and it is written into the contract that the provider is responsible for replacing damaged units at no cost to the District.

Golf Course

Executive Director Knitter referred the Board to the Golf Report for the latest updates.

Recreation & Aquatics

E.4.a. Superintendent of Recreation/Deputy Director Don Ritter opened the Recreation & Aquatics Report with his first action item, the Cypress Cove Body Flume Slide - Motor Urgent Replacement Project, AMSP #24-07pc, noting that as previously mentioned at the September Board Meeting, the proposed repair cost for the Cypress Cove Body Flume Slide motor came in at just under \$5,000 and the initial inspection of the VFD at a cost of \$1,126.25 for a total project repair cost of \$6,119.25. The total scope of expenses related to this failure includes the following:

- Initial troubleshooting of the VFD	\$1,126.25
- Purchase and installation of new motor	\$4,923.00
- Total Cost to Resolve	\$6,119.25

Staff recommend the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of ABC Mechanical, LLC's total time and material costs in the amount of \$6,119.25 for the Cypress Cove Body Flume Slide - Motor Urgent Replacement Project, AMSP #24-07pc.

MOTION by Venouziou and seconded by Mahoney to ratify the Executive Director's approval of ABC Mechanical, LLC's total time and material costs in the amount of \$6,119.25 for the Cypress Cove Body Flume Slide - Motor Urgent Replacement Project, AMSP #24-07pc.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion.

President Cohen asked if the work was done during the season or after the season? Executive Director Knitter said the work was done while the pool was still opened.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Venouziou, Mahoney, Perry and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

E.4.b. Ritter moved on to his final action item, the change order for Cypress Cove Body Flume Slide - Turbine Pump Repair, ACRP #24-01pc. Ritter explained that the proposed change order is to account for the contractor original service provided to troubleshooting the repair which included the initial service call to try to get the pump operational on site, the cost to pull the pump and bring it to their shop, and the cost to open the pump casing and inspect and provide a report and diagnosis/recommendation.

Staff recommended the Board ratify the Executive Director's approval of Change Order #2 to ABC Mechanical's proposal, for a net increase in the amount of \$2,610.00 for the Cypress Cove Flume Slide Turbine Pump Repair, ACRP #24-01pc, for the costs associated with the contractor's troubleshooting labor associated with this pump repair.

MOTION by Perry and seconded by Mahoney to ratify the Executive Director's approval of Change Order #2 to ABC Mechanical's proposal, for a net increase in the amount of \$2,610.00 for the Cypress Cove Flume Slide Turbine Pump Repair, ACRP #24-01pc, for the costs associated with the contractor's troubleshooting labor associated with this pump repair.

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Mahoney, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

Ritter then moved on to his informational items, sharing that the Aquatic Maintenance Supervisor and Aquatic Facility Manager continue to work with Underground Imaging, Inc. to determine the source of the Lazy River leak causing bubbling in the liner. Due to unforeseen circumstances with the availability of the contractor, Staff is seeking additional quotes from United Leak Company and American Leak Detection.

Ritter added that both contractors indicated it may take two to three weeks before they are able to view the issue and determine a quote. He said Staff met with Williams and Associates to discuss potential product options to replace the Lazy River/slide pool liner. Unfortunately, the product they highly recommended will not stand up to the challenging climate of the Midwest. Aquatic Staff is seeking quotes on prepping and painting the Lazy River and slide in case the decision is made to remove the pool liner.

Board discussion ensued on the state of the existing liner, the difficulties of maintaining it and keeping it looking clean, its effects on the speed of the slide, its expected lifespan and the alternatives for replacing it.

Ritter closed his report sharing that District Staff met with Village Staff to discuss details and logistics for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Winterfest/Tree Lighting Ceremony. Recommendation to schedule the 2025 event for the first Saturday in December was agreed upon by both entities.

Marketing & Community Engagement (“MCE”)

Superintendent of Marketing & Community Engagement Megan Romano shared that she did not have any action items for the Board and referred them to her Board Report for the latest MCE updates including a new program the Marketing Team is launching featuring the ARC group exercise instructors.

Administration

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA

F.1.- 4. President Cohen asked if any Commissioner requested to remove any agenda item from the consent agenda for separate consideration and action. There were none.

MOTION by Mahoney and seconded by Perry to approve Consent Agenda Item #1 for the approval of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Agenda Item #2 for the approval of the September 17, 2024, Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes, and Agenda items #3 and #4a through #4f for Vendor Payment, Payroll Ratification and Program Refunds for a total amount \$448,181.95.

- 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes .....September 17, 2024
- 2. Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes .....September 17, 2024
- 3. Vendor Payment & Payroll Ratification Report (9/13/24 – 10/10/24)..... \$448,181.95
- 4. Contractual Payouts
  - a. Chapman & Cutler, LLP., Legal services for bond closing, Payout #1, final.....\$9,500.00
  - b. Diamond Tours, Golden Year Trip, Branson Show Extravaganza, Payout #1, final.....\$19,138.00
  - c. Hitchcock Design, Inc., Town Centre Park Phase 2 – Final Design, CA #23-02ca, Payout #15  
.....\$11,725.00
  - d. Living Waters Consultants, Inc., Hawthorne Hill Woods Culvert Repair – Engineering Services,  
CA #20-02pc, Payout #26 .....\$1,121.74
  - e. Mark 1 Landscape, Inc., Park Contract Mowing Services, MSP #23-04c, Payout #6 .....\$2,471.60
  - f. National Sports Net, LLC, Orchard Hill Park – Baseball Protective Spectator Netting Project,  
CDP #24-03c, Payout #1, final .....\$49,880.00

President Cohen provided the opportunity for further discussion. There were no questions or comments. President Cohen requested a roll call approving consent agenda items #1 through #4.



Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Mahoney, Perry, Venouziou and Cohen  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Coleman  
MOTION CARRIED.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Knitter opened the Executive Director's report sharing there were no action items, and then provided an update on the District's request to DuPage County to find an alternative location to the ARC for Early Voting for the November 2024 General Election.

Executive Director Knitter noted that in preparation for this early voting polling process to begin on October 19<sup>th</sup> and span through election day on November 5<sup>th</sup>, Staff reached out to Legal for an understanding of the rules associated with signage and electioneering so operations can be fair and consistent throughout this process. Staff provided booking of the ARC, Program Room A (north program room) and an invoice in the amount of \$2,050 to account for a fee of \$50 per day for use of the ARC from October 18<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and from March 14<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Executive Director Knitter then shared that the VFW requested a meeting with both the Village of Woodridge Staff and the Woodridge Park District Staff to discuss their future vision for Memorial Park. The VFW in concert with the Woodridge Rotary purchased a bronze three-foot statue recognizing fallen soldiers of foreign war. Currently, the statue is temporarily located in the new Police Station lobby for public viewing. Their end goal is to install it in a permanent location at Memorial Park. Executive Director Knitter reported that at this meeting, both Village and Park District Staff indicated the current decline and degradation that is occurring most evidently with the park and parkway trees. They are very soon in need of removal and replacement due to disease and deterioration that is occurring at the site. The VFW's vision is to utilize a larger gathering space for their events on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Staff recommended that further discussion and review should be looked at to determine if their end goal is best suited for this corner site that also serves as a detention basin.

Executive Director Knitter added that Staff has been invited to a meeting with Mayor Cunningham and the VFW to discuss this vision further. Since the property is owned by the Village, they are taking the lead with this initial process. Alternative discussion was had about locating this bronze statue near the Clock Tower, but further review and discussion among Village Staff, the Mayor and the Board is still needed to determine its viability. In the coming months, the VFW plans on asking if the Park District and the Village would be interested in sharing the costs with the Rotary, associated with this statue's permanent installation.

Executive Director Knitter closed her report sharing that the Jubilee Point Park video series has been released on the Village of Woodridge website and will be posted on the Woodridge Park District website this month.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Knitter referred the Board to the Committee Report for the latest SEASPAR and PDRMA updates, and noted that the SEASPAR Board approved its 2025 Levy at their October 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. It is approved before November 1<sup>st</sup> so member entities can build this item into their respective 2025 budgets.

### EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

#### Chamber of Commerce

The District's Leadership Team attended the Mayor's Lunch hosted by the Chamber on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, where the Mayors of Woodridge, Downers Grove, Naperville and Wheaton gathered at Village Greens to learn about each Mayor's latest developments and challenges. Mayor Cunningham gave high praise to the future Jubilee Point Park and the Woodridge Park District and shared how park development truly adds to beautification of the Village and improved quality of life for the community.

Affiliated Athletic Associations

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

L.1. At 7:58 p.m., MOTION by Perry and seconded by Mahoney to adjourn to Executive Session under Section ILCS 120/2(c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees to the District.

President Cohen requested a roll call. Upon a roll being called:

AYES: Perry, Mahoney, Venouziou and Cohen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Coleman

MOTION CARRIED

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

The Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2024, reconvened at 8:58 p.m. Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were Present: Cohen, Mahoney, Perry and Venouziou. Staff: Knitter, Ritter

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was requested. MOTION by Mahoney, seconded by Venouziou to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:59 p.m. President Cohen requested a voice vote to adjourn the regular board meeting of October 15, 2024.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.



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Jack Mahoney, Secretary