

WHEELING PARK DIST. ADVISORY COM~~S~~.  
SEPTEMBER 1989-SEPT. 1991



At the request  
of the board of  
the school  
the following  
names have been  
selected for  
the dance  
held on  
Friday, June 1st  
at the  
school building  
from 8:00 to 10:00  
p.m.





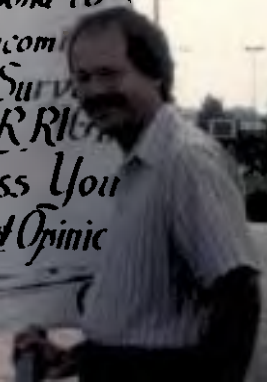






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# Wheeling Park District

537-2222

## Recreation Center Fact Sheet

The proposed Recreation Center would be built on land located between Wickes Furniture and Village Hall, adjacent to the Family Aquatic Center. The land is already owned by the Wheeling Park District. The tentative opening date is fall 1993.

This facility will serve Wheeling Park District residents of all ages, from infants to senior citizens. The 51,000 square foot building will allow for the addition of new programs or the expansion of existing ones, including:

- expanded gym sports, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey
- a teaching kitchen for youth and adult cooking classes
- an arts and crafts room with kilns for ceramics classes
- a stage area for expanded theater programs
- programmed individual fitness
- room for expanded dance programs



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### Features on the first floor include:

- a nursery to provide babysitting for program participants
- pre-school rooms with an exterior play area
- locker rooms and showers, with baby-changing stations
- a family changing room for use by a parent with an opposite-sexed child
- administration offices
- an activity room for use by youth and senior citizens
- a large gym with two full basketball courts and permanent and portable observation bleachers

### Second floor features include:

- an enclosed fitness center
- a running/walking track above the gym area
- four classrooms
- an aerobics/dance/exercise studio
- an arts and crafts room
- a teaching kitchen
- a large meeting room with folding partitions and a stage area

*Time for Fun!*

Wheeling Park District

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOVERNING RULES

I. AUTHORIZATION

That the Wheeling Park District Board of Park Commissioners recognize that residents do care about progressive parks, all of their programs and facilities.

That the Park Board formally approved and accepted the concept of a continuing Citizen Advisory Group and ratified the existance of this group to work cooperatively to accomplish Park District goals on July 16, 1987.

II. NAME OF ADVISORY GROUP

1. The Group shall be known as the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee.

III. PURPOSE

1. To promote citizen awareness of the desirability of good parks and recreation.
2. To study the capital needs of the Park District and recommend to the Park Board and community our findings.
3. To identify problems and suggest solutions.
4. To interpret to the community the goals and needs of the Park District.
5. To communicate to the Park Board the concerns of the committee and the community.

IV. ORGANIZATION

1. No more than 15 members of the community be appointed to the advisory committee.
2. Appointees must be a registered voter of the Wheeling Park District, and should be:
  - a. interested and capable.

- b. clear and careful thinkers.
- c. able to work cooperatively and constructively with others.
- d. representative of the people of the community, reflecting cross-sections of the community as much as possible; i.e.: single family, PUDs, commercial and industrial.

V. TERMS OF MEMBERS

1. Members shall serve a (3 year) term. Note: Terms subject to input and group determination.
  - a. Initially 5 members shall serve a 1 year term, 5 members shall serve a 2 year term and 5 members shall serve a 3 year term to be determined by lot.
  - b. Annually as a term expires, the DAC member has the option to continue to serve in an open 3 year term.
  - c. As a vacancy occurs, residents who express a desire to serve, may submit an application to any DAC member. Upon approval of the DAC, the name(s) will be forwarded to the Wheeling Park District Board of Park Commissioners for appointment.
  - d. That absence of three consecutive meetings without prior notification, the member will be so notified by the secretary and their membership will be reviewed. Added 9/28/88.

VI. LIAISONS

1. The Board as a Whole and the Park District Manager shall act as consultants to the advisory group.
2. The Park Board shall designate a Commissioner as their representative to all meetings (advisory capacity).
3. Other staff people may be invited to attend meetings upon request for specific expertise.

VIII. OPERATION

1. The committee shall function under these governing rules.
  - a. Select its own officers.
  - b. Formulate sub-committees as necessary.
  - c. Determine meeting times and agendas.

3.

2. The committee or sub-committees may seek information and counsel through proper administrative channels.
3. Minutes shall be kept and provided to all Advisory Committee members, the Park District Manager and the Board of Park Commissioners.
4. No member shall incur any financial obligation unless authorized by the entire group and then approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.
5. No member may release information of study results, sub-committee reports, or advisory recommendations unless approved by the entire group.
6. The Chairman or his designate shall be the official spokesperson.

VIII. GOALS

Goals may be short or long term, determined annually by the committee and submitted to the Park Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

IX. REVIEW

Procedures, changes and evaluation of effectiveness should occur annually by the group.

X. SUMMATION

Citizen involvement is always a critical problem for boards and administrators. The complications of attaining input from citizens can produce numerous conflicts. However, regardless of the struggle this process involves, citizen involvement remains a significant resource for the Park District. Not only is citizen involvement a major qualification for state and federal grants, but it provides an invaluable link to the community for assistance, support in programs, planning and development.

- XI. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in any area not covered by these governing rules.

Drafted 8/12/87

Revised & Approved by DAC 8/26/87

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
GUIDELINES

1. Assist in developing long-range policies and programs.
2. Keep the board aware and advised of community interests and attitudes.
3. Assist in planning new designs and facility improvements.
4. Conduct surveys and appraisals of community needs.
5. With sound leadership, develop an understanding and wider acceptance of leisure programs and the need for parks and recreation.
6. The eyes and ears of the Park Board, providing input to the Board to help shape the direction of priorities and goals, not only for today's needs, but the future, for the general benefit of the tax-paying community.
7. It is not the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to solve Park District problems, only to recommend and advise.

8/12/87

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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DATE: 1/11/91

REQUESTED BY: Patti Hancock, Sec.

<u>ITEM &amp; DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
White 4 x 9 1/2" Envelopes	1 Box	(500/box)
Olivette Electronic Typewriter Ribbons #7293527 (Black M/S)	1 Box	6 Ribbons/box
Brown Envelopes 9 x 12	24 ea	
Standard Yellow Writing Tablets	6 ea	12/package

Thank You

**WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
1990 ATTENDANCE LIST**

DATE	2/21	3/21	4/18	5/16	6/10	9/19	11/14	1/16	3/No
Alice Wargo	✓	✓	CAN	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Marge Hartmann	1	✓	CAN	✓	✓	CAN	✓	✓	✓
Ruth Wieder	1	1	CELL	✓	✓	CAN	1	1	1
Frank Wojek	✓	1	CELL	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Virginia Metzger	1	✓	ED	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Pat Hancock	✓	✓	ED	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Ida Hein	1	1		✓	✓	D	1	1	
<del>Bobby Silverstein</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>1</del>	<del></del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del></del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>	<del>✓</del>
Patrick Hanley	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Daniel Conrad	1	✓		1	1	✓	✓	1	1
Barb. Ditmann									
Ken Kostrzowski	1	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
T. Webber Liaison	✓	1		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<del>E. Klocke Comm</del>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	1	

**GUESTS:**

- 2/21 S. Mathis, Krop,
- 3/21 Krop
- 5/16 Brides/ Krop
- 6/10 Mel/ Brides (Tom W.)
- July/Aug - No Mtgs. (No Mtgs. Held)
- 9/19
- 11/14
- 1/16
- 1/20 Krop





WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF MAY, 1991

Remaining  
Term

MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ruth Wieder  
116 S. Wille  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2105      3

Marge Hartmann  
48 S. Wille  
Wheeling, Il. 537-0656      1

Frank Wojek  
150 E. Highland  
Wheeling, Il. 459-0768      2

Virginia Metzger  
46 Holly Ct.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-8114      2

Pat Hancock  
386 S. Leslie  
Wheeling, Il. 537-1450      1

Ida Hein  
272 Maureen Dr. N.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2315      2

Patrick Hanley  
1089 Pear Tree Ln.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2019      3

Daniel Conrad  
655 Longtree Dr.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-5644      3

Ken Kostrzewski  
1313 Exeter Ct.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-~~2019~~      1

DIRECTOR OF PARKS

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NEWS MEDIA

Wheeling Countryside  
200 James St.  
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Wayne Tryhuk

Wheeling Herald  
217 W. Campbell St.  
Arlington Hgts. 60005

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Greg Klatecki  
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William Mattes  
362 Marion St.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2376

To: Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee  
Date: May 15, 1991

The names of the following members have completed their terms and wish to remain on the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee, each for another three year term.

Patrick Hanley  
~~Don Conrad~~  
Ruth Wieder

The above names are submitted for approval.

*Pat  
5/15/91*

TO: Board of Park Commissioners  
Wheeling Park District

FROM: Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

RE: Membership

DATE: June 21, 1990

The names of the following members have completed their terms and wish to remain on the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee, each for a three year term.

Frank Wojek  
Virginia Metzger  
Ida Hein

The names are submitted for approval.

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TO: Board of Park Commissioners  
Wheeling Park District

FROM: Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

RE: Membership

DATE: May 4, 1989

The names of the following members have completed their terms and wish to remain on the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee, each for a three year term.

Marge Hartmann  
Alice Wargo  
Pat Hancock

The names are submitted to the Board of Park Commissioners for approval.

*Approved  
BOC on 5/4/89*

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MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF MAY, 1991

MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
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Alice Wargo 401 S. Wolf Rd. Wheeling, Il. 537-5127	3	Daniel Conrad 655 Longtree Dr. Wheeling, Il. 537-5644	2
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Marge Hartmann 48 S. Wille Wheeling, Il. 537-0656	3		
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Frank Wojek 150 E. Highland Wheeling, Il. 459-0768	1		
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Mike Wilkinson  
Wheeling Countryside  
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Barrington, Il. 60010

Virginia Metzger 46 Holly Ct. Wheeling, Il. 537-8114	1		
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Trish Lichtenstein  
Wheeling Herald  
217 W. Campbell St.  
Arlington Heights, Il.  
60005

Pat Hancock 386 S. Leslie Ln. Wheeling, Il. 537-1450	3		
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Ida Hein 272 Maureen Dr. N. Wheeling, Il. 537-2315	1		
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Pat Walsdorf 483 Thornhill Wheeling, Il. 537-7528	1		
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Francine Melamed, Vice P.  
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Wheeling, Il.

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*Wm. Matten  
362 Marlton St.  
Wheeling, Il.  
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MEMBERS

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WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 1991

I would like to submit the following statement for reimbursement.

January 11, 1990

Packets 15 @ \$.50 = \$ 7.50

February 5, 1990

Packets 15 @ \$.50 = 7.50

March 15, 1990

Packets 8 @ \$.75 = \$6.00  
2 @ .50 = 1.00 7.00

April (No Meeting)

May 16, 1990 (Park Mailing)

June 20, 1990 ( Park Mailing)

July/August (No Meetings)

September 19, 1990 (Park Mailing)

October, 1990 (No Meeting)

November 14, 1990

Packets 4 @ \$.75= \$ 3.00  
7 @ .50= 3.50 6.50

December, 1990 (No Meeting)

January 14, 1991

Packets 12 @ \$.25= 3.00

March 9, 1991

Packets 10 @ \$.68 ea = 6.80

Total \$ 38.30

Thank You,

Patti Hancock, Sec.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4/12/89

*Presented  
5/4/89*

I would like to submit the following statement for reimbursement.

10/7/88	Packets to: Reminder Herald		.50 .50 =	\$ 1.00
10/7/88	Jewel: Frames for Certificates	4@	4.99 =	\$19.98
10/20/88	Applications & Minutes To: B. Dittman D. Conrad	2@	.50 =	\$1.00
11/7/88	Packets Sent:	12@	.50 =	\$6.00
1989				
1/8/89	Packets Sent: (Members, News Media Park )	16@	.50=	\$8.00
2/3/89	Packets Sent:	15@ 2@	.25 .50=	\$4.75
2/17/89	Notices Sent to: E.Klocke News Media	2@	.50=	\$1.00
2/19/89	Packets Sent to: Open Space Committee	5@	.50=	\$2.50
3/3/89	Packets Sent:	1@ 4@ 4@ 5@	.25 2.00 1.00 .85=	\$10.50
4/8/89	Packets Sent:	9@ 1@ 1@ 3@	.50 .75 1.00 1.25=	\$10.00

Receipt for some postage and frames attached

Total                      \$64.23

Patricia Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Advisory Committee

*Presented Check  
5/19/89*

William Mattes  
362 Marion St  
Wheeling  
537-2376  
WK 433-6700

DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AS OF MAY, 1989

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(MAY 1988 - APRIL 1989)

TERM

(3) Ruth Wieder, Chairperson  
116 S. Wille  
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(1) Alice Wargo, Vice-Chair  
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Wheeling, Il. 537-5127

(1) Marge Hartmann  
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(2) Frank Wojek  
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(2) Virginia Metzger  
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Wheeling, Il. 537-8114

(1) Pat Hancock, Secretary  
386 S. Leslie Ln.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-1450

(2) Ida Hein  
272 Maureen Dr.n.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2315

(2) Pat Walsdorf  
483 Thornhill  
Wheeling, Il. 537-7528

(3) Patrick Hanley, Co-Chair  
1089 Pear Tree Ln.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-2019

(3) *BARB DITTMAN*  
*293 Fletcher Ln.*  
*Wheeling 459-8357*

~~Diane Floden~~  
~~903 Shady Tree Ln.~~  
~~Wheeling, Il. 537-5567~~

(3) Bobby Silverstein (Ms)  
923 Shady Tree Ln.  
Wheeling, Il. 520-0178

(1) Alberta Klocke  
245 E. Wayne  
Wheeling, Il. 537-0574

(3) Daniel Conrad  
655 Longtree Dr.  
Wheeling, Il. 537-5644

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jim Gallagher, President  
157 Mockingbird Ln.  
Wheeling, Il. 459-1561

Ed Klocke, Vice-President  
245 E. Wayne  
Wheeling, Il. 537-0574

Donald Lark  
593 Merle  
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Anthony Abruscato  
125 W. Wayne  
Wheeling, Il. 520-3754

Julia Robberson  
294 E. Second St.  
Wheeling, Il. 541-5680

*Furnished Term*  
*DID NOT*  
*REAPPLY*  
*89*

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Mike Wilkinson  
381-9210  
X 183

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September 26, 1989

Mr. Kenneth Kostrzewski  
1313 Exeter Ct.  
Wheeling, Il. 60090

Dear Ken:

It pleases us to announce your application has been accepted by the Advisory Committee and approved by the Wheeling Park District Board of Commissioners on September 20, 1989.

Please be advised the meetings of the Advisory Committee have been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. You will be sent an agenda and minutes prior to the meeting.

We are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Patti Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

William Matter  
362 Marion St  
Wheeling 587-2376

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July 4, 1991





WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
GUIDELINES

1. Assist in developing long-range policies and programs.
2. Keep the board aware and advised of community interests and attitudes.
3. Assist in planning new designs and facility improvements.
4. Conduct surveys and appraisals of community needs.
5. With sound leadership, develop an understanding and wider acceptance of leisure programs and the need for parks and recreation.
6. The eyes and ears of the Park Board, providing input to the Board to help shape the direction of priorities and goals, not only for today's needs, but the future, for the general benefit of the tax-paying community.
7. It is not the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to solve Park District problems, only to recommend and advise.

8/12/87

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GOVERNING RULES

I. AUTHORIZATION

That the Wheeling Park District Board of Park Commissioners recognize that residents do care about progressive parks, all of their programs and facilities.

That the Park Board formally approved and accepted the concept of a continuing Citizen Advisory Group and ratified the existence of this group to work cooperatively to accomplish Park District goals on July 16, 1987.

II. NAME OF ADVISORY GROUP

1. The Group shall be known as the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee.

III. PURPOSE

1. To promote citizen awareness of the desirability of good parks and recreation.
2. To study the capital needs of the Park District and recommend to the Park Board and community our findings.
3. To identify problems and suggest solutions.
4. To interpret to the community the goals and needs of the Park District.
5. To communicate to the Park Board the concerns of the committee and the community.

IV. ORGANIZATION

1. No more than 15 members of the community be appointed to the advisory committee.
2. Appointees must be a registered voter of the Wheeling Park District, and should be:
  - a. interested and capable.

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- b. clear and careful thinkers.
- c. able to work cooperatively and constructively with others.
- d. representative of the people of the community, reflecting cross-sections of the community as much as possible; i.e.: single family, PUDs, commercial and industrial.

V. TERMS OF MEMBERS

1. Members shall serve a (3 year) term. Note: Terms subject to input and group determination.
  - a. Initially 5 members shall serve a 1 year term, 5 members shall serve a 2 year term and 5 members shall serve a 3 year term to be determined by lot.
  - b. Annually as a term expires, the DAC member has the option to continue to serve in an open 3 year term.
  - c. As a vacancy occurs, residents who express a desire to serve, may submit an application to any DAC member. Upon approval of the DAC, the name(s) will be forwarded to the Wheeling Park District Board of Park Commissioners for appointment.
  - d. That absence of three consecutive meetings without prior notification, the member will be so notified by the secretary and their membership will be reviewed. Added 9/28/88.

VI. LIAISONS

1. The Board as a Whole and the Park District Manager shall act as consultants to the advisory group.
2. The Park Board shall designate a Commissioner as their representative to all meetings (advisory capacity).
3. Other staff people may be invited to attend meetings upon request for specific expertise.

VIII. OPERATION

1. The committee shall function under these governing rules.
  - a. Select its own officers.
  - b. Formulate sub-committees as necessary.
  - c. Determine meeting times and agendas.

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2. The committee or sub-committees may seek information and counsel through proper administrative channels.
3. Minutes shall be kept and provided to all Advisory Committee members, the Park District Manager and the Board of Park Commissioners.
4. No member shall incur any financial obligation unless authorized by the entire group and then approved by the Board of Park Commissioners.
5. No member may release information of study results, sub-committee reports, or advisory recommendations unless approved by the entire group.
6. The Chairman or his designate shall be the official spokesperson.

VIII. GOALS

Goals may be short or long term, determined annually by the committee and submitted to the Park Board of Commissioners for their consideration.

IX. REVIEW

Procedures, changes and evaluation of effectiveness should occur annually by the group.

X. SUMMATION

Citizen involvement is always a critical problem for boards and administrators. The complications of attaining input from citizens can produce numerous conflicts. However, regardless of the struggle this process involves, citizen involvement remains a significant resource for the Park District. Not only is citizen involvement a major qualification for state and federal grants, but it provides an invaluable link to the community for assistance, support in programs, planning and development.

- XI. Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed in any area not covered by these governing rules.

Drafted 8/12/87

Revised & Approved by DAC 8/26/87

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other commissioners now seated on the board.

"I for one found it very beneficial," Webber said of his time on the committee.

In its heyday in 1989, the committee put together a wish list of items they would have liked to see the park district spend money on -- including a new community center and better parks.

With the recent voter approval of a 10-cent tax-rate hike, both of those wishes seem closer to coming true.

Commissioners are looking to build a \$5 million recreation building on their property between Wickes Furniture Co. and the Wheeling Village Hall.

And plans are already in the works for the renovation of Malibu Park with Childerly Park to follow.

"The committee has been an outlet to help nurture the district along," said Webber.

"And they are still helping us, still giving us direction, still here today," Webber said.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held September 15, 1991
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Update- Aquatic Center
  - 2.
- V. New Business:
  1. Review of results of Recreation  
Referendum
  2. Status- Advisory Committee
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Your Agenda and Minutes are being sent early since I will not be in attendance. Patti



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 1991

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on September 18, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Those members in attendance were: Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Pat Hancock, Ida Hein, Ken Kostrzowski and Patrick Hanley. Absent: Ruth Wieder and Virginia Metzger. President Webber and Park Superintendent Bavougian had other commitments.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 1991 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Ken Kostrzowski, seconded by Marge Hartmann to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by VOICE VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Hanley advised the committee that President Webber and Park Superintendent Bavougian were attending a meeting at the Village this evening making a presentation concerning the recreation center. There were thoughts of changing the committee meeting but because of the indecision of a date, Patrick decided to hold our regular meeting to see what we can do.

1. Update- Aquatic Center and Recreation Center

Patrick advised as he understands is that the aquatic center is a go and is suppose to be ready by June 1st 1993 and that if the referendum goes through and passes in November on the recreation center, that it could be opening the summer of 1993. If it does not pass, it will not be built.

Ken advised they are hoping to start site work this fall in regards to the aquatic facility basically taking the fill out of there and if we have a mild winter they may be able to get the footings in.

2.

Patrick advised we will have to wait and see on the rec. center. He noted he had looked at a copy of what language will be appearing on the ballot, and when you read the wording that has to be put on by law, it looks like you are paying three times the amount of money to the park district. They are trying to put an addendum explaining what it would cost the taxpayer according to their taxes. Lengthly discussion ensued and it was deemed that the public has to be made aware before they go to the poles.

2. 4th of July Report-Frank Wojek

Chairman Wojek advised it was a beautiful day and the cooperation he received from the other members was great. Many compliments were received. Frank and Patti passed around pictures which were taken of the parade that day. Frank asked Patti and Marge what expenses were incurred so they could be reimbursed. He was told about \$50.00 was expended but since then receipts were lost and they would not be asking the board for reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. November Referendum

Patrick advised we have already discussed this matter and he stated he is very grateful we have the aquatic center at this point and feels this is really something we will be proud of and he hopes we get the recreation center. Discussion ensued.

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

It was advised the next meeting will be October 16, 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Frank, seconded by Ken to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully,

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Chairman
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  1. November Referendum
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- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD MAY 15, 1991

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The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Those members in attendance were: Frank Wojek, Dolly Hein, Virginia Metzger, Patrick Hanley, Ken Kostrzowski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder, Marge Hartmann and Dan Conrad. Also in attendance was President Tom Webber Liaison, Robert Todd, Bill Mattes, Commissioners, and Karop Bavougian, Director of Parks.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 1991 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Ken Kostrzowski, seconded by Virginia Metzger to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update- Aquatic Center and Recreation Center

Commissioner Bill Mattes advised the committee the Park Board is in the final stages of getting approval for the construction of the pool Phase I, Recreation Center Phase II and the conceptual approval for the site plan Phase III.

At the last meeting with the village board, which no action was taken, the Village Boards major concern with the presentation, was the matter of the financial funding for this project. Lengthly discussion ensued.

Bill advised the Village Board kept asking how the park was going to pay for it. Bill advised the Park Board paid cash for the property. \$400,000 has been put down with the remainder of \$303,000 (which the cash is in the bank) and the park has two years to pay it off.

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The architectural fees, the construction of the pool based on all the investigation we did with the architect of Water Concepts who is handling the construction of it, have constructed many proven water facilities in this area which are self sustaining and profitable, so there will be no need for an increase on the taxpayers part for that operation. He noted it has always been the intent of the Park Board to give the community something they could see and when they say it is only a three month facility, no, not with the amenities build into the project. We have a band stand area, a hilly sun turf area which could be utilized 7-8 months a year and a volleyball court. We also have the ability to utilize the concession area for many months. The park is really going to be more active than it is right now and those things will be noticed and the park will be used.

Ken questioned if there are any alternatives if the Village continues to play around? Bill responded it could remain a natural prairie. Tom Webber interjected and asked if Ken meant any legal proceedings? His reply was no and advised it would be a no win situation and the community is the one that loses, not only would they not have an outdoor facility to use in the summer and early spring it would also be all our tax dollars going to waste to fight one another. He noted it would be ludicrous to pursue any of those avenues. Discussion continued.

Tom responded we do have one alternative that is if by chance the Village board again decides to table this item, at their next regularly scheduled meeting there will be in access of a hundred people at their meeting. Until they surcome to the pressure and realize that the community wants this based on the community-wide survey taken a year ago, the results from that survey showed a 57-58% strongly agreed with an aquatic facility with modern amenities.

Dolly questioned if the Village board approves the center and the rest, and we borrow this 9.75 million dollars, what is it going to do to the rest of the parks? Is this going to put us in the same financial bind which we have been in for the last 15 years? Tom responded this was also questioned by the commissioners before we decided to preceed with these projects and he explained how they came to their decision.

General discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of new officers for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

- a) Chairman- The nomination of Patrick Hanley was placed as Chairman for the fiscal year 1991-92. Motion was made by Virginia, seconded by Dolly that Patrick Hanley be appointed. Motion carried by Voice Vote.
- b) Vice Chairman- The nomination of Ken Kostrzewski was placed as Vice Chairman for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Motion was made by Frank seconded by Dolly Ken be appointed. Motion carried by Voice Vote.
- c) Secretary- The nomination of Pat Hancock was placed as Secretary for the 1991-92 fiscal year. Motion was made by Dolly, seconded by Virginia that Patti be appointed. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

2. Membership

Chairman Hanley advised the committee's numbers are dwindling. He also noted Dan Conrad has completed his term and has advised the committee he can no longer serve as other priorities have come up, which leaves the committee with eight members. He advised we need more members and in the past he has asked that young people serve but at this point we would just like more people. In the course of the summer months we can talk to people interested in recreation and possibly the news of the aquatic and recreation center would interest some of them to serve on our committee. Certainly it's going to get more publicity in the next month or two. Seven members are needed for a full committee.

It is also noted that Pat Hanley, Ruth Wieder and Dan Conrad have completed their terms and are up for reappointment. As noted earlier, Dan Conrad will not serve another term. Patrick Hanley and Ruth Wieder have stated they would be willing to serve another three year term. President Webber will presented these names for approval at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners.

4.

3. 4th of July Update- Chairman Wojek

Chairman Wojek advised the committee he would mail back the application regarding participation in the 4th of July parade and advised he is hoping we can again get the use of a convertable and decorate as in the past.

Patti advised that a request of a nominal amount of money to cover the cost of decorations would be made to the Park District Board at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATION -Verbal/Written

Chairman Hanley asked the members if there should be another committee meeting in June. The members felt there was no need until September as usual.

Dolly questioned Tom if the park is going for a referendum in November? He responded yes and without a doubt they will be seeking help for a November referendum. He knows the board is right on target and it is their opinion they stand united that they will do anything and everything they have to do within reason to proceed with this project. At this time the referendum they will be seeking looks to be not exceed a \$.10 increase in operative costs for a recreation center. Again he noted, they have the monies to build it but just don't have the money to operate it. Discussion ensued. Tom requested if the Board can call a meeting regarding the referendum at the end of August and will notify the Advisory Committee at the time. The committee agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick advised the next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, September 18, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Ken Kostrzewski, seconded by Pat Hancock to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

# District asks Friends of the Park to join fight for tax rate increase

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/31/91

The Wheeling Park District kicked into high gear its campaign for a tax rate increase recently, with a meeting to organize a referendum committee.

About 50 people attended the meeting. When it was over, park district officials had commitments from 40 of them who indicated they would be willing to take on a variety of responsibilities from making phone calls to poll watching on election day.

The park district wants the 10-cent tax rate hike to run a new recreation building on the same site as the family aquatic center it plans to build on .5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Although they can finance the construction of the \$4 million recreation center by borrowing bonds and paying them off over an 18-year period, they cannot operate the building without a tax rate increase.

And they want the newly formed Friends of the Park to help them sell

that increase.

"We want to organize the committee with the idea of getting the tax rate increase approved by the voters," said Karop Bavougian, director of Parks and Recreation. "And in this day and age that is not a real popular issue. We realize dollars are tight all around, but we believe this is worth the cost."

The \$4.5 million recreation building will have a gymnasium, indoor running track, classrooms, exercise room and administrative offices for the district. Those offices are now at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Preschool classes now held at the churches in Childery and Horizon parks and at the recreation building at Heritage Park would be moved to the new recreation building.

Park district officials estimate the tax increase will cost a taxpayer with a tax bill of \$1,500 an additional \$17.53 per year.

Wheeling residents Phil Pritzker and Mark Parkinson will head the Friends of the Park committee.

# Group working for referendum to form strategy

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

9/10/91

The newly formed Friends of the Park, a group working toward passage of a Wheeling Park District tax rate hike referendum, will get together tonight to begin forming a strategy for reaching voters before the November election.

About 50 people attended an infor-

mational meeting about the rate increase last month, with 40 of them volunteering to do some work toward passage of the referendum.

Park district officials are asking for the 10-cent increase to run a new recreation building on the same site as the family aquatic center it plans to build on 18.5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Although they can finance the construction of the \$4 million recreation center by borrowing bonds and paying them off over an 18-year period they cannot operate the building without a tax rate increase.

Wheeling residents Phil Pritzker, co-chairman of the committee, said Tuesday's meeting will be held to begin to dole out responsibilities to people interested in volunteering with

the group.

"We will be seeing who can make phone calls and who can stuff mailers," he said. "We will also be identifying those in favor and compiling a list of yes voters."

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. For more information, call 537-2800.



# Wheeling seeks citizens group to help pass tax referendum

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/3/91

Now that Wheeling park district commissioners have decided to ask voters for a tax rate increase to fund the operation of a new recreation building, they are looking to form a citizens group to work for passage of the referendum.

Commissioners are looking to pass an increase of 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. They say Wheeling homeowners would see an increase of between \$20 and \$44 in their tax bills.

And they say they do not expect voter sentiment against hikes in property taxes to be a big stumbling block in getting the referendum passed.

"The need is great and I think active park district participants understand that and will help us work to get it passed," said Commissioner Bill Mattes.

If voters approve the tax rate increase, the park district will borrow

the money to build the center — estimated at \$4.5 million — on an installment contract and sell bonds over several years to pay off the loan.

The building will have a gymnasium, indoor running track, classrooms and administrative offices for the district. Those offices are now at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee and Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Park Board President Thomas Webber said commissioners will be contacting people they know are interested in getting the referendum passed and holding a kick-off meeting in the next couple of weeks. From that group, they will appoint a committee to recruit other people.

"We want new residents and anyone who is active in Wheeling," Webber said. "And their neighbors and friends."

People interested in more information on the kick-off meeting, or those who want to help work for the referendum should call the Chevy Chase Clubhouse at 537-2930.

## SUBURBAN REPORT

# Park district goes after tax hike for building

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/19/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners took another step toward their dream of building a new recreation building when they unanimously voted to ask residents for a tax increase on the November ballot.

And they also will review one last time plans for the family aquatic center that will be built first on the same 17.5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Commissioners voted last month to borrow \$4.5 million for the construction of the pool and to begin work this fall. They are hoping to

enlarge an existing rainwater retention basin and begin other site work before winter.

The pool will have four water slides, a diving board and lanes for lap swimming. Swimmers will be able to wade into the water from the shallow end. It will be surrounded by a sun turf, concession stand, sand volleyball courts and a play area for children.

Park district officials expect it to generate enough revenue to pay for itself.

However, they need voter approval of a tax rate increase before proceeding with construction of the 48,000-square-foot recreation building.

The increase, or 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, would add

about \$525,000 to the district's recreation fund coffers.

And while most of that money will be needed to run the recreation building, Director of Parks and Recreation Karop Bavougian said some of the money will be used to make improvements to the district's other parks.

Park district residents who own a house with an average selling price of \$100,280 can expect to pay about \$27.51 more in taxes each year if voters approve the tax increase.

Commissioners are planning to launch a tax increase kick-off near the end of August and form a citizens committee to work for its approval.

# Wheeling pool project moves full speed ahead

8/2/91

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

After spending several months wrestling with the fate of their proposed pool facility, Wheeling park district commissioners took the plunge Thursday, deciding to move ahead with construction of the \$4.5 million project.

Following their decision to immediately prepare the papers and begin to solicit bids on the pool, they also decided to ask voters for a tax-rate hike to fund operation of a \$4.5 mil-

lion recreation building to be built on the same site as the aquatic center — on Dundee Road between Wickes Furniture Co. and the Wheeling village hall.

If the increase is approved by voters in a November referendum, park district officials will immediately look for contractors to work on the building and borrow the money on an installment contract — the same financing method they will use to build the family aquatic center.

Last week, commissioner spent several hours debating whether to

ask voters, in a non-binding referendum, for approval of the aquatic center. But after thinking it over, most of them decided to stick with their original plans to move forward with the pool.

The decision on the best way to fund the two projects was postponed while commissioners waited to see how their borrowing power would be affected by the property tax legislation proposed by the state government.

During the wait, they attempted to borrow \$9.5 million to build both

projects but a group of citizens collected enough signatures to force them to get voter permission before borrowing the money using alternative revenue bonds.

When the state legislature did not limit their borrowing power, commissioners no longer needed to use that method to borrow the funds.

"At the beginning of the project we knew we were going to use non-referendum bonds," said Commissioner Francine Melamed. "We have the

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## POOL: Parks to ask voters for tax hike

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right to make the decision, because the community put us in these seats to make these decisions. To waste more time does not make sense to me."

Park board President Thomas Webber agreed with Melamed.

"We have talked to active Wheeling," he said. "We are not an advisory committee. We are a governing body with the responsibility of leading the community and providing leisure activities. The project stands tall. To continue playing mental Ping-Pong with ourselves and try to please everyone is futile and will drive us crazy. I feel we have the support of the community."

**"I asked the people what they thought and everyone I talked to said, 'Do it now.'"**

—Commissioner Robert Todd

Commissioner Robert Todd said he was still "vacillating" on whether to seek a non-advisory referendum until he decided to have his neighbors help him make the decision.

"I elected to get out on the street and ring doorbells," he said. "I asked the people what they thought and everyone I talked to said, 'Do it now.'"

The 17,000-square-foot aquatic center, which park district officials say will make enough money to cover the costs of running it, will have five water slides, a diving board and lanes for lap swimming.

Also in the 3.5-acre pool complex will be a snack bar, sand volleyball courts, grass for sunning, a sand area with playground equipment and an adult-only spa. Commissioner Edward Klocke cast the lone vote against going ahead with the aquatic center.

## Park board to review funding for proposed aquatic center

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

7/25/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners will hold a special meeting tonight to review options for funding of the proposed family aquatic center and recreation building, now that the governor and state legislature have reached a property tax compromise.

While they are expecting to hear several suggestions from Director of Parks and Recreation Karop Bavougian and Superintendent of Finance Thomas Busby, Park Board President Thomas Webber said they will probably not make a

decision until Aug. 1.

"We will have a week to think about our options," said Webber. "I don't anticipate we will make a decision." The commissioners will hear the options at 6 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Commissioners had hoped to get the \$9.5 million to build the aquatic center and recreation building by borrowing the money and paying it back over the next 18 years with the sale of bonds. But they began exploring other financing options when it looked like the legislature might take away their power to issue bonds without getting permis-



Daily Herald Map

sion from the voters.

One of those options was to borrow money through general obligation bonds. However, a group of Wheeling residents collected 1,356 signatures forcing the commissioners to get voter approval before using that financing method.

## Park board split on fall pool referendum

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

7/26/91

After postponing a decision on the future of the proposed pool facility and recreation building for three months, Wheeling park district commissioners will take another week before deciding the fate of the project.

Although commissioners have always known they will need voter approval for a tax-rate increase to run the recreation building, they are now faced with the question of whether or not to ask voters for a non-binding opinion on whether they should build the pool facility.

And they must also decide when to place any referendum questions on the ballot.

Director of Parks and Recreation

Karop Bavougian is recommending to commissioners that they ask for the tax-rate increase and voter approval of both projects in November.

But some commissioners want to go ahead and borrow the \$4.5 million for the aquatic center now and seek voter approval for the recreation building later.

"Coming back with a referendum this close to what happened in Springfield is a guarantee it will lose," said Commission Greg Klantecki. "In my opinion we should build the aquatic center, wait a year and then go for referendum."

Administrators say the pool facility will make enough money to cover its operating costs.

Other commissioners said voters should get a chance to voice their opinion on the aquatic center.

They are concerned that failure to get those opinions would be seen as "trying to pull something over on voters" and would make it more difficult to get approval for a tax-rate increase to run the recreation building.

"If I'm going to spend my time talking to people about a referendum, I would like it to be productive, not trying to justify what we have done so far," said Park Board President Thomas Webber.

The decision on the best way to fund the two projects was postponed while commissioners waited to see how their borrowing power would be affected by the property tax legislation proposed by the state government.

Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the matter next Thursday.

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Last week, commissioner spent several hours debating whether to

ask voters, in a non-binding referendum, for approval of the aquatic center. But after thinking it over, most of them decided to stick with their original plans to move forward with the pool.

The decision on the best way to fund the two projects was postponed while commissioners waited to see how their borrowing power would be affected by the property tax legislation proposed by the state government.

During the wait, they attempted to borrow \$9.5 million to build both

projects but a group of citizens collected enough signatures to force them to get voter permission before borrowing the money using alternative revenue bonds.

When the state legislature did not limit their borrowing power, commissioners no longer needed to use that method to borrow the funds.

"At the beginning of the project we knew we were going to use non-referendum bonds," said Commissioner Francine Melamed. "We have the

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## POOL: Parks to ask voters for tax hike

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right to make the decision, because the community put us in these seats to make these decisions. To waste more time does not make sense to me."

Park board President Thomas Webber agreed with Melamed.

"We have talked to active Wheeling," he said. "We are not an advisory committee. We are a governing body with the responsibility of leading the community and providing leisure activities.

is tall. To continue Ping-Pong with to please everyone will drive us crazy. The support of

"I asked the people what they thought and everyone I talked to said, 'Do it now.'"

—Commissioner Robert Todd

Commissioner Robert Todd said he was still "vacillating" on whether to seek a non-advisory referendum until he decided to have his neighbors help him make the decision.

"I elected to get out on the street and ring doorbells," he said. "I asked the people what they thought and everyone I talked to said, 'Do it now.'"

The 17,000-square-foot aquatic center, which park district officials say will make enough money to cover the costs of running it, will have five water slides, a diving board and lanes for lap swimming.

Also in the 3.5-acre pool complex will be a snack bar, sand volleyball courts, grass for sunning, a sand area with playground equipment and an adult-only spa. Commissioner Edward Klocke cast the lone vote against going ahead with the aquatic center.

Wasted

## Park board to review funding for proposed aquatic center

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

7/25/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners will hold a special meeting tonight to review options for funding of the proposed family aquatic center and recreation building, now that the governor and state legislature have reached a property tax compromise.

While they are expecting to hear several suggestions from Director of Parks and Recreation Karop Bavougian and Superintendent of Finance Thomas Busby, Park Board President Thomas Webber said they will probably not make a

decision until Aug. 1.

"We will have a week to think about our options," said Webber. "I don't anticipate we will make a decision." The commissioners will hear the options at 6 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Commissioners had hoped to get the \$9.5 million to build the aquatic center and recreation building by borrowing the money and paying it back over the next 18 years with the sale of bonds. But they began exploring other financing options when it looked like the legislature might take away their power to issue bonds without getting permis-



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sion from the voters.

One of those options was to borrow money through general obligation bonds. However, a group of Wheeling residents collected 1,356 signatures forcing the commissioners to get voter approval before using that financing method.

## Park board split on fall pool referendum

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

7/26/91

After postponing a decision on the future of the proposed pool facility and recreation building for three months, Wheeling park district commissioners will take another week before deciding the fate of the project.

Although commissioners have always known they will need voter approval for a tax-rate increase to run the recreation building, they are now faced with the question of whether or not to ask voters for a non-binding opinion on whether they should build the pool facility.

And they must also decide when to place any referendum questions on the ballot.

Director of Parks and Recreation

Karop Bavougian is recommending to commissioners that they ask for the tax-rate increase and voter approval of both projects in November.

But some commissioners want to go ahead and borrow the \$4.5 million for the aquatic center now and seek voter approval for the recreation building later.

"Coming back with a referendum this close to what happened in Springfield is a guarantee it will lose," said Commission Greg Klacke. "In my opinion we should build the aquatic center, wait a year and then go for referendum."

Administrators say the pool facility will make enough money to cover its operating costs.

Other commissioners said voters should get a chance to voice their opinion on the aquatic center.

They are concerned that failure to get those opinions would be seen as "trying to pull something over on voters" and would make it more difficult to get approval for a tax-rate increase to run the recreation building.

"If I'm going to spend my time talking to people about a referendum, I would like it to be productive, not trying to justify what we have done so far," said Park Board President Thomas Webber.

The decision on the best way to fund the two projects was postponed while commissioners waited to see how their borrowing power would be affected by the property tax legislation proposed by the state government.

Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the matter next Thursday.

# District asks Friends of the Park to join fight for tax rate increase

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/31/91

The Wheeling Park District kicked into high gear its campaign for a tax rate increase recently, with a meeting to organize a referendum committee.

About 50 people attended the meeting. When it was over, park district officials had commitments from 40 of them who indicated they would be willing to take on a variety of responsibilities from making phone calls to poll watching on election day.

The park district wants the 10-cent tax rate hike to run a new recreation building on the same site as the family aquatic center it plans to build on 18.5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Although they can finance the construction of the \$4 million recreation center by borrowing bonds and paying them off over an 18-year period, they cannot operate the building without a tax rate increase.

And they want the newly formed Friends of the Park to help them sell

that increase.

"We want to organize the committee with the idea of getting the tax rate increase approved by the voters," said Karop Bavougian, director of Parks and Recreation. "And in this day and age that is not a real popular issue. We realize dollars are tight all around, but we believe this is worth the cost."

The \$4.5 million recreation building will have a gymnasium, indoor running track, classrooms, exercise room and administrative offices for the district. Those offices are now at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave., and Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road. Preschool classes now held at the churches in Childery and Horizon parks and at the recreation building at Heritage Park would be moved to the new recreation building.

Park district officials estimate the tax increase will cost a taxpayer with a tax bill of \$1,500 an additional \$17.53 per year.

Wheeling residents Phil Pritzker and Mark Parkinson will head the Friends of the Park committee.

# Group working for referendum to form strategy

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

9/10/91

The newly formed Friends of the Park, a group working toward passage of a Wheeling Park District tax rate hike referendum, will get together tonight to begin forming a strategy for reaching voters before the November election.

About 50 people attended an infor-

mational meeting about the rate increase last month, with 40 of them volunteering to do some work toward passage of the referendum. Park district officials are asking for the 10-cent increase to run a new recreation building on the same site as the family aquatic center it plans to build on 18.5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Although they can finance the construction of the \$4 million recreation center by borrowing bonds and paying them off over an 18-year period they cannot operate the building without a tax rate increase. Wheeling residents Phil Pritzker, co-chairman of the committee, said Tuesday's meeting will be held to begin to dole out responsibilities to people interested in volunteering with the group. "We will be seeing who can make phone calls and who can stuff mailers," he said. "We will also be identifying those in favor and compiling a list of yes voters."

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave. For more information, call 537-2900.

# Wheeling seeks citizens group to help pass tax referendum

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/3/91

Now that Wheeling park district commissioners have decided to ask voters for a tax rate increase to fund the operation of a new recreation building, they are looking to form a citizens group to work for passage of the referendum.

Commissioners are looking to pass an increase of 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. They say Wheeling homeowners would see an increase of between \$20 and \$44 in their tax bills.

And they say they do not expect voter sentiment against hikes in property taxes to be a big stumbling block in getting the referendum passed.

"The need is great and I think active park district participants understand that and will help us work to get it passed," said Commissioner Bill Mattes.

If voters approve the tax rate increase, the park district will borrow

the money to build the center — estimated at \$4.5 million — on an installment contract and sell bonds over several years to pay off the loan.

The building will have a gymnasium, indoor running track, classrooms and administrative offices for the district. Those offices are now at the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee and Heritage Park, 222 S. Wolf Road.

Park Board President Thomas Webber said commissioners will be contacting people they know are interested in getting the referendum passed and holding a kick-off meeting in the next couple of weeks. From that group, they will appoint a committee to recruit other people.

"We want new residents and anyone who is active in Wheeling," Webber said. "And their neighbors and friends."

People interested in more information on the kick-off meeting, or those who want to help work for the referendum should call the Chevy Chase Clubhouse at 537-2930.

## SUBURBAN REPORT

# Park district goes after tax hike for building

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/19/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners look another step toward their dream of building a new recreation building when they unanimously voted to ask residents for a tax increase on the November ballot.

And they also will review one last time plans for the family aquatic center that will be built first on the same 17.5 acres on Dundee Road, between the Wheeling Village Hall and Wickes Furniture Co.

Commissioners voted last month to borrow \$4.5 million for the construction of the pool and to begin work this fall. They are hoping to

enlarge an existing rainwater retention basin and begin other site work before winter.

The pool will have four water slides, a diving board and lanes for lap swimming. Swimmers will be able to wade into the water from the shallow end. It will be surrounded by a sun turf, concession stand, sand volleyball courts and a play area for children.

Park district officials expect it to generate enough revenue to pay for itself.

However, they need voter approval of a tax rate increase before proceeding with construction of the 48,000-square-foot recreation building.

The increase, or 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, would add

about \$525,000 to the district's recreation fund coffers.

And while most of that money will be needed to run the recreation building, Director of Parks and Recreation Karop Bavougian said some of the money will be used to make improvements to the district's other parks.

Park district residents who own a house with an average selling price of \$100,280 can expect to pay about \$27.51 more in taxes each year if voters approve the tax increase.

Commissioners are planning to launch a tax increase kick-off near the end of August and form a citizens committee to work for its approval.

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5/15/91

**Notice**

**OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS  
AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 91-C, adopted on May 13, 1991 (the "Ordinance"), the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois (the "District"), intends to issue alternate bonds (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,750,000, and bearing interest per annum not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time the Bonds are sold, for the purpose of paying the cost of land condemned or purchased for District parks and facilities and for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of District parks and facilities, including the construction of a building and facilities suitable for use as a community and aquatic center. The revenue source that will be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be proceeds received from the District's general obligation bonds or notes to be issued from time to time and such other funds of the District lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose. A complete copy of the Ordinance follows this notice.

Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 988 or more electors of the District is submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Park Commissioners of the District (the "Secretary") within 30 days of publication of this notice and the Ordinance, then the question of the issuance of the Bonds shall be submitted to the electors of the District at the non-partisan election to be held November 5, 1991. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of The Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed with the Secretary within said 30-day period, the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

/s/ KAROP T. BAVOUGIAN  
Secretary, Board of  
Park Commissioners  
Wheeling Park District  
Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois

**ORDINANCE NO. 91-C**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,750,000.

WHEREAS, the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing Park District created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of The Park District Code of the State of Illinois, as supplemented and amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the District (the "Board") has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District to pay the cost of land condemned or purchased for District parks and facilities and for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of District parks and facilities, including the construction of a building and facilities suitable for use as a community and aquatic center (the "Project"), all in accordance with the preliminary plans and estimate of cost heretofore approved by the Board and now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project, including engineering, legal, financial, bond discount, printing and publication costs, capitalized interest and other expenses, is not less than \$9,750,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such cost; and

WHEREAS, such cost is expected to be paid for from the proceeds of alternate bonds authorized to be issued at this time pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and for the best interests of the District that the Project be completed and in order to raise the funds required for such purpose it will be necessary for the District to borrow an amount not to exceed \$9,750,000 and in evidence thereof to issue alternate bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,750,000, all in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the revenue source that will be pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the alternate bonds will be proceeds received from the District's general obligation bonds or notes to be issued from time to time and such other funds of the District lawfully available and annually appropriated for such purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wheeling Park District, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this ordinance are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Determination To Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District to complete the Project in accordance with the preliminary plans and estimate of cost as described, and that for the purpose of completing the Project, alternate bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued and sold from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,750,000, known as "General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)" of the District and bearing such series designation or designations as may be appropriate (the "Bonds").

Section 3. Publication. This ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published in the Wheeling Herald, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and if no petition, signed by 988 electors, the same being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less, asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this ordinance and said notice, then the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

Section 4. Additional Ordinances. If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Board may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or the purposes described herein. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective immediately without publication or posting or any further act or requirement. This ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

Adopted May 13, 1991.

AYES: Klocke, Klatacki, Melamed, Webber, Mattes, Drake, Todd.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

/s/ THOMAS R. WEBBER  
President  
Board of Park Commissioners

Attest:  
/s/ KAROP T. BAVOUGIAN  
Secretary, Board of Park Commissioners  
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## Annexation pits Wheeling vs. Buffalo Grove

BY AMY CARR  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

5/30/91

When Roland Schwind asked Wheeling officials to annex his 20-acre farm and family home into the village, he assumed the routine request would go off without a hitch.

He was wrong.

Instead, the property became embroiled in a heated game of tug of war between the villages of Buffalo Grove and Wheeling — a game that now has two more players with park districts in Wheeling and Buffalo Grove having annexed the land as well.

All four parties have their reasons for wanting the land and all four have their reasons for believing their annexations are proper.

The fact that the Schwinds want to be a part of both the village of Wheeling and the Wheeling Park District adds credence to those annexations, officials there say. But Buffalo Grove and Buffalo Grove Park District officials argue that the land is surrounded by Buffalo Grove on three sides and that the Wheeling annexations may have been flawed.

Buffalo Grove's interest in the land stems from the pleas of residents who oppose Wheeling's decision to zone the property for commercial development.

Like the villages, the park districts stand to gain tax dollars from the property if and when it is developed commercially or otherwise.

Wheeling already has filed a lawsuit against Buffalo Grove over the annexations, and with so many interested parties, this boundary battle could prove costly to taxpayers in each community.

But for the group of Buffalo Grove residents fighting to protect their neighborhood from commercial development, the costly attorney fees may all be worth it.

"If all of this effort means that Wheeling sits down with Buffalo Grove and a compromise on the usage is worked on that is acceptable to the residents, than all of this is worth it," said Buffalo Grove resident Terry Robins, who helped organize an opposition effort 75 to 100 people strong.

Buffalo Grove Village President Sidney H. Mathias said he recognizes the potential cost to taxpayers and is willing to give up the fight to keep the land in Buffalo Grove if Wheeling officials will compromise on the commercial zoning for the land.

"In a period where budgeting is so critical, I'm sure it would be appreciated by our residents if we could save money on attorneys fees," Mathias said. "It's more important to our residents how it is developed, not who claims it."

Though not completely ruling out the possibility of negotiating with Buffalo Grove, Wheeling Village President Sheila H. Schultz said the issue is in the hands of the court.

"The annexation was done properly," she said. "Any question of claim will be decided by the court."

At the same time, park officials are hoping to avoid legal action.

Buffalo Grove Director of Parks Michael A. Rylko said he was not aware the Wheeling Park District had filed its annexation ordinance in Lake County at the time the Buffalo Grove ordinance was filed on Wednesday. The Wheeling ordinance was filed on May 21.

Rylko said he will wait to see what will happen, but if Wheeling's voluntary annexation was completed first, the Buffalo Grove Park District likely would not contest the annexation, Rylko said.

Amid all the confusion, the Schwinds are going about their business and continuing to farm the popular piece of property. At least for the time being there are no plans to develop the land.

# Petitioners push to force park vote

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

5/30/91

A group of Wheeling residents attempting to force Wheeling Park District commissioners to get voter approval before borrowing \$9.75 million to build a family aquatic center and a recreation building say they have more than half of the signatures they need.

Lonnie Schnaitmann, a member of Friends of the Taxpayer, formed in 1982 to defeat the last park district referendum, said about 700 people have signed petitions requiring commissioners to get approval from voters on the November ballot before selling municipal bonds to finance construction of the two centers.

And although only 988 signatures

are needed, Schnaitmann said she hopes to collect at least 1,200 in case any of the signatures are ruled invalid.

"We have had a really good response," she said.

"We just explain that it should be put on the ballot so everyone has a choice. But it is surprising the amount of people who don't want water slides."

Schnaitmann said the group is not against the park but just feels voters should make the choice.

Park district commissioners voted earlier this month to borrow the money, through the sale of general obligation bonds, to fund the construction of the two centers.

Park district officials expect the aquatic center to generate enough

revenue to pay for itself.

They have already said they will have to get voter approval — through a referendum — to raise tax rates for operation of the community center.

They say that referendum will allow voters to have their say about the recreation building.

But Alberta Klocke, one of about 45 people circulating the petitions, and wife of a park board commissioner, said voters should have the choice before the centers are built.

"The fact that we are not being allowed to vote is my real gripe," she said.

"We do not discuss the park or facility with people, it has nothing to do with the buildings, it is a matter of principle."

## Officials hope to calm waters with forum

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

5/1/91

Hoping to set the record straight on their plans for a family aquatic center and recreation building, Wheeling Park District commissioners are inviting residents to an open forum Tuesday.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Park Recreation Building at 222 S. Wolf Road.

Thomas H. Webber, park board president, said the commissioners decided to call the meeting because they believe a group of residents — collecting signatures on petitions that would force the park district to get voter approval before borrowing \$9.5 million for the

project — may not have all the facts straight.

"We are hearing that some misinformation is being spread," Webber said. "We want to make sure that people signing the petitions have the correct facts."

"People have a right to petition and to sign petitions. We just want to make sure we are all on the same wavelength," he added.

But Lonnie Schnaitmann, a member of Friends of the Taxpayers — the group circulating the petitions — said she is not aware of any misinformation being spread by the group.

"All we are talking about is the bonds," she said. "We are not talking about the project."

Commissioners are hoping to borrow the money by selling general obligation bonds.

Schnaitmann said she had received an invitation to attend the meeting and will call members of the group this weekend to get as many of them to attend the meeting as possible.

And she said anyone collecting signatures this weekend will also inform people of the meeting.

Park district officials have said they will ask voter approval before building the recreation building because they will need a tax rate increase to operate it.

The park district expects the aquatic center to be self-supporting.

## Park forum generates shouting matches

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

5/5/91

About 30 residents attended a Wheeling Park District forum Tuesday held to set the record straight about plans for a family aquatic center and recreation building.

But the issues became muddled at times as commissioners and members of the audience engaged in shouting matches.

"I don't think six men and one lady — including my husband — should tell us how to vote," Alberta Klocke said.

She is a member of Friends of the Taxpayers, a group collecting signatures on a petition forcing the park district to get voter approval

to borrow \$9.75 million to construct the two buildings. She is also the wife of parks Commissioner Edward Klocke.

"If you don't have faith in us, you have the opportunity to vote us out," Commissioner Greg Klatchek said.

Residents said they want to vote on whether the park district should borrow the money so that they can have a say in the project.

"You represent us, it's our money you want to spend and services you want to provide to us," Wheeling resident and former village Trustee John Cole said. "The decision is up to us. You should be proposing, we should be deciding and the only way you get that is through referendum."

Park district commissioners also found themselves defending their decision to build the aquatic center — a three-month recreation source — before building the recreation center, which would be open year-round.

But commissioners said they wanted to build the aquatic center first because they expect it to pay its own operating costs through admission fees, rentals and concession stand revenues.

And they said that on a 1990 community survey, residents put an outdoor pool with modern amenities as their top choice for park district improvements, followed by land acquisition and a community recreation center with administrative offices.

# Tax watchdogs demand water park referendum

6/13/91 By B. H. MERENS  
STAFF WRITER

A Wheeling tax watchdog group submitted petitions to the Park District Monday which would allow village voters a hand in deciding whether or not to fund a \$9.75 million Aquatic and Recreation Center.

The petitions call for a referendum in next fall's elections to permit the park district to sell alternate source revenue bonds.

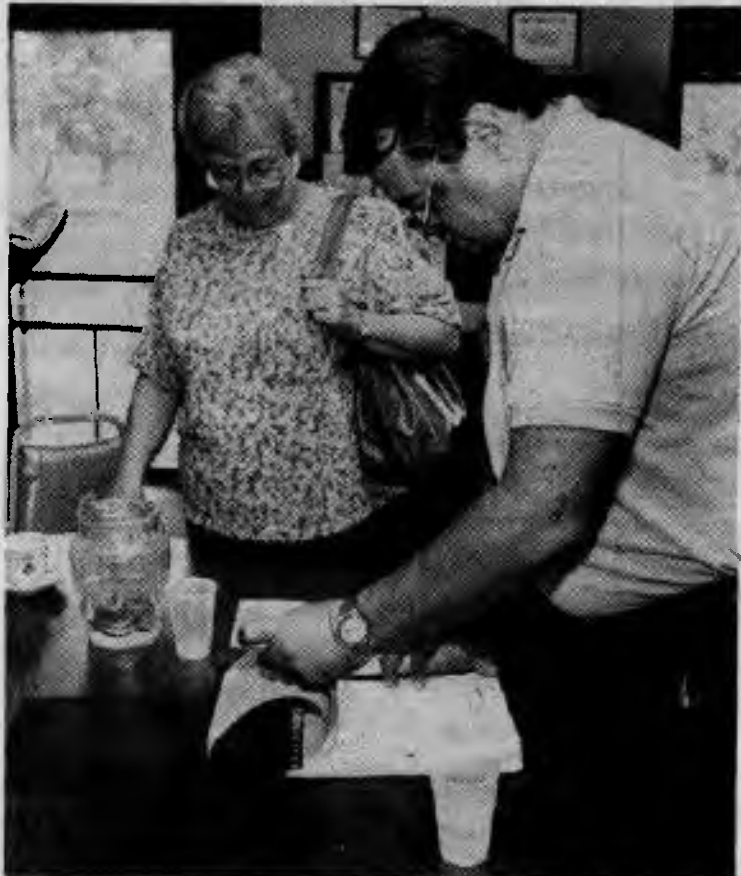
However, a referendum may be a moot point depending on legislative action pending downstate in Springfield. Legislators are considering tax limitation laws which could negate the need for the bond sales or the ability for local governmental bodies to use them at all.

The Friends of the Taxpayers said they aren't trying to stop the pool and recreation complex. They just want the voters to decide the funding issue.

"The only reason that the petitions are out there is to let everybody in Wheeling have a choice if they want the (park district) to borrow the money or not," said Lonnie Schnaitmann, a member of the watchdog group since its inception in 1982. "I'm in favor of an outdoor pool and a recreation center. There's 30,000 people in Wheeling. They should have a chance to vote."

Park District Director Karop Bavougian said he believes there are enough valid signatures on the petitions to validate a referendum without needing to check each one.

He said that nothing has



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Lonnie Schnaitmann, a member of a Wheeling tax watchdog group, watches as Park Director Karop Bavougian looks through petitions calling for a referendum on the water theme park.

to be done concerning the referendum until the early fall. However, by waiting on the funding question, Wheeling residents won't be swimming in a new community pool until 1993 at the earliest, he said.

"I would think the earliest it would open would be 1993. It may never go," Bavougian said. "We originally were hoping to operate in 1992."

Plans call for the pool complex to be built between

Wickes Furniture and Village Hall, about three football fields south of Dundee Road.

The Aquatic complex would include a pool, lounge chair area (both on concrete and grass), a sand area for volleyball, a snack bar, and an in-pool play area for children.

The recreation center would include a gymnasium, activities room, art room, preschool classrooms and administrative offices.

# Group may force rec center issue to ballot

BY BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

6/13/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners may have to get voter approval to borrow \$9.5 million to build a family aquatic center and recreation building, now that a residents' group has presented the board with enough voters' signatures to require a referendum.

Saying they felt residents should have a say in spending that much money, a group calling itself Friends of the Taxpayers collected 1,356 signatures from Wheeling voters. Only 988 signatures were needed to force the issue to a vote.

Commissioners decided to borrow the money by selling alternative revenue bonds when they

learned that Gov. Jim Edgar was proposing taking away local government's right to sell general obligation bonds that do not require voter approval.

But now commissioners say they will wait and see what happens in the legislature before deciding if they need to put the project to referendum.

"We are waiting to see what happens downstate," said Commissioner Bill Mattes. "If nothing changes in the legislature we can still go out on contract."

Park district officials were hoping to borrow the money under an installment contract plan, using general obligation bonds to pay off the contract each year.

Either way, hopes that the

aquatic center portion of the project would be ready to open in the spring of 1993 have been dashed by the petition drive.

"There is definitely no chance that we could open next year," said Mattes. "The earliest we could start construction would be next year."

And although the park district has five days to contest signatures on the petition, Karop Bavougian, director of parks and recreation, said commissioners had not yet decided if they would attempt to discredit some of the signatures.

Friends of the Taxpayers member Lonnie Schnaitmann said she is confident she has more than enough signatures to make the petitions legal.

## Read the facts first

6/14/91

It seems some petitions are being passed around Wheeling concerning the proposed Aquatic Center and Recreation Center. I don't think you are being told the truth about what you are signing. Because a few people are not happy with the commissioners, they are attempting to spoil a wonderful project for the community.

Let me give you a few facts. Then you do your homework and see if in fact you are being told the truth.

The aquatic center will cost approximately \$4.5 million.

The park district can build and operate this without additional tax dollars.

Insurance rates do not increase because of an aquatic center.

The recreation center will cost approximately \$4.5 million. This can also be built without additional tax dollars.

The park district will go to referendum in November to ask for an increase to operate the Rec Center. We are asking for 10 cents per thousand equalized assessed evaluation. This means a house worth \$200,000 will pay approximately \$30 more a year. I, for one, would pay that for our community because it's a great return on a small investment.

These are the facts. If you've been told differently, you have been lied to! It's time to move forward. Your commissioners are working for you, not against you.

We had asked the community what they wanted in the survey. Aquatic center was their choice. Your commissioners are complying with what you want.

Many hours have been spent on this project to make sure it was right for all of you! Don't let a few ruin it for a lot. Make sure you know what you're signing.

Tom Webber  
President Wheeling Park District  
Wheeling

## Aquatic center facts

6/20/91

In reply to Mr. Telow's letter regarding the Wheeling Park District's proposed Family Aquatic Center, Telow takes extreme liberties with the facts in his letter regarding the Family Aquatic Center. The projected cost for the Family Aquatic Center is \$4 million not \$8 million as he states.

I have not been able to locate any park districts that are "... closing down their aquatic ventures because of skyrocketing insurance rates, people and lawyers are making a windfall with injuries to swimmers who 'horse around' — fall, are intoxicated or just 'sue prone' ..." as Mr. Telow states. In fact I have not been able to find any park district aquatic facility being closed for any reason, let alone for his reasons.

The park district's insurance carrier insures 59 park and recreational agencies throughout the state. Of these, 21 agencies operate aquatic centers which include such facilities as wave pools, body and flume slides.

Our insurance carrier further states, in writing, that aquatic centers pose no greater risk than conventional pools. In fact, no claims have been paid nor have any lawsuits been filed as a result of a water slide injury. Obviously no one is making a windfall as Telow states. As far as insurance costs, the facility would be included in our general insurance costs. Our carrier indicates that there would be no immediate impact on the district's insurance cost as they are based on operating expenses. Insurance premiums are estimated to be \$3,900. Hardly skyrocketing.

Mr. Telow was in attendance during public meetings when this information was presented. Obviously he chose to ignore these facts and make up his own. If you need accurate information, I will be pleased to hear from you at 537-2930.

Karop T. Bavougian  
Director of Parks  
and Recreation  
Wheeling Park District

# Wheeling parks OK borrowing \$790,000 to beat law change

BY JOHN CHASE  
Daily Herald Correspondent

6/22/91

Wheeling park district commissioners have voted to borrow \$790,000 by selling non-referendum bonds — a move usually made by commissioners in December.

Park District officials asked commissioners to approve the sale of bonds now because of a resolution pending in the Illinois State House of Representatives in Springfield which would prohibit park districts and other similar municipalities from issuing bonds.

The money could be used to pay some architects' fees related to the planned \$9.5 million family aquatic center and recreation building, make another payment on the property for the center on Dundee Road between Wickes Furniture Co. and Wheeling village hall, and improve some other parks, officials said.

"By passing this now we are guaranteeing that we will get the money we need and be allowed to spend it," said Superintendent of

Finance and Personnel Thomas Busby.

"We would rather be safe than sorry."

Thomas Webber, park board president, agreed.

"We have to do something now, instead of waiting," he said.

However, Commissioner Edward Klocke voted against borrowing the money now because he felt park district staff was moving too quickly.

"Usually in the past when we have non-referendum bonds we meet ahead of time and discuss it before we vote," he said.

Officials said the sale of bonds will not raise the tax levy for the bond and interest fund above its current 17 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Dolly Hein, a Wheeling resident, said she agreed the park district should borrow the money now, but felt all citizens should be fully informed of the bond issue.

"It is necessary for capital improvements," she said. "I just want it to be made clear to all of us."

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May, 15, 1991 at 7:30 p.m., in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held March 20, 1991
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Update- Aquatic Center and  
Recreation Center
- V. New Business:
  1. Appointment of new officers  
for the 1991-1992 season.
    - a) Chairperson
    - b) Vice-Chairperson
    - c) Secretary
  2. Membership
  3. 4th of July- F. Wojek, Chairperson
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF MAY, 1991

Remaining  
Term

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD MARCH 20, 1991

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on March 20, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Those members in attendance were: Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Patrick Hanley, Daniel Conrad, Ken Kostrzowski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder and Ida Hein. Also in attendance was President Tom Webber, Liaison and Karop Bavougian, Director of Parks.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 1991 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Dan Conrad, seconded by Ken Kostrzowski to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update- Aquatic Center and Recreation Center

Director of Parks Bavougian was given the floor. He stated for starters, we have submitted our petitions for special use purposes. He gave the tentative list of dates when meetings would be held such as:

Tuesday, April 9th, they will be going before the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals)

Thursday, April 11th, they will appear before the Plan Commission

Wednesday the 17th of April they will go before the Appearance Commission.

He noted he is going to Springfield Tuesday and come back Thursday and if we need it, we will go back again before the Zoning Board of Appeals. They are tentatively set to go before the Village Board on May 6th.



Patrick questioned if everything went well, when is it thought that they will be breaking ground? Mr. Bavougian responded July.

Dan questioned again if everything went well, and ground was broken in July, how does that set your plans for your proposed opening of June of 92? President Webber advised that is still the target date and is still attainable. Mr. Bavougian advised their big concern is going to be is what is going to happen in the legislature regarding the 5% cap which, if they put on, we have serious problems.

Patrick questioned they would not be able to start in June then? Mr. Bavougian advised they could go ahead with the aquatic center but if a cap were put on, it would put a hold on the recreation center for quite some time because then you would have to go to a flat out general obligation referendum for the construction of it and that would take you over the 1/2 of 1 percent.

Dan noted it would be hard to say, because people are getting tired of paying taxes and everything is going up including water rates, school taxes and you try to sell something with the park district, it's going to be very tough.

Mr. Bavougian responded saying for example we are talking a dime additional which is a combination mainly used for the operation, staffing, utilities to help cover some of that. To build a recreation center without that capability, would not be feasible. Discussion ensued.

Dan replied you mentioned a dime, we just mentioned water rates at 31%. Everything is on the consumer. Consumer's wages only go up 5% and people are going to start rebelling Mr. Bavougian advised this would not go without voter approval.

Mr. Bavougian advised this cannot be done for nothing and to give you a real candid perspective, our recreation tax is 7 1/2 cents and if we are talking a dime additional, we're talking more than double in our recreational package. Now if I say to you what does that really mean? I would be willing to say that a home with an equalized assessed valuation of \$30,000 would probably would cover 95 -98% of all of this. A dime on \$30,000 equalized assessed valuation is \$30.00. Now it is a question of the value received.

He stated that from our standpoint here is value, is this worth what we are asking? People have to make that decision as taxpayers.

Patrick questioned if this would be marketed? He noted if people could see it on paper or in a scale model form, where you could actually see it, where it would be and what would generally look like, I would think you would be impressed. Mr. Bavougian agreed. Discussion continued.

President Webber presented to the committee some revised drawings of the recreation center for their review. Patrick noted there has been no major changes in the aquatic center. He questioned if there has been any more thought being put into the design letting people into the aquatic center in relationship to being able as far as making sure at entry level if we are handling money at that point, its safety related and we are looking at designing in such an efficient manner to let people in and yet still be able to collect money and with safety of the idea that we may have a 15,16 or 17 year old collecting money up there in front?

Mr. Bavougian, replied yes. Discussion ensued regarding safety and proposed procedures relative to rates and passes upon entry to aquatic center.

President Webber quickly reviewed the plans of the recreation center stating there were no major changes since the plans had originally been presented. Tom advised that one of the things they have to wrestle with pertaining to staff as well as board, is we want to do it right but we don't want to go overboard. We want the masses to be pleased because that's who we have to cater to. We are not going to please everyone no matter what we do. We don't want to give the impression that this is a Tasj Mahal type deal and we're abusing or even using peoples money in a wrongful way. What we're trying to do is we have the capability of doing it right and being frugal at the same time, being cost conscious and yet planning for the future as well as taking care of immediate needs. Review of the plans continued.

Patti questioned what would happen to Heritage Park Recreation center if this all came about? Tom and Karop responded the possibility of using the building to increase office and work space for the maintenance department.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of New Officers- Chairman Hanley noted the next meeting is May 15th and would be the time of election of new officers. He asked the members to think about it. He noted if someone is interested in running, please let us know.

Frank questioned the status of membership. It was advised the committee at present time consisted of 9 members. Patrick advised if anyone knew someone interested in being on the committee, please let us know.

2. July 4th Entry in Parade- An entry form has been received from the Parade Committee requesting if the Advisory Committee would again like to participate in the parade. Discussion ensued. Frank Wojek though we should go ahead. Motion was made by Ken, seconded by Dan that the committee should again participate and that Frank Wojek be Chairman of that committee. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

Patrick stated as we all know Alice Wargo passed away and had spent many fine years in Wheeling and working for many groups specifically the park district and was a very interesting person for the park district. He noted that as much as he would disagree with Alice on her presentation and on how she felt about things, he wishes we had more people who cared enough about Wheeling, this park district and other areas to take the time she took to come out and attend park meetings, participate and give of her time and effort. She will be sorely missed. He questioned if there was anything we could do as a committee? Patti mentioned some couples have gotten together and have donated to a tree memorial. Anyone wishing to contribute, it would be gratefully accepted. Patti noted details will be worked out with John as to where and what kind of tree would be planted.

Patrick also advised Commissioner Chuck Briles has taken a job in Colorado and Commissioner Klocke will be appointed to fill the unexpired term.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Ken Kostrowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
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VICE PRESIDENT.....Francine Melamed	2
COMMISSIONER.....Edward Klocke	2 Appt.
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COMMISSIONER.....Wm. E. Mattes	4

APPOINTMENTS:

LEGAL COUNSEL.....Ebers, Metskas and Assoc.  
TREASURER.....Thomas Busby  
PARK MANAGER.....Karop Bavougian  
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COMMITTEES:

FINANCE...Francine Melamed chair, B. Mattes/ G. Klatecki Mbrs.

BLDG &  
GROUNDS...Dennis Drake chair, R. Todd/G. Klatecki Mbrs.

PROGRAMS  
& FAC.....B. Mattes Chair, D. Drake/E. Klocke members

INTERGOV. &  
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RELATIONS.G. Klatecki chair, E. Klocke/F. Melamed members

BOARD AS A WHOLE....T. Webber, chair.

LIAISON TO  
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5/7/91

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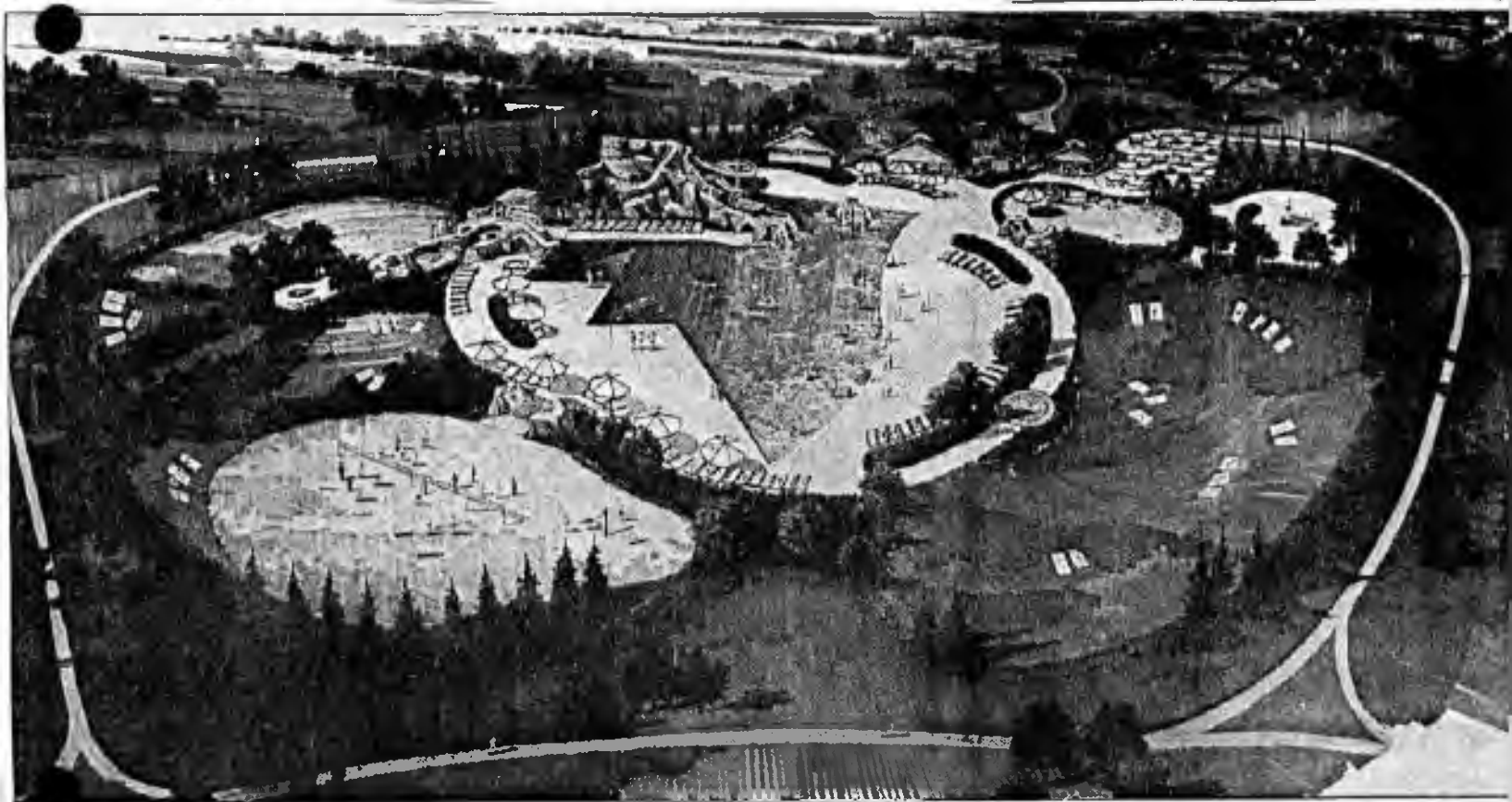
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# Aquatic center, rec building get green light

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

5/14/91

Wheeling Park District commissioners voted Monday to go ahead with plans to borrow \$9.75 million to pay for construction of a family aquatic center and recreation building.

The park district will borrow money through the sale of bonds, to be issued in about 30 days, but the money will only pay for construction of the two centers — not operating costs.

District officials expect revenue from the aquatic center to pay its operating expenses and they are contemplating a tax-rate hike to pay for ongoing costs of operating the recreation building.

Although one commissioner was worried that construction costs for the two projects might be higher than \$9.75 million, director of parks and recreation Karop Bavougian said he was confident the bond sale and interest from park district investments would cover the cost.

And Tom Busby, superintendent of finance, said that contractors for both projects should be selected by mid-November and their prices locked in.

"We feel we have taken a realistic approach to square footage cost, furnishing costs and architect's costs," Bavougian said.

Park district officials are expecting the 3.5-acre aquatic center — which will have a 17,000-square-

foot pool, adult spa area, children's play area, sand volleyball courts and a concession stand — to cost about \$4.5 million.

The recreation building containing classrooms, park district offices, a gymnasium and an indoor running track is expected to cost about \$4 million.

Last week, village trustees postponed approval of the project until their questions about financial viability could be answered. The trustees also wanted community reaction to the outdoor swimming pool.

Park board president Thomas Webber said that the more than 150 people who viewed the drawings of the project at last week's "Take Time for Fun" festival were supportive of the center.

# Senate to debate key tax cap bill today

By DAVE URBANEK  
with wire reports

5/15/91

SPRINGFIELD — Plans to limit property tax increases and make permanent the state's temporary income tax surcharge face their first major test today in the Illinois Senate.

The Senate is scheduled to debate competing proposals to rewrite a wide-ranging tax bill dealing with property tax caps and the income-tax surcharge — two of the key items on the Edgar administration's legislative agenda.

While much debate was expected, some wondered whether it would yield any results.

"Unfortunately, there is a political aspect to this legislation. It's a

very difficult problem," said State Sen. Virginia B. Macdonald, an Arlington Heights Republican. "It will happen here or it will be stalled."

Attention focuses largely on an amendment sponsored by Senate Republican Leader James "Pate" Philip of Wood Dale. That measure basically embodies the administration's proposals to limit property tax increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation and to give the state a larger share of a permanent 20 percent income-tax increase.

Under Philip's proposal, local governments — minus some exempted bodies, such as home-rule units — would be limited to raising property taxes by 5 percent a year,

or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

The current income-tax surcharge formula would be changed so that local governments would receive about \$160 million less. State government and education revenues would benefit from the formula's overhaul.

Philip said he would try to attach his plan as an amendment to a another measure that includes a separate version of the 5 percent property tax cap and extension of the income tax surcharge.

"Somebody's got to get the ball rolling," Philip said in explaining why he was pushing his plan without support from leaders of the Democratic-controlled General Assembly.

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  2. Consideration of participation  
in the 4th of July Parade
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD JANUARY 16, 1991

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Those members in attendance were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Patrick Hanley, Ken Kostrzowski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Dan Conrad. Dan arrived at 8:10 p.m. due to a previous commitment. Also in attendance was President Webber, Liaison and Karop Bavougian, Manager.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review and approval. There being no changes, the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. President Webber drew the committee's attention to page 2, under the second item, that being Update on Mark Twain School. He stated if he in fact misled this group, regarding the 4th sentence down which reads: "we designed the contract (Karop and I)", he noted that Karop primarily did it and the board (not I singularly), helped with some of our input which made it a joint effort. Patti advised the correction would be made deleting (Karop and I). Motion was made by Marge Hartmann, seconded by Frank Wojek to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update Koeppen Purchase- President Webber was given the floor. He advised the committee of the future plans (with drawings) of the proposed future aquatic center, which he advised is strictly conceptual and nothing has been finalized. He advised they were just in the discussion stages and kicked around some ideas. He also noted there is a flood plain and flood way which has to be dealt with.

He went into great detail pointing out the ideas which were presented on the drawings. Discussion ensued relative to questions and points raised by committee members.

He indicated on the drawings that there are a couple of options. The site plan presented was Phase I which would show the existing retention pond, parking initially for approximately 400 cars and another parking area for approximately 92 cars. Frank questioned ingress and egress. President Webber advised at this time it would take place at Boehmner Road. He said their goal is to finalize a family aquatic center for opening in summer of 1992.

Patti questioned the existing Wickes retention pond and was advised that it is not in existence any longer. He stated it is overgrown and does not hold water any longer. Its non-functional and does not cause any problem for us. When asked if they would be enlarging HP retention basin to compensate, he advised it would be enlarged about 30 yards which would not effect anything that we have going on in that area.

He went on to talk about the railroad station which could become a reality. This is stage II which would bring about two very important things. Additional parking space would be needed because the railroad lines are looking for approximately a 1000 car capability.

He noted that Phase II omits the floodway. It said that the diversionary channel, existing creek has been dealt with, and that the Village hall, St. Joseph and Heritage Park in that area would be pulled out of the flood plain area which would then make that property buildable. With that in mind, that area becomes a parking lot that people could use for the recreation center and also feed the aquatic facility and which Patrick pointed out, could be used for the future development area.

President Webber advised the driveway which appeared in Phase I would now be omitted. There would be an entrance with a light which ties in with the village. Discussion ensued.

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Marge questioned how they know there will be a light there already? President Webber advised a pole is proposed, this is conceptual and nothing set in stone. There has been meetings with the village and they would like to see that.

Alice questioned how this could be done with fire truck and police car traffic coming and going? President Webber responded by stating as the papers attested to, they are anticipating going to a signal activated light by police, fire and for any emergency type vehicle the lights could be regulated easily. He stated if this comes to fruition and we are able to obtain a light there, then we would have two entrances into this facility, one off of Dundee Road and the other off of Boehmer Rd.

Frank questioned if there would be any entrance to the facility from Wolf Road? President Webber responded no. He then advised of the bridge replacement at Heritage Park, which will commence early spring. It will be replaced however, it will be replaced with a bridge of similar size as we have now. It will not be widened to accommodate cars. It will accommodate maintenance vehicles but it will not be a two lane bridge for ingress and egress. Discussion ensued.

He went on to point out on the conceptual drawings, the location of the pool, locker rooms, concession stand, slides, sun area, picnic area, machinery and etc. Esthetics are also a main area of concern.

Discussion ensued regarding if the railroad comes in, the extension of the 400 car parking lot to accommodate the 1000 car capability and also how this would be handled financially. It was stated this would have to be worked out with possibly a token fee.

President Webber advised that this was the initial proposal which was given to the Board by Sente and Rubel Ltd. and what the members see there, is a 1,500 bather capacity swimming pool, 0 depth, which means its just like going to the beach and walking into the water, which goes from 0 to 1 foot, 2 foot, 3 feet and finishes at the 4 foot in depth. He noted there would be a diving area, the decking area, the sun turf area which is banked for the south west exposure. He advised the deck area surrounding the pool would have lounge chairs and chairs to accommodate the participants.

4.

Frank questioned if the aquatic center is comparable to any other in operation? President Webber advised there was. Wheaton Park District has one larger than this. The information which we received from them and other communities which have these type of water parks (which had regular swimming pools and have converted them into this type of aquatic facility), say it's as different as night and day.

He then advised of what equipment, etc; could be offered in the different depth areas, which would make this a family center. Patrick questioned what was the plunge area? President Webber advised it is the release area for the slides, where you drop from the slides into the water.

Patrick noted there seems to be a lot of variables that you can do there, you can dive, lap swim, you can go in the playground area with your kids, you can slide and have a beach effect and just sit in the water. It's nice.

Discussion ensued regarding the spa area. President Webber advised they have concerns with the location of the spa area which is felt should be a quiet area for adults. This will be discussed.

President Webber advised competition is not a good word for this facility because we are not considering holding swim meets or anything for competition. It is strictly for family recreation.

Esthetics and decorative features were discussed. It was indicated there would be shaded areas, sunny areas, tables and chairs on the patio adjacent to the concession area.

Again President Webber stated these are conceptual drawings and changes could be made if needed.

President Webber stated the situation is the money, the biggest expense obviously is in the mechanical building and in the pool area. The mechanics as such as we are told, and as we have conversed with other communities that have this type of aquatic facility, is a 1,500 bather capacity which means by state mandates at your peak time of the day, this would adequately handle 1,500 people. The next size down, because of mechanical reasons, before you begin to show any kind of a cost savings, is a 1,200 bather capacity.

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There is nothing in between. The other communities that have 1,500 bather capacity with 2,000 people in there and you don't even know there are that many people in there. What your mandated by for a 1,500 bather capacity, the state tells you what you have to do, what you have to supply regarding bathhouse facilities, washrooms, showers, etc.

Marge asked when this facility would be opening and closing? President Webber advised the opening hopefully Memorial Day weekend and closing Labor Day weekend which is the general time for these facilities. He noted what we would have is a 90 day facility.

Tom advised as far as costs and etc, we have talked somewhat about it, we need to sharpen our pencils but the scope of the project in talking to all the other commissioners, he thinks what has been presented, is the basic size they would like to go for. What they are looking at in basic conversations is a cost of 4.29 million.

Discussion ensued relative to the equipment in the various areas of recreation located within the aquatic facility.

Frank questioned if the commissioners have seen the conceptional plans? Tom advised the board was presented with the plans on the 8th and with the architectural personel, discussed the ideas as shown. He noted their questioned were very similar to those of the committee.

Patti requested what the procedure would take place in obtaining this center? She asked now that they have these drawings the board has to vote on this, then would you go to the people asked them to back this in a referendum? Tom advised the park does not have to go to the people, but they want to do so. He noted they do not need a referendum to build or operate this facility. What he stated in the past was the recreation center is a different scenario. We have the money to build it, either or both. We have the money because the aquatic center is going to be self supporting, revenue generating from day one. We don't need to go to the people to ask for help in operating it. The recreation center is a different scenario. We are looking at this time, is a November referendum.

Karop noted the referendum would not be to construct the recreation center but to operate it.

6.

Tom advised when they get all information together they want to hold an open forum on the aquatic center and present it to the public.

Tom also noted some people said it was a little premature that he presented these plans to the committee this evening, however, He didn't feel it was, as the general concensus of the board seems to be very united. We need the architects to sharpen their pencils a bit, but the basic concept with the size of the community, and with the cost involved for this as opposed to scaling it down to a 1,200 or 1,000 bather capacity, will not do the community justice.

Patrick stated it looks good in the sense that it seems to be first class and you also have the ability to grow in the turf areas (those are open areas that you could further develop and if you ever wanted to cut it back, it could be done. Tom agreed. Discussion ensued.

President Webber advised we would like to change the image of the park district the image of the Wheeling Park District. The community has had growing pains for a long time and they are trying to doing it right. He noted down the road they would like to develop the pond area and just have everything flow into Heritage. He would like to see car traffic be able to go into some areas or get closer to some of the active areas of the park because we are limited. We will not have access across the creek. Dan suggested the entrance at Jeanne Terrace. Tom advised there is blacktop there for maintenance reasons only at this time. He noted there aren't any reasons why that couldn't be done but that would be done down the road with master planning in probably five years based on the scope of these projects and that type of scenario. Discussion ensued.

President Webber advised the communities are getting 90 days out of their facilities and they all generate revenue, net income exceeding their expenses considerably. At a later date and the appropriate time we will have some of those figures in writing for you to see.

Dan questioned what would happen if we only got 30 days out of a 90 day season? Tom advised it that should happen, nothing. That would mean the facility would be closed for 60 days. We would hurt a bit with the basic maintaining the water.



We wouldn't have the overhead of lifeguards and other staff running the concessions and things of that nature because they are hourly rate type people and we have the money to pay the mortgage. Obviously revenues that this facility would generate will help to pay for it and what we are hoping for, is the revenue received, will help pay it off quicker.

Discussion ensued relative to the filtration of an aquatic facility. Patrick questioned maintaining a chemical balance in a pool having a 1,2 and 3 foot depth. Tom felt this was no problem. He stated these people come very highly recommended and are leaders in this aquatic facility. The gentleman that spearheads the Leisure Concept company developed with another person, the zero depth aquatic facility scenario. They deal with a mechanical firm that they feel are experts in the field of this type of facility because it is a unique facility. He noted the reason they went with Sente and Rubel was because they were a local firm. They are the architectural firm the water management people, the consultants they use (Leisure Concepts), they also did the other pools in Wheaton, Lisle and Libertyville, but they had other architectural firms that they were involved with so these people we picked up for the aquatic facility are the same ones that other architects used as their consultants and designers for the aquatic facilities. They are experts in the field and again, come highly recommended. At the time we have an open forum, they will be there with a slide presentation of some of the other facilities they have done.

The tentative time frame for the open forum is that in the next month we will make some definite decisions and go in front of the people to show them to earn their support.

2. Update Twain School- It was advised that the construction has not yet started. They are still hoping to have everything in completion by September of this year. Tom stated the Park District staff has met with the architect and School District #21 representatives to determine our portion of it be it flooring etc, so everything is progressing nicely. There again, all contracts have been signed and both boards are in agreeance regarding size and what is expected from each party.

8.

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

Alice questioned what are they going to do to the Gable Room? Tom advised lighting will be replaced. We are looking into baffeling of some sort to help cut the sound. Approximately \$10,000 has been allocated to do this. Discussion ensued. He stated they will try to obtain the same affect as in the Wayside room.

Alice questioned the hiring of a marketing person? Tom noted there has been money allocated in the 1991 budget for such a person. Not only will that person be responsible for Chevy Chase, they certainly will be employed by the Wheeling Park District and have an obligation to the entire district.

Patrick advised the next meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. He also advised members to be thinking of officers at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Dan Conrad to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

# Parks budget counts on expected profits

By BONNIE BOOTH  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

1/11/91

Although Wheeling park district commissioners recently approved a budget in which expenses once again outweigh revenue, district officials say that several park departments could make money in 1991.

The \$6.23 million spending plan is a 14 percent increase over last year's \$5.45 million budget. Revenues for 1991 are expected to be about \$5.48 million.

With the spending increase, the debt of \$746,000 for next year is higher than this year's \$618,089. But Thomas Busby, superintendent of finance, said that the park district is actually expected at year's end to still have \$1,189,060 to carry over to the 1992 budget.

Busby said the clubhouse and golf course should once again show a profit, but next year he expects to see profits in the recreation fund and the corporate fund also.

"Probably one of the best things about this budget is that this will be the first time since we owned the clubhouse that they could end up with a positive cash balance," Busby said. "The clubhouse fund should have a \$32,000 balance at the end of 1991."

Some of the other funds will show a profit because of the carry over of money not spent last year or because of transfers from other funds.

For instance, the recreation fund is expected to show a profit of \$4,610 because of a carry over of \$30,000 budgeted for a sports camp that was never held last year.

And the corporate fund, used to make capital improvement purchas-

es, is expected to show a \$65,000 profit after money spent to purchase new park district vehicles is replenished from the sale of bonds at the end of 1990.

That \$955,000 bond issue also figures prominently in the district's spending plan. While part of that money will be used to make a second payment to Wickes Furniture Co. for land along Dundee Road that commissioners are hoping to turn into a family recreation complex, about \$300,000 will be used for renovation of the district's existing parks and equipment purchases.

The park district will also put \$328,000 into the construction of a new gymnasium at Mark Twain Elementary School in Wheeling that will be shared with Wheeling Elementary School District 21.

Both the Chevy Chase Golf Course and the Clubhouse are expected to make profits next year. The golf course and the clubhouse are self-supporting and no property tax revenues are used to support them.

Expenses for the golf course, which include salaries, landscape equipment and supplies are up 6 percent from last year.

"Because so many of the products used to maintain the golf course are derivatives of petroleum products, it will cost us more to maintain the course this year," said Vern Verstraete, superintendent of golf course operations.

And revenues from the golf course, which include green fees, rentals and sales, are expected to be up 9 percent this year bringing in an \$88,000 profit.

Higher green fees and cart rentals will make up part of the additional

## The 1991 budget at a glance

Wheeling Park District's \$6.23 million budget represents a 14 percent increase

### Where the money goes

Expense	This year	Last year	Change
Salaries and wages	\$1,546,537	\$1,480,382	+ 4%
Supplies	\$668,720	\$676,811	-1%
Contractual services	\$450,766	\$447,438	+ .7%
Insurance	\$557,843	\$576,183	-3%
Utilities	\$221,819	\$217,055	+ 2%
Instructor salaries	\$142,781	\$138,609	+3%
Capital improvement	\$956,479	\$768,970	+ 24%
Debt service	\$1,135,220	\$784,210	+45%
Golf course fund	\$836,163	\$786,136	+ 6%
Clubhouse fund	\$1,228,015	\$1,168,575	+ 5%

### Where the money comes from

Revenue	This year	Last year	Change
Property taxes	\$2,422,641	\$2,128,124	+ 14%
Fees & admission	\$794,755	\$740,902	+ 7%
Rentals	\$251,975	\$229,965	+ 10%
Sales	\$1,073,670	\$1,107,970	-3%
Interest	\$130,000	\$110,000	+ 18%
Program Fees	\$388,517	\$359,164	+ 8%
Golf course fund	\$920,340	\$841,823	+ 9%
Clubhouse fund	\$1,293,924	\$1,202,607	+ 7%

revenue. Green fees for an 18-hole game on a weekday will increase to \$14 from \$12 for residents and to \$17 from \$15 for non-residents. Weekend fees will also rise — ranging from \$8 to \$19 for residents and from \$10 to \$22 for non residents. In the clubhouse fund the expenses, which include salaries, supplies, utilities, entertainment and food are expected to be around \$1.22 million this year. Revenues, which include admissions and fees, rentals and sales, are ex-

pected to increase to \$1.29 million, leaving the fund with a \$66,000 profit.

Seven percent salary increases for all employees have been included in the budget until park officials negotiate the actual raises for the workers, Busby said.

Typically the department heads make salary recommendations for their employees to the park district manager, who recommends supervisors' salaries to board members.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 1991 at 7:30 p.m., in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held November 14, 1990
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Update Koeppen Purchase
  2. Update Twain School
  - 3.
- V. New Business:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on November 14, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Those members in attendance were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Patrick Hanley, Daniel Conrad, Ken Kostrzowski and Secretary Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder, Ida Hein. The committee had been previously notified of their absence. Also in attendance were: Liaison, President Tom Webber and Commissioner Chuck Briles.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. There being no revisions, the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. Member Dan Conrad requested item #5 under New Business, the paragraph regarding a cross country run be deleted. He explained his reason. Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Marge Hartmann to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried by VOICE VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update Koeppen Purchase

- a. Projected Plans- Mr. Webber was given the floor. He advised that there were four architectural firms the board had interviewed over the last two weeks and are considering as candidates. He advised what the board had set as a criteria in which they directed Karop to check on firms who have a good reputation with park districts, rec centers and family aquatic centers, and for those firms to put together a packet of their credentials for presentation and these are some of the firms he came up with. (Four firm presentations were passed among the members for review.)

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Tom noted the board met with each firm, interviewed for about an hour and a half each at which time each firm gave their presentation.

Tom also advised this matter has not been discussed since then and will be brought before the Board for action at their regular meeting tomorrow night as an addition to the agenda. General discussion ensued relative to each of the presentations.

Patrick questioned if things go the way you would like them to go, what are you looking as a timetable? Tom and Chuck responded 1992 for completion which is very aggressive. Tom also advised with the financial capabilities of the park district, we have the capability with non-referendum bond money to build the facilities, either the family aquatic part or the recreation center, either one or both without going to referenda increasing the tax, however, it pertains to operating expenses. He advised once the aquatic park is up and running there is every indication (and we are building it to be self sustaining), to make money and to produce revenue, but we are still going to have to go to referendum for the rec center and or start up operating cost as it will mandate additional employees to maintain and operate, how much he did not know. General discussion ensued.

2. Update Mark Twain School- President Webber advised that the School District #21 School Board (two days after the park district approved it and sent it to them), at their board meeting, approved it with no changes. We designed the contract (Karop and I), it was a fair agreement, we agreed to pay \$328,000. on a twenty year lease, paid in four equal payments. Patrick questioned when are they anticipating completion? Tom responded September 1991 is the target date. He noted what is happening is that Mark Twain is renovating, adding on some school rooms and they were building a small gym about 4,000 square feet. What the park did, was propose that if we could work out an agreement to share, that they would build a bigger gym with the park district sharing in the cost. General discussion ensued.

New Business

1. Update- Tom advised the members to look at the Wayside room in passing and notice the new chandliers. He also noted new carpeting will be put in the Gable and Wayside and Devonshire rooms in the near future.

He also noted budget hearings will be coming up soon and consideration of the Gable room will be discussed.

He advised the fencing has been started on the golf course at the south end.

He noted he would like to see Heritage Park finished by the end of November.

General discussion ensued.

VI. Communications-Verbal/Written

None

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Dan Conrad to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. It was agreed by all members of the committee that the next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, January 16, 1991. Motion carried by VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELD SEPTEMBER 19, 1990

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hanley. Members present were: Patrick Hanley, Dolly Hein, Dan Conrad, Frank Wojek, and Acting Recording Secretary, Ruth Wieder. Absent: Marge Hartmann, Virginia Metzger, Ken Kostrzowski, Alice Wargo and Patti Hancock. The committee was previously notified those members would not be in attendance. Also present were: Liaison, President Tom Webber and Park Manager Karop Bavougian.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. There being no additions, deletions or corrections, the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Dan Conrad to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- President Tom Webber presented copies of the survey results to each of the members present. He advised what they had done after the consultants had tabulated all the information from the survey. He advised they had a strategic planning session at the end of June in which the commissioners, staff members and department heads got together and did some planning based on the results of the survey as well as input that they had. They had approximately twelve people in attendance. Only one commissioner was absent.

Prior to the meeting, each one was asked to put down on paper their ten priorities that they felt were important to the district to accomplish within the next five years, based on what came out of the results of the survey. These priorities were placed on 3 x 5 cards and they brainstormed a little and placed these on the

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wall. Then in phase II, the results of round 2, we were given the task of all the brainstorming ideas that these individuals came up with. We were then given 100 points or \$100 and prioritize. The results of round 2, are shown in the copies distributed. It gives the total points under the improvements that people were interested in and the number of people that placed them and what they did, was multiplied the total number of points by the number of people that placed a priority on an item.

The final chart shows what the consultants had developed from the results of the survey and the results of the strategic planning session. He went on to explain the results. He noted the thing he liked about it, pertaining to the top three items was that what we as staff and commissioners came up with, the community also ranked 1,2, and 3. (Multi-Purpose Rec. Center, Renovate existing parks and Develop community pool, etc). Discussion ensued.

Ruth advised the important thing is that when you are doing one, it would be just as inexpensive to do the other at the same time on some of these things.

Tom advised that one thing pertaining to the rec center and outdoor pool. Potentially there could be individual or specific experts in each field. It wouldn't necessarily be the same for both site or projects.

Patrick questioned where the park is now regarding the purchase of land and checking whether buildings and or a pool can be built on that land? Park Manager Bavougian advised nothing has changed. He noted discussions have been held regarding flood plain regulations and certain channels must be gone through.

Park Manager Bavougian stated that even though that the multi-rec is number one, pool number three, that is not necessarily the order things are done. We are not going to sit around and wait to hear. In fact, in renovating of existing parks, we have had our crews out there getting requests for qualifications and interest from various land planners, landscape architects, design planners and in the last week or so he has been going out with different people through our parks at the same time advising what we think possible.

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Patrick questioned if they are looking at parks in leu of looking at existing facilities and adding to or renovating?

Mr. Bavougian responded that one of the things that we have felt is that our parks are really pretty sterile and non-descript and that is a function of time and dollars not being able to be allocated toward them and now we are getting to the point. Most of these things were designed and done in 1960 which was the design criteria used at that time. Ruth noted there was very little money and we were lucky to get the land and do something. He replied we have to remember that is twenty-five years ago and contrary to public opinion, playground equipment and park designs do not last that long. Ruth responded then it is time to go back revamp and renovate.

Mr. Bavougian advised what we look at in Heritage in the eighteen and a half acres, is a unique situation from the standpoint of we know (we are talking in terms of the community rec center, administration offices, outdoor pool but we don't just look at that 18 acres. It is infact now a part of Heritage Park. Now you have something major, in fact the people I have gone out there with, were limited because of floodway restrictions. There is much of wasted space and one of the biggest drawbacks to that park is you don't really bring people in it. The only way you can get in is you park 100 cars by the rec center and maintenance building and walk across the bridge. At some point in time one way or another, we are talking of coming in off Omar and in the back to service the rec center, etc. A certain portion of that park now as we know it, is lost but not really. Dan noted at this time, it is very difficult to get to Heritage Park from the west side of town. Discussion continued.

Patrick questioned if President Webber and Park Manager were happy with how the survey has gone from beginning to end at this point? President Webber advised he was not necessarily happy with the results because he would have liked yes and no responses but as the consultants pointed out on numerous occasions there are alot of neutrals.

Frank questioned if the staff and board have any potential idea or calendar of something projected to a point that it can show future progress and a timeframe? Park Manager advised the group of the process they will be going through once the total results have come in.

Ruth questioned if this would lead them into a Master Plan? He responded there are two sides they want to look at, one being Malibu Park and Childerley. He advised Childerley will take longer because ideally you would like to look at the context of one to the other. Malibu is such a unique situation that he felt you do not have to look at it in a scale of how it relates to the other park sites.

Discussion ensued relative to Childreley Park and access to it. Also discussed was the bridge and creek.

Frank questioned the purchase of land and asked if there is any available? President Webber's responded by stated that when we bought Koeppens farm, that wasn't available to us either. The village has been kind enough to earmark about eleven sites that he wouldn't consider nine of them probable. He noted there is some property available. Discussion continued.

President Webber indicated relative to the survey, they will be working with the data received and also stated he felt Papandrea and Associates did a very thorough job but prior to the strategic planning session, he might not have felt that way. They did a good job in wrapping up the entire survey.

Discussion ensued to the banquet facilities and the renovation taking place.

2. Membership Drive- Ruth advised fliers were made up and distributed at the 4th of July Family Fest. However we don't meet July and August so we have not done anything with membership. She advised that quite frankly she was quite discouraged. She was hearing many rumors which came from all directions that the board was going to terminate the committee, and felt that kind of takes away from a membership drive. She noted she needs some kind of reassurance that the group is here to stay or let's put it away. President Webbers advised when he was asked in spring, his preference was going to a task force committee as opposed to a blanket advisory committee. He thought it would be more productive, if in fact he was still on that side of the fence. One of the goals of the advisory committee when he was a member, was recommended and followed through with that board was the request that the Board of Commissioners expand from five members to seven and the shorting of terms from six years to four.

Certainly that was done and he felt the community has benefited from that. Time will tell on the term or the length of the term to see if the existing commissioners choose to go for a second term that were involved with that initial change. Discussion ensued. He felt the best thing that was done was going from five to seven members. He thinks the board as a whole has done more than a reasonable job in the last couple of years.

Ruth advised she had no complaints with that but felt this has nothing to do with the committee, because the board has their job, staff has their job and this is a separate thing entirely and she did not feel one should be infringing on the other. Tom agreed and asked what she would like to do. Ruth advised she looks at the group and where it has come from and would like it to stay as it is regardless of what it seems like what we are doing at the moment. There has always been a great exchange of ideas, the flow of information that comes from a group like this which does not necessarily infringes on the board. It is not a case of where we are trying to do someone else's job. Many times the diversity of the people in the group being by geographical location with their involvement, tends to bring other things into play that we can share with you and also be the eyes and ears of the park which it was intended to be. She thought with a specific task force and she gave this great credence years ago before we went to an advisory committee, when it set out to be a task force, you lose continuity, you lose background information, you bring new people together for a specific reason and you accomplish that job and then it's over but she finds that in a group like this, the continuity that's there and the background information can only be beneficial. She advised as she looks across not only the state of Illinois, but the country and they're creating advisory committees because people do want to be involved.

She also felt this is a great training ground as people can get involved in a group like this, get the feel, know what the park board and district is all about. It familiarizes them with board meetings, what the procedures are and then they can determine if they want to become a board member rather than somebody that becomes irate and has an ax to grind, jumps in off the street because his needs aren't being met and he runs.

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He has no idea what the board does, how many times the board meets, or what the criteria is to be a functioning park board member, so she feels it serves as a very valid purpose to help the park in numerous ways to be that stepping stone between the community and park board. She advised she would really like to see younger people get involved in all phases of the park district but unfortunately we find that those young people are involved with #1 as a single person #2 as a parent with young children and then they get so involved they have no time for anything else.

Discussion ensued as to where the advisory committee stands for and basically it comes down that the committee is the park district's support group which when requested, gives input and recommendations based on knowledge and background.

Dan questioned where do we go from here? Ruth advised it is in our by-laws that the board should do an annual evaluation which should be done in the spring of the year and if the group is not functioning as an advisory committee, it is the board's option to do a full review and change the situation, but felt the board has to understand that there are people that are not going to go away. Whether there is an advisory committee or not, they will still be in your audience at the board meetings. Discussion continued. No action taken.

3. 4th of July- In the absence of Chairperson Metzger, Ruth advised of the 4th of July activities the advisory committee participated in. The parade went well and the committee members riding in the car felt it was well received.

4. Advisory Committee Reappointments- President Webber advised the committee that the Board at their last meeting approved the reappointments of Frank, Ida and Virginia to the Advisory Committee.

V. New Business

Dan questioned if the concession stand at Heritage Park would be open on October 6th when a cross-country run was being held? He and Karop were to get together on this matter.



VI. Communications

None

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, motion was made by Dan Conrad, seconded by Dolly Hein to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

It was noted that no meeting would be held in October and the next meeting of the Advisory Committee would be held on Wednesday, November 14th instead of the 21st because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

NOTE: Copy of Strategic Planning Workshop Results attached.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP RESULTS

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT - JUNE 23, 1990

The following lists are compilations of the data which resulted from the Strategic Planning Workshop conducted by Papandrea & Associates on June 23, 1990.

The first round of nominal group process resulted in a lengthy list of possible improvements the park district should consider in the next five years. Each participant was instructed to insert one improvement each on 10 cards. The chart below contains all improvements identified in round one. Column one contains the number of participants who identified the improvement, and column two contains the total number of points awarded by all participants, followed (after the slash) by the total number of participants who awarded points to the item.

Some items listed below have no results in either column. These are items included by the consultants for consideration.

IMPROVEMENT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL \$/ TOTAL PEOPLE
Multi-Purpose Facility	14	\$160/10
Cross Country Skiing	0	
Nature Center/Conservatory	0	
Stocked Fishing Pond	0	
Rehabilitate Chamber Parking Lot	1	
Build Baseball Complex	1	
Increase Park Personnel	3	\$53/6
Determine Sale of Neptune Pool	3	\$ 5/2
Purchase Additional Land	8	\$96/7
Build Maintenance Facility	3	\$63/5
Build Maintenance Facility on Golf Course	1	
Complete Demographic Data	0	
Determine Best Program Times	0	
Improve Condition of Park Facilities	0	
Develop New Adult/Child Programs	0	
Renovate Existing Parks	13	\$129/8
Develop Picnic Areas	5	\$31/4
Landscape Parks	1	
Build Community Pool	12	\$126/9
Improve Chevy Chase Golf Course		
Includes items such as:		\$125/9
Drainage	7	
Irrigation	5	
Fence	3	
Cart Paths	2	

IMPROVEMENT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TOTAL \$/ TOTAL PEOPLE
Improve Chevy Chase Banquet Facility		
Includes items such as:		\$64/9
Analyze Usage	2	
Various Improve- ments	12	
Develop Mission & Goals	1	\$15/2
Develop Marketing Plan	4	\$63/7
Develop Snow Sledding Hill	1	
Build Bicycle/Fitness Paths	6	\$20/3
Increase Community Support	1	\$13/3
Develop Passive Parks	0	
Develop Skateboarding Area	0	
Develop Pre-school Program	1	\$12/1
Provide Additional Resource Staff	1	
Purchase Communication System for Golf Course	1	
Develop Additional Revenue Pro- ducing Programs	1	
Develop Free Programs to Attract Community Residents to Parks	1	

The following chart contains the results of round two. During this round, participants were instructed to prioritize the items they wanted to award points to. Each participant individually awarded a total of \$100 to as many of the items as s/he chose. Each item is listed below, beginning with the first place item. Columns contain total points awarded by participants, the number of people who awarded the points, and the total which results from multiplying the total points by the number of people who awarded points to each item.

IMPROVEMENT	TOTAL POINTS	# OF PEOPLE/ GROSS POINTS
#1 Multi-Purpose Recreation Center	160	10/1600
#2 Renovate Existing Parks	129	8/1032
#3 Community Pool	126	9/1134
#4 Golf Course Improvements	125	9/1125
#5 Purchase Additional Land	96	7/672
#6 Banquet Facility Improvements	64	9/576
#7 Marketing Plan	63	7/441
#8 Building Maintenance Facility	63	6/318
#9 Increase Park Personnel	53	6/318
#10 Picnic Areas	31	4/124
#11 Bicycle/Fitness Paths	20	3/60
#12 Mission/Goals	5	2/10
#13 Increase Community Support	13	1/13
#14 Develop Pre-School Program	12	1/12
#15 Determine Neptune Pool	5	2/10

The final chart is developed by the consultant to assist Wheeling Park District in comparing high scoring items (by board/administrators) to the results of the survey. As decisions are made as to the real priority of various improvements, it is recommended that both results be given strong consideration.

IMPROVEMENT	WORKSHOP RESULTS	SURVEY RESULTS
Multi-Purpose Recreation Center	First Place (160 points) 10 People = 1600 Gross	38% (agree strongly agree) Second Place of 4 items
Renovate Existing Parks	Second Place (129 points) 8 People = 1032 Gross	53% (agree strongly agree) Second Place of 8 items
Develop Community Pool	Third Place (126 points) 9 People = 1134 Gross	57% (agree strongly agree) First Place of 4 items
Improve Golf Course	Fourth Place (125 points) 9 People = 1125 Gross	33% (rated condition avg.-exc.) 47% no opinion)
Purchase Additional Land	Fifth Place (96 points) 7 people = 672 Gross	44% (agree strongly agree) Fourth Place of 4 items
Improve Banquet Facility	Sixth Place (64 points) 9 people = 576 Gross	43% (rated condition avg.-exc.) 40% no opinion)

IMPROVEMENT

WORKSHOP  
RESULTS

SURVEY  
RESULTS

Develop Marketing Plan

Seventh Place  
(63 points)  
7 people =  
441 Gross

No specific ques.  
on survey.  
Need shown  
as a re-  
sponse to  
large % of  
no opinion  
neutral &  
blank re-  
sponses

Build Maintenance Facility

Eighth Place  
(63 points)  
5 people =  
315 Gross

No speci-  
fic ques.  
on survey.  
Need sur-  
faced by  
board &  
admin.  
during  
workshop

Increase Park Personnel

Ninth Place  
(53 points)  
6 people =  
318 Gross

No speci-  
fic ques.  
on survey.  
Need sur-  
faced by  
board &  
admin.  
during  
workshop

Develop Picnic Areas

Tenth Place  
(31 points)  
4 people =  
124 Gross

55% (agree  
strongly  
agree)  
Third  
place of  
8 items

Create Bicycle/Fitness Paths

Eleventh Place  
(20 points)  
3 people =  
60 Gross

78% (agree  
strongly  
agree)  
First  
place of  
8 items

IMPROVEMENT	WORKSHOP RESULTS	SURVEY RESULTS
Increase Community Support	Twelfth Place (13 points) 1 person = 13 Gross	No specific ques. on survey. Need surfaced by board & admin. during workshop
Develop Pre-School Program	Thirteenth Place (12 points) 1 person = 12 Gross	2nd place on survey. Item identified as before/ after school day care
Develop Mission/Goals	Fourteenth Place (15 points) 2 people = 30 Gross	No specific ques. on survey. Need surfaced by board & admin. during workshop
Determine Sale/Keep Neptune Pool	Fifteenth Place (5 points) 2 people = 10 Gross	No specific ques. on survey. Need surfaced by board & admin. during workshop

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held June 20, 1990.
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Survey Update
  2. Membership Drive
  3. 4th of July Report
  - 4.
- V. New Business:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD JUNE 20, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on June 20, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Vice Chairperson, Ken Kostrzowski. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Ruth Wieder, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Ken Kostrzowski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Daniel Conrad, Barb Dittman and Patrick Hanley. Dan advised he had to work and Pat advised he would be late. Also present were: Commissioners' Francine Melamed and Chuck Briles and Tanya Bey, reporter for Wheeling Herald. President Webber attended later in the evening.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. Ken advised he had an addition to the minutes regarding the reappointment of three members to the Advisory Committee which will be placed following the approval of the minutes. Under New Business, Land Acquisition was placed. He then introduced Tanya Bey. The agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 1990 was submitted for approval. Motion was made by Alice, seconded by Frank to approve the minutes as presented. Carried by Voice Vote.

REAPPOINTMENT

Ken then advised the three members coming up for reappointment to serve for a three year term are Frank Wojek, Ida Hein and Virginia Metzger. With the members willingness to serve, motion was made by Ruth Wieder, seconded by Marge Hartmann to approve their reappointment. The secretary was directed to present these names to the Board of Park Commissioners for their approval at their next regular meeting, June 21, 1990. Motion carried by a Voice Vote.

Chairman Hanley took his chair at 7:50 p.m.

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Ruth advised of a few errors on the mailing list handed out. Pat apologized and said the revisions would be made and a new list would be distributed at the next meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- Commissioner Melamed advised they still have not discussed the survey at their meeting. Commissioner Briles advised there is a meeting planned for Saturday when the survey will be discussed. Ken advised there was a lot of what he expected with a few surprises. Commissioner Melamed responded if you took the survey and looked at the answers and tried to find out who it was that answered the questions, then I don't think you would be surprised. She stated that one of the purposes of the survey was to help the park design a plan and added everything is not going to be done right away, but in the past we haven't had a guideline to service everything. Hopefully, the survey will enable us to have the foresight to realize what is necessary and how far along we can plan those things out. Right now we have nothing that is actually planned to be done in this community further than tomorrow.

Ruth advised some time back the same problems existed and a survey was taken and almost the same results came out in that survey as this one. People wanted the same things. They wanted parks, entities to those parks, a community center, an outdoor pool, so the wants and needs never change.

Commissioner Melamed stated we are not doing this just to satisfy ourselves. Hopefully into the future to provide something, first of let me say we couldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for the prior boards. I know that the commissioners today have never passed up the opportunity to thank them for where we are today. Because of them, we are in a position to provide visually to this community what the prior boards' were unable to do.

Frank questioned an iceskating rink? Commissioner Melamed advised this item has been discussed and as we sit here, we can guarantee you there will be an iceskating rink back at Heritage Park this winter.

The planning meeting set for Saturday was discussed and the board members present did not know if it was open to the public or not. Members were told to contact the park manager.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Chairperson Ruth Wieder advised she had no report except what had appeared in the news article. No response has been received. She suggested a flier which could be handed out at the 4th of July Family Fest in the recreation booth to see if we can get some response. She felt a push at this time is premature because we do not meet again until September.

## 3. 4TH OF JULY

Chairperson Virginia Metzger advised a meeting will be held as to the final design and preparations to be made to appear on the car in the 4th of July parade. She requested input from the members and advised members would be contacted.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Land Acquisition- Discussion ensued relative to the Wheeling Park District's purchase of the Wicke's 18.5 acre site located on Dundee Road, now known as Koeppen's Farm for the sum of 1 million dollars. The commissioners noted they have been negotiating with Wickes in the past months. They propose for that site to build a community center, and an outdoor pool (water park).

Alice questioned the site being in the flood plain? Commissioner Melamed advised it is in the flood plain, however there are a few issues that we have right now and it would be foolish for us to discuss because the actual technicalities are difficult to convey to everyone here. She asked the committee to please trust us that we have not bought another worthless piece of land. The land that we purchased was investigated to determine what could be done with it and it has been determined with certain structural attention, that a building can be built on it. Commissioner Briles advised about 50% of that land is structurally buildable. The worst scenario which was discussed, is that the parking lot would have to be built at the front and the building to the back of the site.

Patrick requested the commissioners give an historical background regarding the purchase of the property. Commissioner Briles advised the members of what took place. Both commissioners advised they would like to break ground in 1992 and see a pool and building in by 1993-94. They noted the monies are there to build but a referendum would be needed to for operational costs.

President Webber was in attendance at 8:21 p.m.

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Following discussion, motion was made by Ruth Wieder, seconded by Ken Kostrzowski to let the board know that the Wheeling Advisory Committee is in full accordance and support of the future development of the community center complex. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

President Webber reiterated the above and felt very positive with the acquisition. He advised the members regarding the cost and the usage of funds. He noted that possibly with the reassessments coming out and a lot of luck, maybe unintentionally we will have some of that operating expense and won't have to ask for a rate hike. Discussion continued.

COMMUNICATION-Written/Verbal

Patrick advised the next meeting of the Wheeling Advisory Committee will be held September 19, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Alice, seconded by Frank to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hancock  
Secretary  
Wheeling Advisory Committee

# Officials consider water park costs

By MICHAEL ULREICH  
STAFF WRITER

6/21/90

Although the Wheeling Park District has enough funds to build its own water park on property it intends to purchase on Dundee Road, a tax increase may be needed to operate the facility, according to park district officials.

The idea of constructing a recreation center and outdoor water facility on an 18-acre plot off Dundee Road between village hall and the Wickes Furniture store is still just a "dream," according to Wheeling Park District Director Karop Bavougian.

The future of the property, which will cost approximately \$1 million, will be determined through discussions among park district officials over the coming months.

The new park property will connect at its south end to the 66 acres at Heritage Park. The new site currently holds the Koeppen family farm and fruit stand.

"It's something we'd like to do," Bavougian said. "There's nothing concrete, there's nothing definite. There's no plans on the board. This is just a wish, a dream."

But that dream may come true if the park board finds the project to be feasible. Bavougian said the park district would like to build a recreation center with room to hold its administrative offices on the property. An outdoor pool facility could be part of that center or could be built separately, Bavougian said.

"We would like to be able to do both but whether it's feasible at this stage, we just don't know," Bavougian said.

Although Bavougian said the park district could sell bonds to finance the construction of the pool without a referendum, he said an increase in taxes may be needed to help finance the pool's operation and maintain the pool com-



Bill Oakes/Pioneer Press

The Wheeling Park District is considering a plan to build a water park on property adjacent to the village

hall, presently the site of the Koeppens farm and fruit stand.

plex.

In neighboring Buffalo Grove, voters last November defeated by a 6-1 margin a park district referendum request for a tax increase to build and operate a \$5.2 million water park/swimming pool complex.

After the defeat, Buffalo Grove Park District officials said they lost the referendum because of organized opposition to their water park plans and the voters' rejection of any new tax increases.

# Parks will clean mess in Wheeling

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

At the request of a nearby developer, the Wheeling Park District will see to the cleanup of loads of old equipment and garbage left for years behind the district's maintenance building.

The maintenance building, on the southwest end of the district's Chevy Chase Golf Course, is used to store trucks and equipment for the park district and abuts a single-story office building under construction at Lake-Cook Road and Northgate Parkway. The north side of the office building faces the maintenance building.

The garbage, which includes broken concrete, wood chips, old tools, scrap metal and other non-functional equipment and parts, has been stored behind the maintenance building for years waiting for park officials to declare it surplus so that it can be legally disposed of, said John Piazza, a superintendent for the district.

Developers of the office building, Hamilton Partners Inc. of Itasca, requested that the piles of scrap and equipment be removed from the site and that a landscaping screen be constructed along the sides of the building that are in direct view of the office building.

Hamilton Partners also are requesting that the outside of the maintenance building be cleaned and painted.

"It's not only an eyesore to the Hamilton, it's an eyesore to anyone that goes on the golf course," park Commissioner Greg L. Klatecki said.

In addition, Hamilton Partners pointed out that the park district now is using sections of a seven-foot section of land owned by Hamilton along Chevy Chase Drive.

A golf course fence runs parallel to Chevy Chase Drive, and park district maintenance vehicles cross over the land to enter the maintenance area.

# Wheeling parks plan picnic grove, ball courts

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN 7/14/90  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Wheeling Park District commissioners plan to spend \$134,000 to build a picnic grove and basketball courts in two parks on the west side of town.

The picnic grove, which would include a sheltered area, picnic tables, benches and a barbeque area, would be built at Childerley Park, located on the south side of Old McHenry Road just west of Elmhurst Road.

The basketball courts would be constructed at Malibu Park, located on Lakeview Drive between Buffalo

Grove and Schoenbeck roads.

Park commissioners say they will spend the \$134,000 from their park development fund.

The fund was established several years ago when the developers of the Lexington Commons subdivision made a cash contribution of \$221,000 in lieu of donating a piece of land to the park district.

Part of the money already has been spent on improvements to Pleasant Run and Chamber parks.

Park Board Vice President Fran Melamed requested park officials begin making plans for the picnic grove and basketball courts after re-



sults from a recent community survey revealed that residents want those items in the parks, Melamed said.

"It's screaming to be spent to develop a picnic grove," Melamed said.

"We all have a tendency to drag our feet on these issues.

"The money is there. A decision has been made. Let's light a fire and work toward it."

With a picnic grove, Childerley Park would be unique to the park district.

The district now prohibits any kind of fires in the parks, Melamed said.



KATHY TRAY/Pioneer Press

## Staying afloat

The Wheeling Park District has introduced two inflatable toys to Neptune's Pool at Wheeling High School. Elaine Moy, 10, tries to keep her balance on one of the new water toys.

# Park district asked to clean up its act

7/19/90  
By WAYNE TRYHUK  
STAFF WRITER

Under pressure from a developer owning land near its golf course, the Wheeling Park District plans to remove debris from a maintenance garage on the grounds.

In a related development, the district is waiting for clarification from the State Fire Marshall's Office of steps it must take to correct alleged violations of codes covering fuel tanks on the property at Chevy Chase park on Milwaukee Avenue.

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The shed is an eyesore.  
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The developer, Hamilton Partner, wrote the district on July 3, contending that the garage was easily visible from an office building it is constructing, and asked that "piles of scrap and equipment be removed from the site."

It also requested that "a landscaping screen be constructed along the sides of the structure, which are in direct view" of the office building, and that the facility be cleaned and painted. The developer hinted that if the district did not act, it would exercise what it claimed is its right to limit access to the course across its property. It

also suggested it would prohibit the district from using land on which a fence currently exists, but which the developer says it actually owns.

District officials did not dispute the claim that the garage is unsightly, and board members authorized Director Karop Bavougian to take steps to clean up the area.

At the board meeting last week, Commissioner Greg Klatecki said the shed is "an eyesore to anybody who goes on that golf course."

Bavougian said Tuesday he planned to meet with the landscape architect for the developer, from whom he expected to get suggestions for planting and screening to help shield the office building from the garage, which he described as "dilapidated."

He said the district would also hold an auction of surplus property being kept near the garage, which includes a backhoe and a tractor. Brush and shrubs will also be removed from the area, Bavougian said.

Of the alleged fire code violations, Bavougian said the Fire Marshall's Office is claiming that overhead fuel tanks at the garage are leaking, and that used motor oil is draining from the building into a nearby creek.

Bavougian said that once the district receives clearer direction on how to correct the alleged violations, it will take the necessary action, which might require tearing down the structure.

# Park district to replace fences at ball field

By BILL COLE  
Daily Herald Correspondent

8/9/90

Wheeling Park District officials will replace two deteriorating fences at the baseball fields at Holmes Junior High School in Wheeling.

The fences, or backstops behind home plate, are rusted and broken and "beyond repair," Park District Manager Karop Bavougian said. Although the backstops are on Wheeling Township Elementary District 21 school property, the field is used

primarily by the park district.

Park commissioners recently approved hiring Peerless Fence Erectors, Inc. to install two new backstops for \$3,925 each, or a total of \$7,850. The backstops will be slightly smaller than the fences now at the field, but they will have an overhang welded in place. The price also includes the cost for tearing down and removing the old backstops.

Originally, park officials had considered buying arched backstops, but those would cost \$6,600 each and

would have taken 10 to 12 weeks for delivery.

Park Commissioner Bill Mattes, who rejected the purchase, questioned the need for backstops with an overhang. He said straight backstops probably would cost less than those with the overhangs.

"I don't think we need the overhang with the type of usage we have," Mattes said.

Other commissioners favored the arched style.

Park Board President Tom R. Weber said that numerous baseballs sail over the backstop and that may be dangerous to people behind the fence.

Commissioner Chuck W. Briles agreed and added that usage of the fields may increase with the arched-style backstops because of their safety.

"If we are going to put in new backstops," Briles said, "I think we should do it the right way, and the overhang is the right way."

# District set to repair Neptune's Pool

By WAYNE TRYHUK  
STAFF WRITER

8/9/90

The Wheeling Park District may be able to repair a leak at Neptune's Pool, in Wheeling High School, without having to resort to a costly concrete removal process, according to Director Karop Bavougian.

"It doesn't look like the concrete has deteriorated to the point of needing to tear it out," Bavougian said Wednesday. "It looks as though we won't have to remove the pool deck."

Instead, Bavougian said, the leak in the pool wall might be repaired by injecting epoxy into the concrete. That method would still necessitate closing

the pool, but probably not for as long as concrete removal would have.

In a report to Bavougian at the district's meeting last week, Superintendent of Resource Management John Piazza said that in the worst case, a concrete slab would have to be removed to permit repair of the pool drain, an operation that could take from five to six weeks.

Bavougian stressed Wednesday, though, that a final determination on the extent of repairs could not be made until the district reviewed a complete analysis of the leak, which it hoped to receive that day.

Until that review, Bavougian said, he could offer no estimate on the length or

cost of the repairs.

In his report, Piazza said George A. Kennedy and Associates, Inc., a firm recommended by the architect who prepared the 1985 pool renovation plan, suggested that the leak might have existed undetected for as long as ten years, until it began causing concrete deterioration.

Piazza added that the architect said the chlorine in the water may have exacerbated the leaking.

He told commissioners that water may be leaking at the rate of about "a drop every five minutes."

Before the leak was even discovered, the pool had been scheduled to be shut down during the week of August 13.



## SUBURBAN REPORT

## Dist. 21, parks may share proposed gym

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

The Wheeling Park District will negotiate with Wheeling Township Elementary District 21 to share the use of a proposed new gymnasium at Mark Twain Elementary School.

District 21 officials are planning to expand the Wheeling school as part of the district's effort to accommodate an expected influx of students. Enrollment in District 21 elementary schools is expected to increase from 3,532 to 3,960 students by 1995.

Plans for the 32-year-old school include adding a gymnasium and a learning resource center to the east end of the building. Designs,

which will cost no more than a million dollars also include adding two large classrooms to the rear of the school and expanding the teachers' lounge.

Park district commissioners Thursday agreed to direct staff members to negotiate with District 21 officials for the park district to use the proposed gymnasium and to help pay for the construction.

Although school officials had planned a 4,100-square-foot gymnasium, commissioners are proposing to increase the gym size to 7,000 square feet.

The park district would pick up the extra expense of the larger addition, which may cost about \$250,000.

Commissioners want to use the gym on nights and weekends for basketball, volleyball, aerobics and other programs now overcrowding the park district's Heritage Park.

"Our existing gym facility at Heritage Park is really an activities room," Park Manager Karop Bavougian said. Mark Twain School is centrally located in the park district, is close to Heritage Park and would provide more room for park district programs, Bavougian added.

"It's an opportunity to jointly cooperate with an existing agency in the community," said park board President Tom Webber. "This is something that meets our needs."

## SUBURBAN REPORT

## Park district to spend \$5,400 on ice rink

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
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In an effort to pacify complaints from angry residents, Wheeling Park District commissioners will spend \$5,400 to build an ice rink at Heritage Park.

The ice rink will be built in the west water retention basin at Heritage Park, off Wolf Road.

Commissioners intend to spend \$1,250 for material to construct a warming shelter, \$950 for rubber floor mats and \$150 for electricity there.

In addition, boards will be placed on the ice rink to separate hockey use from free skating. The rink will be completely lit up with eight additional outside electrical

lighting fixtures. Those two projects are expected to cost \$890 and \$1,095, respectively. Portable toilets also will be provided at a cost of \$300.

Last winter residents complained about the park district's inability to provide adequate ice for skating at the rinks at Horizon and Chamber parks.

Residents said the ice was thin and not maintained during the two-month skating season.

Although park officials say they have no control over ice melting during warming trends in winter, the new rink will be well maintained and the basin will be pumped in the event of rain.

Park commissioners also planned to ask the Wheeling Fire

Department for assistance in making ice. The fire department's four-inch hoses would allow the park district to spray more water over a shorter period of time than would the district's one-and-a-half-inch hoses.

"I would like us to be a little more aggressive with the making of ice rinks instead of going by a policy that it has got to be 15 degrees," Park Board President Tom R. Webber said. "If Mother Nature says it's going to be zero degrees on Dec. 1, let's give (residents) ice on Dec. 1 and then it is up to them to use it."

Commissioners also rejected a \$5,500 proposal to excavate the basin before making ice because they said the work is unnecessary.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held May 16, 1990.
- IV. Old Business: *Resappointments.*
  1. Survey Update
  2. Membership Drive
  3. 4th of July.
  4. *Land Request*
- V. New Business:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD MAY 16, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on May 16, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Ruth Wieder, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Patrick Hanley, Ken Kostrzowski, and Pat Hancock. Absent: Marge Hartmann, Daniel Conrad and Barb Ditmann. Marge notified the committee she would not be in attendance due to her work schedule. Also present were: President Tom Webber, Commissioner Briles and Park Manager Bavougian.

AGENDA- Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. It was requested that 4th of July be placed under New Business, item 2. The agenda was accepted as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of March 21, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Virginia Metzger to approve the minutes as presented. Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- President Webber advised the results of the survey are in and a presentation will be given tomorrow night at the regular board meeting. He stated he has not seen the results and recommended all committee members be in attendance.
2. Update Expenditure of \$490,000- President Webber advised no decision has been made regarding the expenditure of the \$490,000 bond monies as we have been waiting for the results of the survey and possible input from residents. Chairman Hanley questioned how we would approach the \$490,000 following the results of the survey. President Webber advised possibly a workshop meeting to discuss it based upon recommendations made by this committee, the board and staff.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: May, 1990 -April, 1991

Chairperson- Patrick entertained a motion for the nomination of chairperson. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Ruth Weider, seconded by Virginia Metzger to nominate Patrick Hanley as Chairman of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee for 1990-1991. Carried by Voice Vote.

Vice-Chairperson- Nominations were open for Vice-Chairperson. Motion was made by Patrick Hanley seconded by Virginia Metzger that Ken Kostrzowski be nominated for Vice Chairperson. Nominations closed, the motion carried by Voice Vote.

Secretary- Nominations were open for Secretary. Motion was made by Ruth Wieder, seconded by Virginia Metzger that Pat Hancock be nominated as Secretary. Nominations closed, the motion carried by Voice Vote.

Patrick advised there has been a loss in membership and noted this could be one of the priorities for the committee to think about. He noted out of fifteen members, ten or eleven remain. Ruth stated she would volunteer to spearhead a membership drive. She noted possibly we could get help from some of the board members especially those who are active in sports, in order to get some of the younger parents involved. Virginia stated she would be glad to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hanley requested to have some discussion regarding our past year on the committee and what we should be doing over the summer in relationship to 1990-91. He felt one thing that should be said with the group of this year and last year, that tomorrow night we may be able to see some of the fruits of what was initially started in this committee. Good, bad or indifferent, if you are at the meeting tomorrow night, you will find out some things about Wheeling and the park district. He advised he was proud that the idea originated in the Advisory Committee. He felt that some results will come tomorrow night that will affect the decision making process of the board and the people of Wheeling at least over the next three to five years.

3.

Frank Wojek felt in all due respect, we should show appreciation to the former members of the committee who are now commissioners. It was his feelings they are now moving in the right direction, and he hopes they do not stumble with their achievements and goals.

Patrick also thanked the people for the contributions with regard to the ideas of how to spend the \$490,000.00 and he was glad to be asked for those ideas from the board. He felt this will be very helpful when decisions come down. All that information gathering, lists, surveys and everything will make for some good data in relations to making some good decisions as far as that money is concerned and he felt this is another good thing done on the committee. He thanked the board members present for asking the committee to help in that decision making.

Ruth agreed because without that kind of support, they have no where to go. What has happened in the past year and direction for the next year, unless there is some support and direction, this committee has no future. She felt the committee has been responsible for a number of things besides the fact there must have been a pretty good turn around for some of the commissioners who got their feet wet not only on the committee level, but the experience of what the previous board was doing prior to their getting on. She felt this is very important to people who are newly involved rather than simply coming out of the community directly to the board without the background to work well.

President Webber agreed and felt it was very helpful and very insightful.

Chairman Hanley advised he felt being on the committee makes a person more well rounded. He felt it could be helpful in trying to get new membership especially if you have people that are interested in a particular area of the park district for their own reasons. Getting those people involved in the advisory committee and would broaden them and prepare them for potential board members.

Chairman Hanley suggested the future of the committee be discussed and questioned if there are any things on the horizon in the upcoming summer months or for next year that we should be looking at as an advisory committee or as a park district as a whole. He questioned if there is something we should get involved in?

Frank Wojek advised some consideration should be given to setting tables around Heritage Park and using the picnic area during the summer months and possibly getting together with board and staff some time during the summer for a picnic. Discussion ensued. Patrick stated this would familiarize people with the area to see if it has any potential along those lines.

Alice again stated there should be a position of a Public Relations person to sell the park district as a whole. Discussion ensued. Patrick questioned if this should be a future direction for us to look into? He questioned if this position should be totally funded by the park district or should it also involve selling Wheeling with the park district as a part of Wheeling? Discussion ensued.

President Webber advised he felt the thing that will help us with the entire district is to make the parks appealing with the way we care for them, the parks will then promote themselves. Discussion continued.

Alice suggested that Chamber, Childerley and Heritage parks should be advertised as picnic areas. Tom again stated first the parks must be in top shape before advertising takes place.

Patrick asked Alice if she really believes that there should be a funded position within the park district for public relations? She responded yes and noted she has been advocating this for the last twelve years. Discussion ensued. It was the feelings of the president that he felt hiring a P.R. person would not be cost effective. He also felt that if there are residents who have been living in the community for many years and don't know what is going on, then they are living in a shell and it is their loss, not ours. Chairman Hanley stated that maybe what we should be at least looking at in relationship to next year, is public relations in the park district, how the park district can get better publicity and if there is anything we can do as a committee over the next year to see which way we should go.

5.

President Webber advised in all due respect, we have paid staff. Karop is their leader. The community and everybody has a vested interest in this park district because we as taxpayers pay their salaries.

Their input, (the community) is suppose to lead us, then we have the board of commissioners who hopefully through their proper direction and information that they give us, it is then our obligation to make the right decisions because the community elected us and that is a responsibility that we have accepted. In the past year, we appreciated the committee's comments which are not always positive. The Board is trying to work side by side with staff and make this a progressive park district. A couple of members mentioned you are seeing some things being done, how you don't know! Maybe staff didn't have the proper support in the past years by the proper people for some reason. All I and my fellow commissioners can do is what we said we would as individuals, what we are pledged to do, and that is to do our best and try be progressive and not dwell on what happened yesterday, last year or five years ago. If we have that basic knowledge of what happened and how, we can try not to fall into the same trap. We have been for a number of months now, a united board which has made it not necessarily easier in a non-pressured type of way, because we have pressured the park manager and his staff without a doubt. If for no other reason, we make requests, we see things, we are active in the community, we try not to have tunnel vision, we are not just interested in soccer or baseball or basketball. We are interested in everything but it is not our job to run the park district. It is our job to set policy and give guidance based on their needs and the community needs and we as a seven member board are united. We have a long ways to go yet, but the job is more fun. We don't have all the answers and it's important that everybody knows that because we don't think different. We have discussion and vote our conscience but that's good for the district.

Ruth asked Tom his feelings regarding the advisory committee. He responded in all honesty that the committee had touched on it all evening, that there is a need for not only additional members but also fresh blood. He noted he tried to do something in forming a special survey committee with the specific task of coming up with some ideas and do the search for the consultants that we as a board, would end up hiring.

No matter what comes out of the survey, be it positive or negative, as long as we, staff and board of commissioners turn it into positive then it has been worth the money. Tom advised he would be more in favor at this time, to form a committee for a specific task when needed as opposed to broad statements or generalization on a monthly basis. He noted in the last six-seven months this committee has met, with the exception of one or two meetings, a lot of times there has not been a quorum even though you have an eleven member board. You can look at that as a negative or a positive. The positive I hope, is the fact that with the fresh blood on the Board of Commissioners that hopefully we showed from the start, as rusty as we were that we were getting the job done.

Ruth agreed we are meeting less and less however, there are always so many things an advisory committee can do as far as assisting in tasks. Tom agreed and questioned if there will be a need for tasks specific in the future? He stated yes but every public body needs or warrants a watchdog group, which nothing else this committee is. What in his opinion, he does not find right necessarily, but he found it strange that it was sanctioned by the park district. When there was a board of five members, and most of them inactive, this committee was invaluable. Ruth responded if it is given proper direction, it is sanctioned by the park district and without proper direction, it has nowhere to go. Tom responded and stated after he was elected, the first meeting he attended made those very comments. He noted on more than one occasion direction was asked and at the very first meeting he attempted to give direction and at the next meeting it was basically ignored and he was told he had no authority to dictate to anyone, which he was not trying to do. He advised right or wrong he then left the meeting as he did not feel he should stay at that point in time. It was clear to him at that time that not necessarily everyone but it seemed like the majority wanted to continue in the same vain as in the past.

Ruth advised that maybe the committee is unsure of how that direction should come. For you to sit here as Board President and liaison position to be a guiding factor is one thing but then again to come up with a task force kind of direction is another thing. She felt that is what we are not getting. The kind of direction from the board that says to the committee there is a specific need that something has to be done here and we need your help do this and put this reserve resource tool to come up with a report, do a rationale whatever, but something we have to work with.



7.

Ruth noted we have people who obviously care and are concerned about the park district. We got some talented people here who need to be a functioning group. We need a functioning purpose and without that, it becomes a floundering group that really is nothing.

JULY 4th PARADE

The July 4th Parade was discussed. An application of participation was received. Motion was made by Ida seconded by Ruth that the Advisory Committee again participate in this years activities with Virginia agreeing to chair this committee. Motion carried by Voice Vote. Application to be returned.

COMMUNICATIONS -Written/Verbal

Patrick advised that Family Fest 90 sponsored by St. Joes, will be held July 3 through July 7th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Ken, seconded by Virginia to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Carried by Voice.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
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6/18/90

By TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
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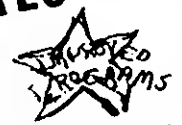


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# Society asks whether church is museum

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

8/4/90  
Members of the Wheeling Historical Society are looking to make sure Wheeling park officials don't spend museum tax money in the wrong place.

Park district officials plan to restore the historic Chamber Church, 251 N. Wolf Road, and are seeking estimates for the repairs. The church was built in 1865 and is deteriorating.

Thomas Busby, the district's superintendent of finance, last week said the money to pay for the repairs — which could total several hundred dollars — could come from the museum fund, which has \$42,000 in reserve.

But now Busby says the park district must determine whether the church is classified as a museum or a park district building before any money can be taken from the fund.

Historical society members, some of whom doubt the church acts as a museum, plan to request that park officials use money from another district fund, such as the corporate fund.

Under a state statute, tax money collected for museums must only be spent on buildings being used as museums.

The Chamber Church is used by the park district for preschool classes and is full of children's toys and furniture, said Arnie Biondo, the district's superintendent

of leisure services.

In addition, the historical society holds monthly meetings in the church and the building is open Wednesday nights for washroom use during the Sounds of Summer outdoor music concerts in the park.

"A museum is what the dictionary says," said Bob McIntyre, a member of the historical society. "A museum is a museum. It's not a day-care center."

McIntyre added that society members would like to use the money to acquire other items for museum purposes, such as a turn-of-the-century house.

"I guess that will depend on if we classify that as some type of museum piece," Busby said.

## Park district delays Wheeling pool repairs

BY BILL COLE  
and TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writers

7/27/90

Even though Neptune's Pool at Wheeling High School is due to be repainted, the work will be put off to accommodate park and school district use and to wait for the results of an engineering study that may show the deck is in need of extensive repair.

Wheeling Park District, which operates the pool, had planned to close the facility Aug. 13-25 so maintenance workers could drain and repaint the pool.

Now, the maintenance will be put off until at least December, pending the results of the engineering study, said park district

Manager Karop Bavougian.

The results, which could be back as early as today, might show that large, unseen cracks exist in the deck, weakening the structure, Bavougian said.

About a month ago, he said, water was discovered leaking into the basement beneath the pool. The deck surface itself does not reveal any of the cracks, however, and their severity can be determined only by the engineering study.

"It's inside the concrete so you would never know," Bavougian said.

In a worst-case scenario, large chunks of concrete would have to be replaced immediately.

"If it is that unstable and it has to be addressed immediately, then

we are going to go ahead and do it," Bavougian said.

He estimated that five to six weeks would be needed for the repairs, at which time, the pool also could be repainted.

The postponement of a new paint job for the pool will make some pool users happy, however.

Preseason practice for the Wheeling High School girls swim team was threatened by the planned August closing. Moving up the date would have interfered with the park district's summer season swimming lessons, and fall lessons begin in September.

High school swim coaches and administrators had requested that the work be delayed until December, when students are on break.

## Historic Wheeling church to get face lift

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

7/28/90

Wheeling Park District officials want to restore a historic Wheeling church to its original form.

The Chamber Church, at the park district's Chamber Park, located at 251 N. Wolf Road, needs painting, new windows and siding, park board commissioners said. The district is seeking estimates to pay for repairs to the deteriorating church, which was built in 1865.

"It's in need of a good paint job," Park Board President Tom R. Webber said. "The time has come, and we don't want to delay it so we'll take care of it right away."

Restoring the church, which was last painted about five years ago, is also one of the top goals for Lonnie Schnaitmann, the president of the Wheeling Historical Society.

Schnaitmann, who was elected to a second term in May, said she wanted the church and its surroundings in the park fixed up before her four-year term ends. The historical society also agreed to contribute \$600 to install a drinking fountain at Chamber Park.

"The whole thing is going to crumble," Schnaitmann said of the 125-year-old church. "The paint is falling off. There's holes in the walls. That's the beauty of a park. If the buildings aren't being taken care of, that just wrecks it."

Webber said the repairs may

cost "a few hundred dollars," but he won't know how much until the district receives estimates. The money would come from cash reserves in the district's museum fund, said Thomas Busby, the district's superintendent of finance.

Although Webber said he would like to have the outside repairs completed by October, inside restoration of the church may have to wait a couple of years until the preschool classes now being held there can be moved.

The preschool may be moved to the community center park officials plan to build in the next couple of years on 18.5 acres located between the village hall and the Wickes Furniture showroom on the south side of Dundee Road.

## Park district hopes insurance pays for leak

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer 7/14/90

Wheeling Park District officials hope a state insurance pool will cover the \$47,000 it cost to remove a leaking underground gas tank at Chevy Chase Clubhouse.

The tank, located near the maintenance building on the southwest corner of the Chevy Chase Golf Course, is used for fueling park district trucks and other equipment such as lawn mowers and plows.

About three weeks ago, the tank was removed after it was found to be leaking into the ground. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires all underground gas tanks be registered, and the

owners pay an annual fee.

The money collected from fees is put into an insurance pool and paid out when a member must have a tank removed. The park district may receive at least \$37,000 for its tank removal and the district may have to absorb the remaining \$10,000, said John Piazza, the district's superintendent of resource management services. The park district is waiting to hear from the state to determine how much of the bill the insurance will cover, Piazza said.

After a law recently went into effect that requires annual inspections of all underground tanks, Piazza said the tank at Chevy Chase and the other tank at Heritage Park were tested.

The Chevy Chase tank was filled and the next day the level dropped by 6 inches, Piazza said. The tank was filled again and the level dropped by 6 inches again by the next day, proving the tank was leaking. Within weeks, the tank, pipes, pump and contaminated ground around the tank were removed. The tank at Heritage Park was not leaking, Piazza said.

However, during the removal of the fuel tank, the state fire marshal who inspected the area found that the park district was not properly dispensing of fuel from above-ground storage tanks.

But the fire marshal did not specify how the park district was violating certain sections of state codes.

## Park district sets rules for field, park use

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer 7/17/90

Reservations will be taken for Wheeling Park District playing fields and parks as part of a plan by park officials to organize and control the use of parks.

The regulations came after residents and members of leagues complained to park officials that there was confusion over who was entitled to use the parks and at what time. By taking reservations, the park district would allow clubs and organ-

izations to plan sporting events, such as baseball and softball games, and to avoid conflicts with others planning to use the same fields.

"The essence of the rules and regulations have already been put into effect," Park Board President Tom R. Webber said. "It takes away any confusion."

The rules apply to any parks and in particular to baseball/softball fields, soccer fields, outdoor basketball courts, ice rinks and tennis courts. Under the rules, no league play, which is defined as organized

competition among two or more teams when a referee is present, is allowed without a permit.

Applications for reservations, which must be submitted two weeks before the date requested, may be filled out at Heritage Park Recreation Center during office hours.

For park usage, activities sponsored by the park district have first priority and groups consisting of 50 percent or more park district residents have second priority, while groups with less than 50 percent park district residents have the low-

est priority. When more than one group requests the same field for the same time, priority will be used and the district's Leisure Services Department will review the reservation applications.

Drop-in use of open fields for other park district residents is welcome, under the new rules.

In addition, fees will be charged per games or per two-hour period. The fees range from \$8 to \$18, depending on which field is used and how many team members live in Wheeling.

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## Swimming idea 7/5/90

**W**heeling Park District commissioners for the past several weeks have contemplated the details of a long-awaited swimming pool recreational facility for the village.

The prospect has been greeted with a wave of enthusiasm by both officials and residents.

The complex, which would be located on the 18-acre Koeppen farm just west of the village hall, could include a zero-depth pool, water slides, play areas for children and sand volleyball courts. According to park officials, funds are available for construction of the facility, while operating costs could be offset by pool fees.

The new complex would also include a gymnasium, running track and multi-purpose rooms which could be used by community groups and perhaps even pre-school programs.

Since the closing of the outdoor pool at Chambers Park 10 years ago, Wheeling residents have been sorely lacking such a facility. In a recent survey, 500 of 900 district residents responding said they were in favor of the proposal. While not an overwhelming majority, this clearly indicates a concern throughout the village.

In addition to the recreational benefits of the swimming pool, park officials estimate that as many as 150 part-time jobs could be generated for area youth.

Perhaps most significantly, a new complex will give park officials much needed meeting and administrative space, presently lacking in their offices in the Chevy Chase Clubhouse on Milwaukee Avenue.

Although the plan is still in its initial stages, we encourage the park district to continue its investigation into such a facility, and support their intent to limit the size and scope of the project to serve only Wheeling residents. This would guarantee both cost-effectiveness and true community service.

The park district has become, in virtually all communities, one of the few remaining places in which residents can meet and mingle with one another, particularly in suburbs which offer no centralized downtown area. Such a project, with careful research into costs of liability and maintenance, could only serve to enhance both the park district and the village.



# Pool facility makes a splash on park board

By WAYNE TRYHUK  
STAFF WRITER

A proposed water recreation facility in Wheeling won't bring a flood of nonresidents into the area, Wheeling Park District commissioners insist.

In fact the complex, which would be constructed just west of the Wheeling Village Hall on Dundee Road, would probably serve area residents almost exclusively, if the use of a Lisle facility it might be patterned after is any indication, according to commissioner Chuck Briles.

Briles said Monday that of the nearly 83,000 persons who frequent the Lisle park in a given summer, only a little more than 500 are from outside that community. "We don't want to compete with Six Flags," he stressed. "We're not here to serve the world. We're here to serve the community. We're not going into the community water park business."

"We don't want people to confuse it with a theme park," Commissioner Fran Melamed agreed last week. "It's just something the community needs."

"It's not the Wisconsin Dells," Director Karop Bavougian said Friday. He added that he preferred to avoid describing the complex as a "water park" because that term conjured up images of "people inundating us."

As commissioners envision it, the facility might have water slides, children's play areas, fountains, a sand volleyball court and a "zero depth" pool, the floor of which would gradually slope downward giving gradations of depth from just a few inches to several feet. "You'd walk in and get your toes wet, and then go in deeper and deeper," Bavougian explained.

Such pools are becoming increasingly popular, he added. "You wouldn't build a straight rectangular box in the ground today," he said. "Most people do not swim. They play in the water. The largest proportion are often in water knee-deep, splashing."

Over 500 of some 900 district residents responding to a recent survey said they agreed or strongly agreed that the water recreation facility was needed, Bavougian emphasized.

Last year, the Buffalo Grove Park District abandoned plans to construct a full scale

water park — larger than that contemplated by Wheeling commissioners — after vociferous public objections to it. "The residents went up in the air" in opposition to that plan, Briles recalled.

While the Wheeling district approved purchase of the 18-acre site about two weeks ago, Briles said as little as an acre or two might accommodate the water facility. "I don't see a big amount of that (property) being used up," he said.

"It's not going to be 10 acres of park district," Melamed agreed.

Briles also emphasized that although "we don't want to build something just to make money," the Lisle park "pays for itself" through sales of annual resident, and daily nonresident, passes.

He said the district already has sufficient funds, earned through bond sales, to finance the complex's construction. Asked if it also has enough capital to maintain such a venture, he replied, "That's an area we've got to talk about."

Commissioner Bill Mattes said last week that the district needs the new complex, which would adjoin its 66-acre Heritage Park, because "we're bursting at the gut. We can't handle all our programs."

He added that commissioners have virtually "no meeting room space," and had to hold one session sitting on "little kiddie stools."

Bavougian noted that the plan is in a very preliminary stage. "I'd call it a hope," he said.

And Melamed said the district was just beginning to research how the facility might be designed. That has included trips by Briles to Lisle, and by Mattes to Rainbow Falls in Elk Grove, with other such visits by commissioners likely.

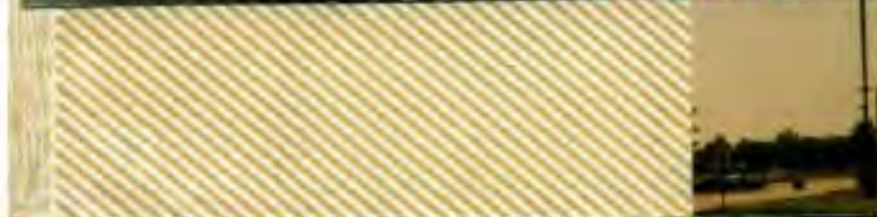
Melamed added that all the commissioners agree on the need for a Wheeling facility. "This is absolutely the best thing that could happen to this community," she stressed.

"Every age group can utilize it," Mattes added. "We have nothing at all like it in the village."

In addition to filling a recreational void, the complex could provide an additional payoff in the creation of 150 to 200 part-time jobs for area youths, Mattes said.

Briles said the district hopes to break ground for the project in about two years.







WHEELING 4th OF JULY  
 P.O. BOX 893 F  
 WHEELING, IL 60090

4th of July Parade

Entry Form

THEME: America the Beautiful

COLORS: Red, White, and Blue

Thank you for your participation in the 1989 4th of July parade and if you were unable to participate, you are most welcome to join the festivities for 1990. This form will help us organize the parade and your organization/group will receive complete details as we get closer to the day of the event. Please return this form to: Wheeling 4th of July, P.O. Box 893F, Wheeling, IL 60090, Parade Committee. If you have any questions you can call Mike Lynch, Parade Chairman at (708) 459-6549 or Judy Abruscato President 4th of July Committee at (708) 459-4000 (day) (708) 541-8783 (night).

- YES: We are interested in entering a unit.
- NO: We are not interested in entering a unit.

Name of Organization Wheeling 4th Dist Advisory Com.  
 Contact Name(s) Virginia Metzger  
 Street Address 46 Hilltop Ct.  
 City Wheeling zip 60090 Phone 537-8114

Type of Entry:

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NOTE: This year we are looking for a bigger and better parade that will emphasize our "Red, White and Blue" colors and hope your group/organization will start early so that we might have more floats and interesting entries. The number of decorated cars and antique cars will be limited this year!

Memo To: Board Members and Committee Members  
Date: June 7, 1990

As much as I am unaccustomed to making my feelings known in public, and have been accused of being naive, I would like to say that no one has more knowledge of the minutes of the committee meetings than I do. I have tried to interpret them as factual as I can without offense being taken by anyone of either board or committee members.

I have always felt that this committee was an added resource to the park district (both when serving 19 years on staff and the last three years as a committee member.) I have felt we were here to serve a purpose in helping both staff and board with tasks they themselves do not have time to do or to be used as a sounding board and to give background knowledge when asked or needed. The committee was sanctioned by the board to serve this purpose as hopefully, we are all working for the betterment of the Wheeling Park District as a whole.

President Webber noted we are a watchdog group and nothing else. This thought had not occurred to me. But yes we are concerned with the way monies are spent as it is our tax dollars of both new residents and those of us who have supported this district since its inception. Some of the new board members were previously on this committee and it was felt this gave them some insight, background and kept them informed as to what the park district has achieved and what it lacked. This knowledge should help provide them with some direction in the future.

President Webber noted the board is trying and mistakes will be made. This is true and I am sure many mistakes were made in the past but if we learn by those mistakes, the district as a whole will benefit.

I have heard it said not to dwell on the past but to think positive and move ahead. Yet I have heard over and over blame on the past boards and staff for their mistakes. I believe all things that have been done in the past (even with mistakes), has brought this park district where it is today. Talk about positive, we have a number of parks throughout the community, an indoor pool, a clubhouse a golf course and our main park, Heritage with its recreation center. I am proud of this. People worked very hard to get these things and if properly maintained, will last for many years to come.

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I for one want to be an asset to this district and feel the members participating also feel the same and if I cannot be, there is no need for me or any member of the committee to be sitting here. I would like very much to be part of the future to provide services when needed and to work together with board and staff as a team. As it has been said before, let us function as an added resource to this district and work together in a positive way for our future generations to come.

I feel it is up to all of us..board, staff and committee members to look to a bright future for the Wheeling Park District.

Sincerely,

Patti Hancock

# Wickes site eyed for Wheeling rec center

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
and TANYA BEY  
Daily Herald Staff Writers

6/9/90

Wheeling Park District commissioners want to build a community center and/or an outdoor water park on 18.5 acres they plan to buy from Wickes Furniture Co.

The rectangular-shaped land, which stretches south to Heritage Park, is located between the village hall and the Wickes Furniture showroom on the south side of Dundee Road between Northgate Parkway and Wolf Road.

Commissioners have agreed to spend \$1 million to buy the property from Wickes this summer and begin construction on the center in one to two years. Most of the land is vacant, except for an old farm stand and a house, which would be demolished.

The center would include a multi-purpose gymnasium, running track, meeting rooms for community groups and classrooms for the district's pre-school program, which now operates out of the Community Church at Chamber Park. The center also would house all park district administration offices, now located at Chevy Chase Clubhouse on Milwaukee Avenue, north of Lake-Cook Road.

"It's a great acquisition," Commissioner William D. Mattes said,



Daily Herald Map

"and a sorely needed acquisition."

The park board plans to pay for the land purchase by using \$300,000 of a \$570,000 loan they borrowed last year and financing the remaining \$700,000 through an installment plan over the next four years. The interest rate on the repayment will fluctuate between 6.9 percent and 7.4 percent, averaging 7 percent. Park officials estimate they will pay \$75,000 in total interest over the four years.

They say the purchase would not result in an increase in taxes.

Commissioners said they want to build the community center and water park because residents indicated in a recent community survey that they want an outdoor pool. The only park district pool the district owns is Neptune's Pool, located inside Wheeling High School.

# Wheeling eyes tax hike to run water park

BY TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer

6/13/90

Wheeling Park District commissioners likely will seek a property tax rate increase to operate a proposed, 18.5-acre outdoor community water park and/or recreation center, park board President Tom R. Webber said Tuesday.

A tax increase would not be needed to purchase the \$1 million rectangular strip of land between the village hall and the Wickes Furniture showroom. But additional money for employee salaries and daily operations of the center may be needed later, Webber said.

Park officials have not yet determined how much of a tax increase



they would seek or when the ballot question would appear before voters. Because a recent property reassessment is expected to generate addi-

tional money, commissioners will wait until later this summer, when the county releases tax information, to determine how much money the district may need, Webber said.

"We don't want to spend the community's money unwisely," Webber said. "We want to check out all we can. With this reassessment coming up, we might not need anything."

Park officials plan to finalize the purchase of the property with Wickes Furniture Co. later this month. The park district would use \$300,000 of a \$570,000 loan taken out last year to buy the land and finance the remaining \$700,000 through a four-year loan. Park officials estimate they will pay \$75,000 in interest over four years.

# Wheeling Park District plans water park

6/11/92  
By MICHAEL ULREICH  
STAFF WRITER

Barely seven months after the voters of Buffalo Grove rejected its park district's plans to build an outdoor water park, Wheeling park district commissioners are thinking of building their own water park on a 18-acre plot next to Wickes Furniture Co.

By 1993, park district officials expect to build a community center and quite possibly an outdoor water theme park on a site located just west of village hall.

The Wheeling Park District plans to buy the property from Wickes for approximately \$1 million to hold a community center

and water park, according to park board president Thomas Webber.

Webber said the park district has the money to buy the land and build both a community center and water park and he said the chances were "very good" that it would build both.

No tax increase would be required to buy the property or build both facilities, Webber said.

The Wheeling park district recently conducted a survey in which community residents identified a community center and outdoor pool facility as their top two needs.

Webber said the park district had always intended to buy the land and the survey

results told them what to put there.

"We would certainly try to involve the community and do it in a way in which the community would approve," Webber said.

## No parallel

Webber said he didn't see a parallel between the proposal to build a water park in Wheeling and the losing proposition to build a water park in neighboring Buffalo Grove.

First of all, Webber said, Buffalo Grove needed a tax increase to build its water park and its referendum request for a tax increase was eventually rejected.

Also, Webber said, Buffalo

Grove wanted to build its facility on an isolated corner in the village that many residents wanted to remain open space. Wheeling's water park would be built along Dundee Road, one of the village's busiest thoroughfares, on land that would connect to 66-acre Heritage Park.

Wheeling hasn't had an outdoor pool since the park district closed its pool at Chambers Park 10 years ago, Webber said. The proposed water park facility would have "all the amenities," Webber said, including a zero-depth pool and waterfalls. Special rates would also be set up for residents and non-residents for what Webber said the district expects to be a revenue-generating

facility.

The site currently holds an old farm house that would be torn down and a farm field, and would connect to Heritage Park on its southern border.

Construction of the facility would tentatively begin in mid-1992, Webber said.

The community center is expected to hold a gymnasium, running track and multi-purpose rooms which could be used by community groups and/or a preschool program.

The park district would also move its administrative offices from the Chevy Chase Clubhouse on Milwaukee Avenue to the proposed community center on Dundee Road, Webber said.



WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held March 21, 1990.
- IV. Old Business:
  - 1. Survey Update
  - 2. Update \$490,000 Bond Monies
- V. Appointment of Officers  
May, 1990 - April, 1991
  - A. Chairperson
  - B. Co-Chairperson
  - C. Secretary
- VI. New Business:
  - 1. Discussion ..Future Direction
  - 2. *4 July PARADE*
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD MARCH 21, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on March 21, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Pat Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Virginia Metzger, Pat Hanley, Daniel Conrad, Ken Kostrzowski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder, Frank Wojek, Ida Hein, Barb Ditmann. Also present were Commissioner Ed Klocke and Park Manager Karop Bavougian. Liaison, President Webber notified the committee he could not be in attendance.

AGENDA- Additions/Deletions/Corrections

An open agenda was submitted. Commissioner Klocke suggested a Survey Update be given and Chairman Hanley suggested talking about an update in relationship to the \$490,000 and where the board feels we are at, as far as what is going to occur next. These items to be placed under old business. Ken Kostrzowski suggested discussion regarding land acquisition be placed under new business. The agenda was accepted as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 21, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Dan Conrad, seconded by Virginia Metzger to approve the minutes as presented. Motion approved by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- Karop advised as of the 14th we were just over 27% return on the surveys. He noted the last follow-up had gone out about the 12th so we may end up around a 30% return. Patrick questioned when the next meeting would be held? Mr. Bavougian advised the consultants would be returning this weekend from a trip and a meeting will be in the immediate future. Patrick noted once they come in with a final total, they will do a final analysis in April and present a report to the board and to the survey committee. Mr. Bavougian also advised they also want to try and access to the hispanic population and are having the survey converted into spanish.

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Virginia commented she received a survey from a bank and a postcard was sent which asked if you wanted the survey in spanish or polish and if so, send back indicating so.

Patrick surmised that probably by the end of May we should have an analysis and/or meeting with the board and survey committee and discuss what results have come from.

Virginia questioned how they picked participants? Karop advised they used the vehicle registration from the village, water mailing lists and they were selected at random from those. For some of the apartments, the vehicle registration from Buffalo Grove was also used. Discussion continued regarding boundaries.

2. Update regarding use of \$490,000 bond monies.

Commissioner Klocke advised \$490,000 is basically what is left from the \$570,000 which computer equipment and other things have been purchased out of these monies. Patrick asked what was the agenda in relationship to that? Ed advised he did not know who was going to go over the list after the results of the survey are in, on things that the residents would like to see done. Four lists have been submitted, one from the advisory committee, administrative staff, President Webber and Commissioner Mattes of which some of the same items and needs were pointed out in all of the reports. Patrick gave a synopsis that there are four or five lists and at this point it looks like May possibly in relationship to some type of amalgamation with regard to those lists and decision making coming out sometime in June. Patrick questioned if this money has to be spent within a specific amount of time? Ed Klocke responded no, it is his feeling that once something is prioritized and we go ahead and do it, he wants (and he is sure the board goes along with it), to make sure it will be done right the first time and will not have to go back in four or five years and redo it. That is the most important part of spending this money for something we really need and do it right.

Patrick felt this is a good point. He advised he really does appreciate the fact that the time that is being spent and looking and relooking at ways that we can spend this money. He thought it is a good idea in the formation of these lists that alot of people have had chance to give some input and he thinks that is going to help in the decision making process. Discussion ensued.

New Business

1. Land Acquisition- Lengthly discussion ensued relative to open land available in Wheeling for parks and/or a new community center which is sorely needed. It was noted that most of the land available is wetlands.

Chairman Hanley stated unless we have anything pressing, requested our next meeting to be held in May? Commissioner Klocke responded the next meeting could be set up for May but if anything of important comes up there be an option to hold an April meeting. The committee members agreed. The next regular meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 16th at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise notified.

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Dan Conrad, seconded by Ken Kostrzowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
MAY 1,1990-APRIL 30,1991

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

PRESIDENT.....Thomas Webber  
VICE PRESIDENT.....Francine Melamed  
COMMISSIONER.....Edward Klocke  
COMMISSIONER.....Donald Lark  
COMMISSIONER.....Charles Briles  
COMMISSIONER.....Greg Klatecki  
COMMISSIONER.....Wm. E. Mattes

APPOINTMENTS:

LEGAL COUNSEL.....Ebers,Metskas and Assoc.  
TREASURER.....Thomas Busby  
PARK MANAGER.....Karop Bavougian  
SECRETARY TO BOARD....Karop Bavougian  
NWSRA REPRESENTATIVE..Karop Bavougian  
RECORDING SECRETARY...Jane Carrol

COMMITTEES:

FINANCE...Francine Melamed chair, C.Briles/ D.Lark members

BLDG &  
GROUNDS...Charles Briles chair, D.Lark/W. Mattes members

PROGRAMS  
& FAC.....W.Mattes Chair, G. Klatecki/E. Klocke members

INTERGOV.&  
COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS.Greg Klatecki chair, F. Melamed/E. Klocke members

BOARD AS A WHOLE....T.Webber, chair.

LIAISON TO  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE..T.Webber chair/F. Melamed, W.Briles  
members

LIAISON TO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY..E.Klocke chair/G. Klatecki/W. Mattes  
members

## Park district hopes to increase response rate in residents survey

*3/15/90 Countryside*

Wheeling Park District officials say they are pleased with the response rate to a district survey that was mailed out in mid-February, but are hoping more people will return the questionnaires by next Thursday's deadline.

In all, 3,200 village residents were mailed surveys asking for demographic information and for their opinions about local recreation programs.

As of Monday, about 26 percent of those who received surveys returned them, said Park District Manager Karop Bavougian. The completed surveys are sent to John Papandrea, the consultant hired by the district to conduct the survey and who will issue a report on the results.

While park district officials say they don't know what opinions have been expressed in the surveys already returned, they say they want to get as many responses as possible.

"IT'S A pretty fair response. I think we'll be over 30 percent before it's over," Bavougian said.

Arnie Biondo, superintendent of recreation, was more emphatic about the response rate.

"When we started out, if I knew I could have gotten over a 25 percent response rate, I'd have been ecstatic," Biondo said.

He said that a 15 percent response rate or above would give the district a statistically valid reflection of community desires.

For those residents who originally received surveys but failed to return them, the park district earlier this week mailed out a reminder to return the questionnaire.

**THE SURVEY ASKS** residents for demographic information about their age, number of family members and whether they rent or own their dwelling. In addition, residents are asked about whether they plan to remain in the village for five years or more, and about their recreational programs.

Once data from the surveys are compiled, Papandrea will issue a report to the board. The information will then be used for long-range planning on facility needs and programs.

"It's a random survey that should be statistically valid and should be the foundation for long-range planning," Bavougian said.

Park district officials had considered placing a survey form in park district brochures for residents to fill out, but opted instead for a random survey that they hope will hit a wider sector of the community.

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Devonshire or Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting  
Held February 21, 1990.
- IV. Old Business
  1. *Surrey Update*
  2. *Update 490,000*
  - 3.
- V. New Business
  1. *Land Acquisition*
  - 2.
  - 3.
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD FEBRUARY 21, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on February 21, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Frank Wojek, Pat Hanley and Pat Hancock. Absent were: Marge Hartmann, Ruth Wieder, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Daniel Conrad, Barb Dittman, Ken Kostrzowski and Bobby Silverstein. The committee was previously notified the above members would not be in attendance. Also present were: President Tom Webber, Commissioner Klocke, Commissioner Mattes and Park Manager Karop Bavougian.

Chairman Hanley noted he did not know if we would have many more members from the committee here so he suggested since this meeting will consist only of discussion regarding the expenditure of the \$570,000, we should go ahead.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. The secretary noted the amount shown as \$750,000 should read \$570,000. The agenda was accepted as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 17, 1990 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Pat Hancock to approve the minutes as presented. Carried by Voice Vote

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion ensued relative to the recommendations made regarding the expenditure of \$570,000. Chairman Hanley noted he had before him, three lists of recommendations made by the Advisory Committee, from President Webber and Board, (President Webber clarified that these were his ideas and did not represent the board,) and a third list which was submitted by the administrative staff of the Wheeling Park District. (Memos containing the lists are enclosed for those who were not in attendance.)



Frank Wojek commended and congratulated President Webber on his recommendations and was happy to see the many ideas given consideration.

Discussion ensued and it was noted that in the three lists provided, some of the same ideas and recommendations appeared on each list.

Chairman Hanley advised this evening will be basically discussion and to proceed from here. He asked if there were any areas of these three documents that anybody would like to comment on or ask questions?

Present Webber addressed a comment that Alice made pertaining to site designs with regard to individual parks. As on his recommendation, Heritage Park stands out as the first thing he has listed as far as a master plan or master design and to seek the help of an outside consultant, reason being there are numerous things that could be done and he is personally not professional in the field of planning park designs, multi purpose functions, athletic fields, quiet areas and things of that nature. Tom was questioned if the board had ever checked the previous master plan to see if it could be updated, etc? Tom advised he had never seen them though he knew of their existence. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Mattes advised whether there were plans or not currently we coming to a point where we're going to have the funds to implement some of the projects presented and if the funds weren't available years ago, money spent on the plan was wasted. At this time we got funds becoming available and we will be able implement of these things in a master plan. Mr. Bavougian advised even if we wanted to duplicate exactly what was there in the old site plans, you would have to get somebody to develop the the grading specs, the drainage and etc. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Klocke questioned how much of the \$570,000.00 is presently available. Park Manager Bavougian advised with the already approved expenditures and items coming up, there is approximately \$490,000.00 left.

Karop was questioned about an ice rink at Heritage Park. He advised the basin is not level and the question is how much the park district can do. This has to be checked with MSD. Patrick noted one of his concerns is that weatherwise, we never seem to hold under 32 degrees.

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It seems like in most winters we are under 32 degrees maybe for 48 hours or 72 hours straight and then go up to 35 which will cause melting and then we will go back down again. How do you do outside skating when we seem to hover anywhere from 20 to 35 degrees? How do you get any continuity? Karop advised in a grass area the ideal thing to do is to pump water in that before your freeze ever comes. You would be getting a saturation level down, because eventually the frost line will go 36 inches and if that is solid there, that will remain cold and provide cold at the bottom side of the ice you make. Once that is built, then you start building ice on it by spraying. You need temperatures of 15 degrees. Once you have a base on, you keep adding to it. Frank gave his ideas regarding an indoor artificial rink.

Mr. Webber referred to item 3 on his list, "Basketball Court -relocate" under Heritage Park. Frank questioned expanding on the present facilities? He felt it would be cheaper than rebuilding in another location. Discussion ensued.

Pat Hancock noted there was one exit to the tennis courts and because of the basketball court location and requested that consideration be given to providing another exit.

Mr. Webber advised the committee the basketball court has been utilized for league play without the knowledge of the park district for a long time. Tom's main concern was they were monopolizing the only court from 11:00 in the morning until 6:00 in the evening. Secondary, Tom advised the park district charges everybody else to play organized sports and felt this group should be paying also. Discussion ensued.

Patti questioned team benches on two diamonds? President Webber advised the two diamonds that are established at St. Joes, there is a fence in dug out area (restricted area for the team). Actually the way it is set up now, the benches and or/the fence is on the field of play. It's not in fair territory. Actually it should be on the outside for safety, etc.

Mr. Webber questioned the recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding a breaker at Chamber Park between the tot lot and the parking area. Patti gave the reason for this recommendation.

Discussion ensued regarding the rebound boards (tennis). It was advised this could be feasible. Patrick advised these boards could also be utilized for handball. He advised if two side boards were added, this could also be utilized for racquetball.

Frank questioned why some of these things have not been done. President Webber advised that ideas that have been presented in the past were not done because there wasn't the money to procede. He advised the committe of the plans for the future.

Chairman Hanley felt that what is nice about going through the discussion stage, we tend to be approaching this (what some people might think very slowly), but I would tend to think the more input we receive, the more support you receive in relationship to ideas that come out. If people have an opportunity to give their opinion and discuss things, then when things are done, you have a tendency to support something you have had some input on. You may not get exactly what you want, but you at least have the opportunity to talk, to discuss and defend your side of it. Discussion ensued.

Patti questioned utilization of the back area of the Meadowbrook Tot Lot? Park Manager Bavougian advised use of that area is in his recommendations.

Patti questioned if any trees were going to be replaced at Childerley Park? Karop advised it was his feelings that this would be made into an overall general community park.

Patti questioned if they were going to give a P.A. system consideration? President Webber responded they were in agreement and stated that is an unanimous recommendation.

Patrick question if there is anywhere a marquee could be placed? Discussion ensued. Patti advised a marquee she had seen at Palatine Park District which would not be sufficient for vehicle traffic but would be available for the walking public and participants.

Patti questioned the renovation of Heritage Park building particularly the women's bathroom? She noted the whole bathroom should be renovated. General discussion took place regarding renovation and also feassibility of air conditioning of the building.

Chairman Hanley asked President Webber if these reports now go before the board? Commissioner Klocke stated since some of the projects appear to be the same in all three reports, they should be given special consideration.

Tom responded as he sees it at this time, the agenda for the next two meetings is pretty full. Possibly it could be included on the 15th because we will be approving the 1990 budget. Time will also give the residents that are going to respond to the survey a chance not to be tainted on their responses by having a meeting and making decisions and having it come out in the press. We would also like to consider their input. He stated he would like to feel that we being staff, board of commissioners and advisory committee have certainly the best handle on what is going on, not that some residents might not come up with something new and innovated, but certainly he would be in favor of strongly considering acting on some of these recommendation which have been cross referenced on all three reports and any other recommendations that come through in the next week of two from commissioners or anyone else.

Discussion ensued regarding the microphone system used at board meetings as a priority. All agreed the present system is unacceptable to not only residents in the audience, but staff and board members.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

Chairman Hanley advised as of this date, member of the Advisory Committee Bobby Silverstein has resigned reason being she is moving out of state. Chairman Hanley advised there are now four openings on the committee.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Alice Wargo to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of Minutes of meeting  
held January 17, 1990.
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Discussion relative to  
committee, Board and  
staff's recommendations  
re: Expenditure of \$750,000  
in bond monies. 570,000
- V. New Business:
  - 1.
  - 2.
- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Committee members please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

MEMO TO: Board of Park Commissioners  
FROM: Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee  
Patrick Hanley, Chairman  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: January 17, 1990

As per request of Wheeling Park District President Tom Webber, the Wheeling Advisory Committee brainstormed relative to capital projects which we feel are important to be attended to immediately or in the future.

As a result of the past two meetings in which subcommittees were formed to check the different park sites and give their input, the committee as a whole discussed the reports and from them, the following recommendations were made. We as a committee tried cover usage of the parks by program participants as well as the general public.

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2. Fenced in dugouts at the ball diamonds (safety factor)
3. Expand the basketball courts (utilizing the tennis court lights).
4. Cross country course which could be mapped out around the park and lake (possible a Par Course associated with it/ with three levels 1)beginner 2)Intermediate 3) Advanced.
5. Lake- Aesthetics: pavilion, trees/shrubs, picnic tables.

#### HORIZON PARK

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2. Purchase of microphone system for board meetings.

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WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
BOND MONEY CONSIDERATIONS  
FEBRUARY, 1990

1. LAND ACQUISITION: Purchase as much as possible. Keep as land bank, if necessary, for future. District currently has approximately 240 acres. Chevy Chase comprises 125.5 acres of this, leaving 114.5 acres - all south of Lake Cook Rd. Current national standards call for ten acres per 1,000 people. Based on estimated Park District population of 30,000 +/-, this would be 300 acres. Approximately 95% of Park District population is located south of Lake Cook Rd. (Cook County) or approximately 28,500 people. Based on national standards, 285 acres are needed to meet standard --- we have 114.5 acres (short 170 acres). Granted, there isn't this much acreage available but we need to acquire as much as possible before no land exists for acquisition.
  2. Develop Master Site/Use plans for all existing parks.
  3. Community Recreation Center \*
  4. Outdoor Aquatic Center \*
  5. Administration Center \*
- \* Ideally - All three combined at one location. If build Recreation Center, include Pre-School Also can convert Heritage to the Pre-School Center.

To be considered as part of all Master Site/Use Plans

6. Heritage Park - will depend on Flood Ordinances

Additional Fields - Some lighted

Picnic areas - Grills, Benches, Tables, Shelters

Skating area

Water-drinking fountains

Play areas: Playground equipment, Basketball courts,

Tennis courts (resurface/renovate/relocate)

Access and parking into park proper

Walkways and lighting

Landscaping - signage



7. Horizon Park -
  - Expand parking
  - Redesign so fields are more usable and park becomes a true neighborhood park.
  - Add Basketball Court.
  
8. Childerley Park/Valley Stream
  - Develop into Community Park addressing
    - Play fields
    - Picnic grove area - shelter, tables, grills, etc.
    - Water-drinking fountain
    - Play apparatus
    - Walkways and lighting
    - Parking and Access
    - Landscaping - signage
    - Address St. Joan's House - Renovate or tear down
    - Creek bed erosion
  
9. Pleasant Run Park
  - Complete per existing Master Plan.
  
10. Malibu Park
  - Redesign
    - Play equipment
    - Site amenities
    - Landscaping/Signage
  
11. Chamber Park
  - Paving/Lighting
  - Parking lot
  - Sitting area
  - Skating?
  - Landscaping/signage
  
12. Husky Park
  - Redesign - consider Jack London property
    - Tennis Court renovation
    - Renovate existing play equipment
    - Site amenities
    - Landscaping/signage

13. Northside Park

Redesign - Master/Site Plan  
Play apparatus  
Landscaping/signage

14. Meadowbrook

Master Site Plan: Address majority of property to the rear

Landscaping/signage

15. Golf Course

Storm water - dredging creeks/ponds, etc.  
Fencing  
Maintenance Facility  
Bridge replacement  
Irrigation  
Bent grass fairways

16. Chevy Chase

Analysis of existing facility  
Master Plan for building to include

Renovation and upgrading of rooms  
Lighting  
HVAC  
Alternate location for deliveries  
Landscape/Signage  
Golfers room - Deck, screened porch, etc.  
Kitchen expansion - Gable  
Men & Women's lockerrooms

17. Heritage Park Recreation Center

Upgrade interior - offices - rooms  
Washrooms  
Gym lighting  
Cabinets/counters/sinks - Arts & Crafts and Preschool  
Kitchen  
HVAC

18. Neptune's Pool

Office to downstairs  
Refurbish Den and equipment

19. Miscellaneous

Bus  
Inflatable pool play structure  
✓ Marquee - Heritage  
✓ Backstops at Holmes  
✓ P.A. System  
Computer equipment  
Phones  
St. Joe's fields - Bleachers, Player benches

TO: W.P.D.A.C.  
FROM: B.O.C. Tom Webber  
RE: Recommendations  
DATE: February 16, 1990

Listed below are my recommendations for capital projects.

Bond Money Ideas -

HERITAGE PARK

- Master Design (Outside Consult)
- Tennis Court (Resurface and add Playback Board)
- Basketball Court (Relocate)
- Volleyball Court (New) Sand or Double on Basketball Court
- Blacktop Gravel Road around to Concession Stand
- Resurface and Expand existing paths
- Safety Pads (Light Poles) Diamond #1
- Light Diamond #3
- Cookers
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Landscape
- Ice Rink and Warming Shelter (Retention Basin)

ST. JOE'S

Put Team Benches on Outside of Fences

HERITAGE RECREATION CENTER

Replace Gym Floor

CHAMBER PARK

Resurface Parking Lot (Add New Drainage)  
Resurface Walking Paths  
Replace Gazebo

NEPTUNE'S POOL

New Office (Downstairs) Starting  
Phones Done  
Refurbish Den Starting

MALIBU PARK

Master Design (In House)  
Playground Equipment  
Basketball Court (Multipurpose Court)

NORTHSIDE PARK

Master Design (In House)  
Reskin Infield (Again)

HUSKY PARK

Master Design (In House)

CHILDERLY PARK

Master Design (Outside Consult)

Build Shelter

Pave Parking Lot

✓ Pave Path to Chapel

✓ Pave Path to Shelter

Cookers

Benches

Picnic Tables

✓ Nature Center?

HORIZON PARK

✓ Additional Parking Lot Behind Library (Joint Venture)

PLEASANT RUN

✓ Master Design (Have Already)

Add Equipment/Play Areas

HOLMES JR. HIGH

Replace Backstops (2) (With Approval of District 21)

Install Benches

GOLF COURSE

Dredge Creeks

Blacktop area around #1 Tee (For Carts)

Water Fairways

Maintenance Garage (Build New)

GABLE ROOM

Gut Room

Expand Kitchen

Add Porched area for Golfers

WAYSIDE ROOM

Gut Room

Add Deck Outside

DEVONSHIRE ROOM

Add Deck Outside

MAIN BALLROOM

(Total Refurbish)

BOARD MEETINGS

✓ P.A. System

LONG RANGE

1. Find Location to Support Following:

Administration Offices  
Recreation Center  
Pre-School  
Outdoor Pool

2. Any other OPEN SPACE Suitable for Parks

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD JANUARY 17, 1990

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on January 17, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Patrick Hanley, Ken Kostrzewski and Pat Hancock. Absent: Ruth Wieder, Alice Wargo Bobby Silverstein, Daniel Conrad and Barb Dittman. Ruth is in Florida, Dan and Alice advised the committee they would not be in attendance. Also in attendance was Commissioner Klocke.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review. There being no additions \deletions\corrections, the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 15, 1989 were submitted for review and approval. It was noted on Page 3, paragraph 4, line 2 reads:

"indicated to him that if they decrease the height of"

Should read:

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Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Marge Hartmann the minutes of November 15, 1989 be approved as amended. Motion carried by VOICE VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- Ed Klocke addressed the committee and reported the Board oked the survey with a few minor changes and that's where it stands. He advised they are getting ready to mail the survey out either the last week of February or the 1st week of March and it is expected back in April. Commissioner Klocke advised many good questions were presented and hopefully we can come up with some good information.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hanley advised he received a telephone call from President Webber indicating he would not be in attendance because of a conflict and he asked if the committee would come up with at least a priority aspect of what the committee would like to see done at the different park sites relative to the expenditure of the \$570,000.00. He advised he would like the committee to present their recommendations at the first regular Board meeting in February.

NOTE: The Advisory Committee broke down into subcommittees for the purpose of checking each park site and reported back to the committee at the prior meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the reports previously submitted. Patrick suggested each park be taken separately. Discussion ensued on each park site and the following recommendations were made:

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It was noted whether the above is done immediately or in the future, the committee would like to see the board take the above recommendations under consideration. As requested, Chairman Hanley will present the recommendations at the first regular meeting of the Board in February.

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Ken Kostrzewski to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Carried by VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

1/26/90

## A grand mistake

The Wheeling Park District provided a wide variety of recreational activities for its residents last year, but the district apparently has a big problem in understanding where its mission ends in keeping its own people on their toes.

While it provided residents with places to play and run, the district needlessly kept Lake County Sheriff's police on a treadmill last year by continually triggering false alarms that brought officers scampering to the Chevy Chase Club House to investigate emergencies that never occurred.

In all, sheriff's police made the familiar lap to the park district offices 23 times in 1989. But rather than laughing off this Keystone Cops-like scenario that was played out an average of nearly twice a month, the sheriff's office has billed the park district \$950 for its long-running escapade.

Coupled with the \$700 in fines that was paid to the sheriff's office in 1988 for false alarm flings, the park district clearly has shown an innate ability to needlessly increase spending and the activity of public servants who have better things to do with their time than sprint to scenes where a crime might be in progress only to find presumably embarrassed park district employees.

Sparing the lecture about how that \$1,650 could have been better spent on sprucing up local parks or buying equipment for people who desire a workout, it is time for the park district's administration to get on its toes in ending this folly.

And just in case the staff is short on ideas on how to put an end to this problem, here is one suggestion. The next time an employee triggers an alarm through carelessness, have that person pay the fine for dragging police out to investigate the mishap. Better yet, have the offender run up to the Lake County Sheriff's office to pay it in person.

## Park board's budget review leaves officials with questions

By Mike Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

1/26/90

After reviewing their first budget, several new members of the Wheeling Park District board are expressing concern with several provisions of the \$5.5 million spending plan.

As the park district board continues to debate the merits of the budget, board members said they are unhappy with recommendations to buy six new vehicles this year.

Although they said the vehicles may be necessary, board members said the district staff may be calling for too big of a purchase in one year.

"I wasn't real pleased about purchasing six vehicles in one year," board member Fran Melamed said. "We need to sit down and plan our goals. And to purchase six vehicles in one year is a lot of vehicles."

**THE PARK DISTRICT** staff has proposed buying two three-quarter ton pickup trucks with plows and another three-quarter ton pickup truck. In addition, the budget suggests buying two other trucks for the park foreman and the superintendent of grounds and a station wagon for the superintendent of recreation.

The total cost of the six vehicles is estimated at \$80,000, according to budget documents. District staff has suggested the park board approve paying for the vehicles out of both bond sales and tax

dollars.

But board member Greg Klatecki, who like Melamed and board members Chuck Briles, Tom Webber and Bill Mattes is new to the board, said the district must plan better for such large purchases.

Klatecki said he will request the district eliminate one of the trucks from the request and that the district lease three of the vehicles. The deficit in the corporate fund would be reduced and the district would spend less money for the vehicles, Klatecki said.

"I WOULD agree we need vehicles, but you don't ask for six in one year," Klatecki said. "I want better planning. If you better plan, you could better spread it out."

Park District Director Karop Bavougian said the board must approve the budget by the end of March. Up until then, board members can make revisions in the budget, he said.

In addition to their problems with the vehicle purchases, board members said they will also ask that none of the district's \$570,000 in bond money be earmarked until after a community survey is tabulated and an advisory committee has made recommendations.

Park board president Tom Webber said the board agrees that the purchase of computer equipment and photocopiers is necessary. But he and others said the board should put the brakes on any other plans for spending that money.

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"Every time I see them (bills for the false alarms), I say something. They (district staff) really don't give you a bona fide reason as to why," Klocke said.

Piazza said there was no district-wide policy for training personnel with the alarms. When false alarms are triggered in his department, Piazza said he asks staff members what the causes were. He said employees are trained on operation of the alarms when they are hired and when new systems are installed.

**CONNARD SAID HIS** office hopes repeat violators get the message rather than pay the fine. "We would hope they would have an orientation on this system with (their employees)," Connard said.

Klocke said, however, that he anticipates more checks will get sent to the sheriff's department because of false alarms. "I'm sure there'll be more," Klocke said.

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"EVEN IF it was a dollar a unit (fine), that many is bothersome to me," Bavougian said.

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"Every time I see them (bills for the false alarms), I say something. They (district staff) really don't give you a bona fide reason as to why," Klocke said.

Piazza said there was no district-wide policy for training personnel with the alarms. When false alarms are triggered in his department, Piazza said he asks staff members what the causes were. He said employees are trained on operation of the alarms when they are hired and when new systems are installed.

**CONNARD SAID HIS** office hopes repeat violators get the message rather than pay the fine. "We would hope they would have an orientation on this system with (their employees)," Connard said.

Klocke said, however, that he anticipates more checks will get sent to the sheriff's department because of false alarms. "I'm sure there'll be more," Klocke said.

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## A grand mistake

The Wheeling Park District provided a wide variety of recreational activities for its residents last year, but the district apparently has a big problem in understanding where its mission ends in keeping its own people on their toes.

While it provided residents with places to play and run, the district needlessly kept Lake County Sheriff's police on a treadmill last year by continually triggering false alarms that brought officers scampering to the Chevy Chase Club House to investigate emergencies that never occurred.

In all, sheriff's police made the familiar lap to the park district offices 23 times in 1989. But rather than laughing off this Keystone Cops-like scenario that was played out an average of nearly twice a month, the sheriff's office has billed the park district \$950 for its long-running escapade.

Coupled with the \$700 in fines that was paid to the sheriff's office in 1988 for false alarm flings, the park district clearly has shown an innate ability to needlessly increase spending and the activity of public servants who have better things to do with their time than sprint to scenes where a crime might be in progress only to find presumably embarrassed park district employees.

Sparing the lecture about how that \$1,650 could have been better spent on sprucing up local parks or buying equipment for people who desire a workout, it is time for the park district's administration to get on its toes in ending this folly.

And just in case the staff is short on ideas on how to put an end to this problem, here is one suggestion. The next time an employee triggers an alarm through carelessness, have that person pay the fine for dragging police out to investigate the mishap. Better yet, have the offender run up to the Lake County Sheriff's office to pay it in person.

## Park board's budget review leaves officials with questions

By Mike Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

1/26/90

After reviewing their first budget, several new members of the Wheeling Park District board are expressing concern with several provisions of the \$5.5 million spending plan.

As the park district board continues to debate the merits of the budget, board members said they are unhappy with recommendations to buy six new vehicles this year.

Although they said the vehicles may be necessary, board members said the district staff may be calling for too big of a purchase in one year.

"I wasn't real pleased about purchasing six vehicles in one year," board member Fran Melamed said. "We need to sit down and plan our goals. And to purchase six vehicles in one year is a lot of vehicles."

**THE PARK DISTRICT** staff has proposed buying two three-quarter ton pickup trucks with plows and another three-quarter ton pickup truck. In addition, the budget suggests buying two other trucks for the park foreman and the superintendent of grounds and a station wagon for the superintendent of recreation.

The total cost of the six vehicles is estimated at \$80,000, according to budget documents. District staff has suggested the park board approve paying for the vehicles out of both bond sales and tax

dollars.

But board member Greg Klatecki, who like Melamed and board members Chuck Briles, Tom Webber and Bill Mattes is new to the board, said the district must plan better for such large purchases.

Klatecki said he will request the district eliminate one of the trucks from the request and that the district lease three of the vehicles. The deficit in the corporate fund would be reduced and the district would spend less money for the vehicles, Klatecki said.

"I WOULD agree we need vehicles, but you don't ask for six in one year," Klatecki said. "I want better planning. If you better plan, you could better spread it out."

Park District Director Karop Bavougian said the board must approve the budget by the end of March. Up until then, board members can make revisions in the budget, he said.

In addition to their problems with the vehicle purchases, board members said they will also ask that none of the district's \$570,000 in bond money be earmarked until after a community survey is tabulated and an advisory committee has made recommendations.

Park board president Tom Webber said the board agrees that the purchase of computer equipment and photocopiers is necessary. But he and others said the board should put the brakes on any other plans for spending that money.

## Group writes wish list for Wheeling parks

By TRISH LICHTENSTEIN  
Daily Herald Staff Writer 2/1/90

Renovations and new equipment additions to five parks in Wheeling are items included on a wish list for Wheeling Park District advisory board members.

The list contains recommendations for ways to spend \$570,000, which the park district borrowed last year for improvements. Park commissioners have been seeking suggestions from the advisory board, residents, park board members and staff on how to spend the money.

The advisory board, made up of 12 residents, is expected to present the list — which also includes suggestions to buy a microphone

system for board meetings and a sign for advertising events — to the park board at 7 p.m. today in the Chevy Chase Clubhouse, 1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.

However, park board President Tom R. Webber said the board will review the suggestions, as well as others, during budget discussions. Park commissioners also may present their own list, he added.

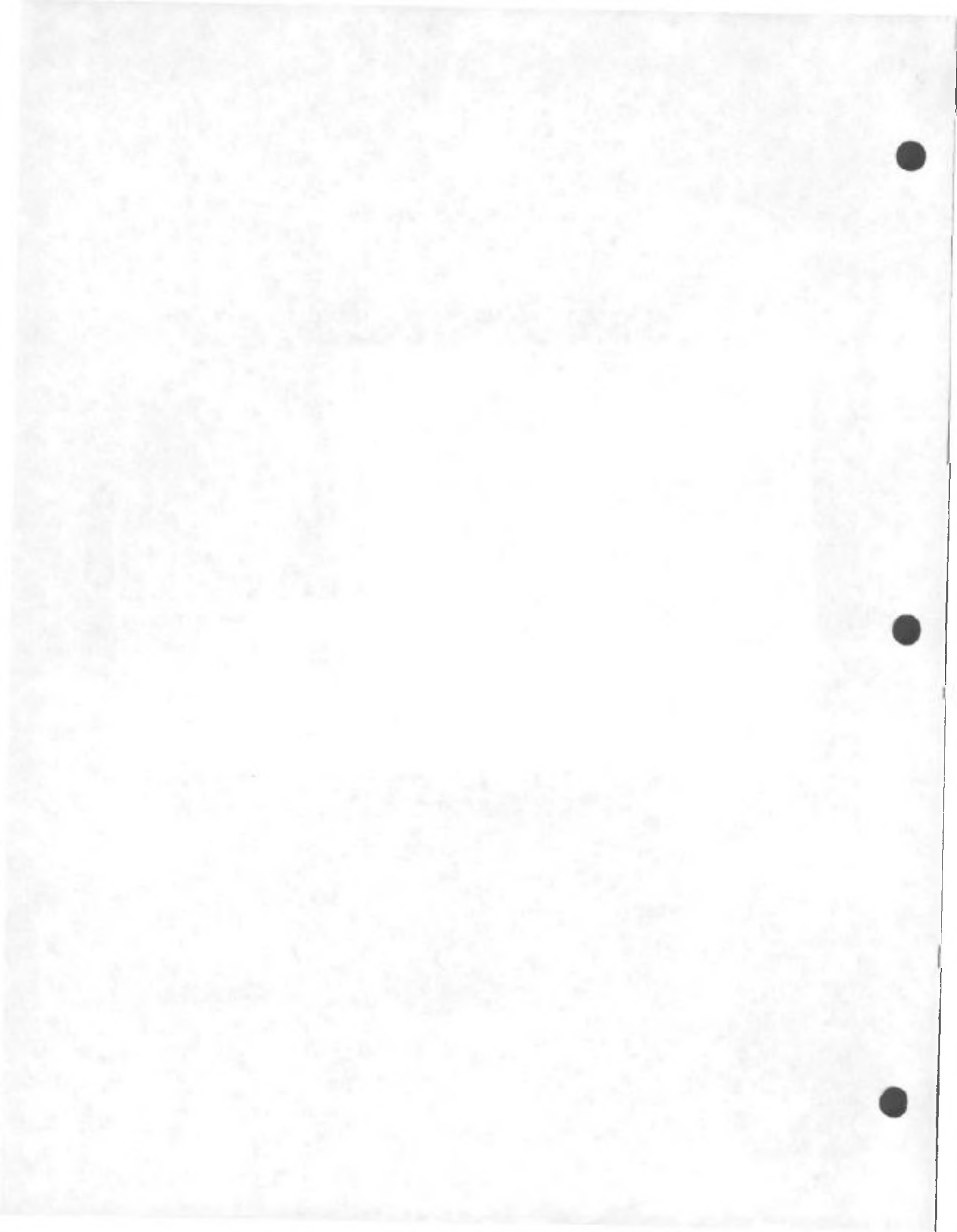
After reviewing the condition of the nine district parks, advisory board members compiled a list of long- and short-term improvements for Heritage, Horizon, Chamber, Childerley and Pleasant Run parks.

The suggestions include expanding the parking lot at Heritage Park, as well as repairing and re-

opening the concession stands and restrooms, and adding basketball hoops at Chamber Park. The list also includes adding a nature center and paving a walkway at the parking lot at Childerley Park, and adding a picnic area and basketball court at Pleasant Run Park.

The advisory board shied away from making suggestions, such as adding a public swimming pool or building a community center, that surfaced last fall.

"We could not come up with any big, new ideas on our own other than what had already been suggested," said Patrick Hanley, advisory board chairman. "We tried looking at new ideas, but most of ours (ideas) are trying to renovate the parks."



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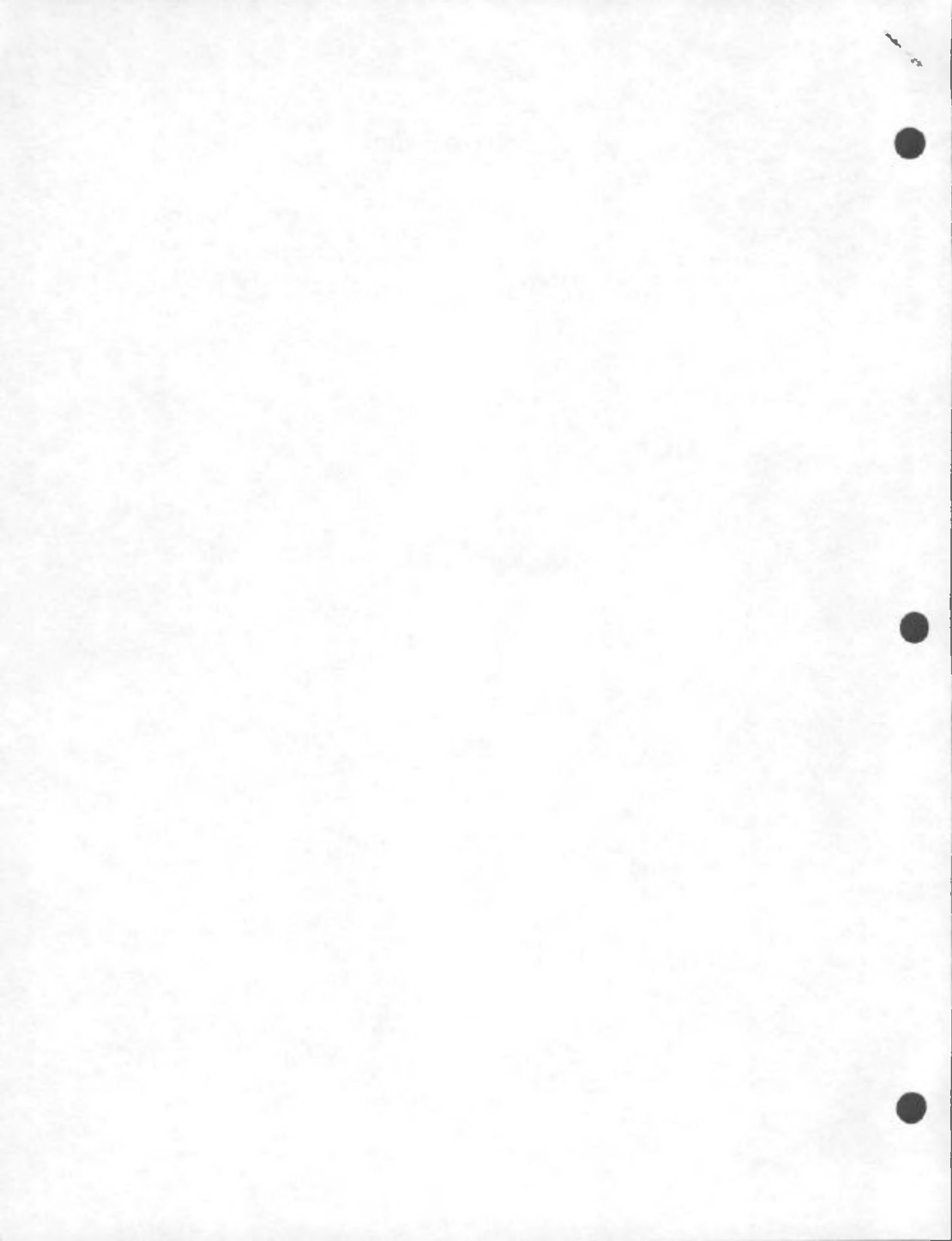
AGENDA

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Devonshire Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of the Minutes of  
November 15, 1989
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Survey Update
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Park Sites
  - 2.
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- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

Note: Please notify Patti at 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.





MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD NOVEMBER 15, 1989

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on November 15, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Ruth Wieder, Virginia Metzger, Patrick Hanley, Daniel Conrad, Ken Kostrzewski and Secretary, Pat Hancock. Absent: Frank Wojek, Ida Hein, Bobby Silverstein and Barb Dittman. Also present was Commissioner Klocke.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was presented for review. There being no additions, deletions or corrections, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 1989 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Ruth Wieder, seconded by Dan Conrad to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by Voice Vote. Dan made a note his name was misspelled on page 3.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Update- Chairman Hanley advised he attended the Open Forum of the previous night and requested Commissioner Klocke to update the committee. Ed advised the consultants handed out a seven page questionnaire and requested everyone present to fill it out and hand it in at the end of the meeting. Ed stated to his knowledge there are more questions to be asked at the next meeting and advised the survey is not yet in it's final form. He noted many good suggestions came from the floor.

Discussion ensued regarding the Open Forum. Ed also noted that the questions that were answered probably will be computerized and at the next meeting of the Survey Committee which will be on December 5th, he is going to suggest that before anything is finalized, another open session be held.

2.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the publicity or the lack of it, surrounding the Open Forum and also the mail-of the surveys.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subcommittee Reports-Park Sites (Formed to make recommendations on each park in lieu of what might be done in the future to improve that particular park.)

- A. Heritage Park @ Horizon Parks- Dan Conrad

Dan gave highlights of Heritage Park. It was his feelings that the facility was not being utilized to it's maximum. He noted that we cannot build on the property but felt additional soccer fields could be added and diamonds could be relocated to have additional baseball fields in a better local than they are right now as the present area is not conducive to lighting. He noted we can only light one field effectively and if we could relocate the baseball fields in a certain way, we could light several fields with a central type of lighting that would give us increased revenue with night softball in fall and summer leagues. We are very limited right now.

The baseball diamonds should be enlarged and dugouts should be supplied around the backstop. It would create better safety and better organization for the children that play organized little league. St. Joe's fields which we utilize, have the dugouts and there is much better control of the children. If we do take this into consideration, we would no longer have to use inadequate fields at Holmes Jr. High, which in his and other coaches opinions, are very hazardist.

The tennis courts have to be refinished, resurfaced. Placing up rebound boards, whether it be within the court or placed on a small asphalt area on the backside of a court would help in the area of tennis.

He noted the park district should consider offering park permits for picnics for families, organizations and charge usage fees which would cover the cost of maintenance. Also provided should be picnic benches, grills, etc.

Horizon Park- He felt Horizon could be better utilized #1, the biggest problem is parking and beyond the library there is some of vacant land. Possibly the park district and the library should get together and investigate the purchase of that land. Mr. Conrad was advised that land is already owned by the library.

Ruth Wieder advised we need to pick up on that point and ask the Board to reconsider their original negotiations with the library on parking because the board is aware of the problem there.

Dan also noted the fields there could be better utilized for soccer facilities. He has not see many soccer or flag football games being played there. As popular as soccer and flag football is becoming, he does not see those fields being utilized the way they should be for those sports.

He also noted regarding baseball, the park district indicated to him that if they decrease the height of the fencing along the first and third base lines along the playground area and library area and we go down to the two diamonds (located on the south side of the field). If you raise the fencing and extended it out, you could utilize those diamonds for league ball play. Basically right now they are utilized for some pee wee ball or basically softball because they are unsafe to use for hard ball play.

Marge noted many of these items were previously discussed. Ruth suggested when the reports are completed, and when we have had a chance to read it in the minutes, we take it one step beyond and zero in on those points and they be pointed out in a presentation to the board, which could be done in the January/February meeting.

Dan also noted he had left out something concerning Heritage and added Heritage could be set up as an excellent running workout place which could be used by Wheeling High School in the future or anybody who likes to jog, etc. Patrick advised it is called a par course where you jog from one station to another and is mapped around the park terrain. Dan also noted the lake could be landscaped and made usable.

Discussion ensued regarding the park sites and master plans.

Patrick advised the only park with a master plan is Pheasant Run park site and felt it is a shame there isn't one for each park that could be looked at and go by in relationship to making decisions. He was advised there were plans drawn up for each park site.

Ruth noted that is what was tried with the last proposal. The Advisory Committee did give the park things to zero in on immediately, short term and long range, things that they could do over a period of time and accomplish. She felt it is our responsibility to backtrack on that, picking up on the new things and sent the message to the Board we would like them to go in the direction of thinking of master plan and a park plan site completion. Discussion. Ruth felt #1 should be to reinforce the master plan.

Dan felt Heritage Park could be renovated into beautiful park, playground and recreation center. Patrick felt some of the points which were made including those from the last meeting, if out of the \$570,000, there is not any one specific item the park district wants to take and spend that money on, why not look at many different sites and improve those sites in a small way to than to use that money on one project. He mentioned maybe what we would like to recommend out of the Advisory Committee, is at every different park site, to spend certain amount of monies to update and improve the sites.

Ruth advised it has to be done with alot more foresight than she is seeing right now. She noted many dollars were spend redoing as many park sites as possible with playground equipment but they went in with less than quality equipment. The quality is not there and she felt it was done in a haste to satisfy the public that something was being done. Slides have cracked and are unsafe for children and the swings have been taken down. The equipment has't been in but four months. Discussion. Ruth reiterated that there wasn't enough forethought put into the kind of equipment which the money was spent on and does not want to see that reoccur again.

Ruth stated we have to send a message to the Board and let them know that is not the kind of thing that the community is looking for.

Chamber Park - Ken Kostrzewski

Ken advised a new tot lot has been placed at Chamber Park. Outside of that the park is in good shape.

Childerley Park- He noted that some used equipment has been placed at Childerley. The area around Childerley is becoming more populated. He advised there is no athletic field which some thought should be given to. Also discussion ensued relative to replacing the fruit trees in the orchard with flowering trees and the possible use of some of the area as a nature center.

Discussion ensued regarding the concession stand at Heritage Park and it's non usage when events are taking place.

Discussion ensued regarding the security lighting at the Heritage Park Recreation Center. It was advised to use the lights under the eaves was too costly.

At this point Ruth advised Ken had to leave and questioned if there was going to be a meeting in December. Discussion. It was suggested in view of the reports that come out tonight to postpone the December meeting to January which will be January 17, 1990 at 7:30 p.m., and everybody be prepared, based on tonights reports, to zero in on the recommendation that is to go to the board.

Pheasant Run- Patrick Hanley

Pat advised Pheasant Run does have a master plan and the first phase of it went into effect where they put in the playground equipment. They have also put in an asphalt area around the playground equipment because they were having problems with run off water going into the neighbors yards. He noted if he had to make a recommendation based on the master plan, the next thing he would like to see go in would be a picnic area and some trees around that area. Other phases that are involved in Pheasant Run is a basketball court, and an athletic field could be put in there. A path could be put around the perimeter but He would tend to think that this could be something economical that could be easily done at a minimal amount of money. His recommendation at this point would be a quiet picnic area with trees and shrubs which would be another step toward completing the master plan.

Patrick stated hopefully we can get to a point with every park where it has some type of plan which can be looked at and a little more is accomplished each year.

Ruth felt that as soon as you say master plan, an architect will be hired to create a master plan and we are talking big dollars. She felt it is the people who use the parks, are the people that should know what is needed. She questioned why couldn't we do an inhouse master plan with feedback from staff, this committee and from participants in the programs, etc. There is no reason why this can't be done. Commissioner Klocke advised there are some plans which were developed in the past which could be updated.

Patrick agreed that having one, would give a guideline for making some decisions and the idea of using people that utilize the parks to help design them makes more sense. Discussion continued.

Ruth stated she would rather see the committee utilize our resources as residents and feed that information and make sure that it is going somewhere to do something because we can sit month after month, come in with great ideas that don't go anywhere. She stated now we can take that one step further and make sure the information is getting to the right staff people so beyond the February presentation, she suggested that we make the committee available to staff to go in the direction of becoming that resource for developing a master plan, each person taking an area of their expertise and knowledge and working with staff.

Discussion continued relative a marquee at Heritage Park, etc. Commissioner Klocke advised due to the village ordinance, a marquee probably would not be allowed in front of the building.

Ruth first suggested, then made a motion that when the board asked us what to spend some of the \$540,000 on, she would like to make an initial request (tomorrow night if the committee agrees to it), that the committee present to the park district that we have an anniversary coming up on the death of Jim Gallagher. She would like to see a memorial for Jim to be started which cost would be approximately \$400.00 to put a plaque at the flag pole base at Chevy Chase where the plaque for Audrey Duke is, because he was park president when he passed away. She would like to make this request now so it could be put in by spring.

7.

She felt this would be a nice start to remember Jim and his work with the park district. Ken Kostrzewski seconded the motion. Carried by Voice Vote.

Commissioner Klocke suggested the plaque be the same design and lettering as the plaque for Audrey Duke is.

COMMUNICATION-Written/Verbal

Ruth informed the committee of the passing of Bobby Silverstein's husband. A card has been sent on behalf of the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Virginia, seconded by Marge to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee



WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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  1. Subcommittee Reports - Park Sites
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- VI. Communications-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

*Postpone Dec Mtg  
to Jan 17, 90 - 7:30 pm  
Subcommittee Reports*

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD OCTOBER 11, 1989

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on October 11, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Marge Hartmann, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Ken Kostrzewski, Patrick Hanley, Daniel Conrad and Acting Secretary, Ruth Wieder. Absent: Pat Hancock, Barb Dittman Bobby Silverstein and Ed Klocke. Ruth had previously been notified of their absence. Also present were: Park District Manager, Karop Bavougian and President Tom Webber.

Guest: Trish Lichtenstein, Reporter Wheeling Herald.

AGENDA-Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review and approval. There being no changes, the agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of September 20, 1989 were submitted for review and approval. Motion was made by Ruth Wieder, seconded by Dolly Hein, to approve the minutes as presented. Carried by VOICE VOTE.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Survey Committee Update - Patrick advised he was not at the last survey committee meeting but he had been informed that there is a meeting on the 24th of October with the Survey Committee, Board and Papendrea at 7:00 p.m., for an update. There also is going to be a town meeting (open forum) concerning the survey, the first or second week in November. Virginia advised the open forum will be held on November 14th with everyone in Wheeling invited and it is basically an information giving and/or question asking session presented at Chevy Chase. When questioned about P.R., Tom responded we will be depending on the media to notify the public of the Open Forum.

Alice suggested they get wide spread P.R. to let the people know of the town meeting. Patrick felt as part of the contractual agreement, the consultants would help with the advertising. There would also be flyers, posters, etc. Frank inquired about facility usage - what is being used, how and when? Patrick advised in many of the surveys he has seen, use of facility questions were asked. He noted it's definitely questions like that and are the types of questions we would be looking for as a Survey Committee. He stated we want to try and find out things on a survey both from a positive and negative stand point. That is the purpose of a survey in lieu of trying to make it a type of tool that can be used in decision making two to five years down the road, where you have some actual data rather than just to have some person say "I think, I know, I've been here". It's a good tool.

Ruth advised she had been contacted by the secretary, who has a problem with meeting the second Wednesday of the month. Ruth asked if it would be feasible to move the meeting night to another Wednesday. Discussion. Motion was made by Ken, seconded by Marge to change the meeting night to the 3rd Wednesday of the month. MOTION CARRIED.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. \$570,000.00 Bond Brainstorming- Patrick advised at the last meeting we discussed the possibility of reviewing the 1988 CNRAC report as a base of where to go from in relationship of what has been accomplished as far as the CNRAC report is concerned. The Park Manager was requested to bring the committee up to date on the report.

Mr. Bavougian read through and updated the committee on the projects which were completed and those which remained the same.

On page 1, Frank inquired about the tennis courts badly in need of repair. Tom agreed with him and suggested we might want to put that on the list of capital needs.

Page 12, Repair of Heritage Park gym floor was discussed. Park Manager explained carpeting vs. wood floors have been considered at a cost of approximately \$15,000. No action has been taken to date.

3.

Ruth asked if there were subcommittees that would like to have any questions answered regarding the information which was found by the subcommittees in their meetings with Leisure Services, Chevy Chase and open space?

Ruth asked the committee to keep in mind that in the 1986 report, it just dealt with park sites and we went beyond that this year with open space, leisure services and Chevy Chase etc.

Ruth questioned Karop about open space. He advised none was available.

Frank asked if any consideration had been given to the excessive noise problem in the Gable Room? Discussion ensued.

Chairman Hanley advised at a previous meeting, we talked about the possibility of dividing the parks into subcommittees and making recommendations from each park in lieu of what might be done in the future to improve that particular park. He asked for volunteers.

The subcommittees are as follows:

Pleasant Run.... Patrick Hanley

Horizon & Heritage... Dan Conley

Childerley & Chamber.. Ken Kostrzewski  
Ida Hein

Ruth asked the subcommittee for Chevy Chase remain involved.

Chairman Hanley requested at the next meeting, that preliminary reports be given on the above mentioned parks. He requested the subcommittee to talk to the people in the surrounding area and also to mention the survey.

Ruth brought out three areas that should be recommended to the Board to pursue, those being:

1. A Master Plan developed for the park district
2. Community Center- Update need, desire feasibility (Survey would provide information).
3. Manpower- maintaining parks we already have.

4.

Frank questioned how the work on the parking lot is going?

Tom advised if mother nature continues to cooperate, the parking lot should be completed the end of November.

COMMUNICATION- Verbal/Written

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Dolly Hein, seconded by Marge Hartmann to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Carried by VOICE VOTE.

It was noted the next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held Wednesday, November 15, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

NOTE: In the absence of P. Hancock, notes were taken by Ruth Wieder and taped by Virginia Metzger. (Thank you!)

WHEELING PARK DISTRICT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room (unless otherwise notified) of the Chevy Chase Club House.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda-Additions/Deletions/  
Corrections
- III. Approval of the Minutes of  
September 20, 1989.
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Survey Committee Update
  - 2.
  - 3.
- V. New Business:
  1. \$570,000.00 Bond Brainstorming
    - a) Subcommittee Information  
Sharing.
  - 2.
  - 3.
- VI. Communication-Verbal/Written
- VII. Adjournment

NOTE: Please notify Ruth 537-2105 or Patti 537-1450 if you cannot be in attendance.

All future meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE WHEELING PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 1989

The regular meeting of the Wheeling Park District Advisory Committee was held on September 20, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wayside Room of the Chevy Chase Club House.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Patrick Hanley. Members present were: Alice Wargo, Ruth Wieder, Frank Wojek, Virginia Metzger, Ida Hein, Patrick Hanley, Daniel Conrad and Pat Hancock. Absent: Marge Hartmann, Pat Walsdorf, Bobby Silverstein, and Barb Dittman. Also present were: President Tom Webber, Liaison to Board of Park Commissioners and member, Ed Klocke.

AGENDA - Additions/Deletions/Corrections

The agenda was submitted for review and approval. Ruth requested to add under Old Business, item 3. Meeting Night Patrick also added under Old Business, item 4. Survey Update. Under New Business, item 2. Ideas for the monies becoming available for Capital Improvements (\$500,000) and item 3. Update on Parking Lot (Tom Webber). Frank Wojek moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Dan Conrad. Carried by Voice Vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 22, 1989 were submitted for review and approval. Patrick felt the last meeting got a little out of hand and stated hopefully, as a group let's try and work a little better together this year and also work on our listening skills. President Webber also apologized for any wrong doing and would also like to certainly strive for the betterment of the park district by working together in harmony with this group as a representative of the Board of Commissioners. Motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Alice Wargo to approve the minutes as presented. Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Applicant Ken Kostrzewski

An application was received from Ken Kostrzewski to become a member on the advisory committee. Ruth advised if the committee wishes him to become a member, he is approved by the committee membership and his name is then presented to the Board of Park Commissioners for final approval at their next meeting.

2.

Motion was made by Alice Wargo, seconded by Virginia Metzger to accept Ken as a member on the Advisory Committee. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

Frank Wojek abstained advising he had never met the gentleman.

2. Resignation - Pat Walsdorf

Secretary Hancock read the letter received by Ruth from Pat advising her health has curtailed her participation abilities. Ruth Wieder moved to accept the resignation with regrets, seconded by Frank Wojek. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

3. Survey Update- Ed Klocke

Commissioner Klocke advised a meeting has been set up for September 21st. There were four consultants involved in the beginning of which two consultants were accepted and sent a questionnaire to be returned to the Survey Committee for review. Only one has been received, the other declining because of other commitments. The meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. is to discuss if we are going to accept the consultant we have or start all over again. Discussion ensued.

4. Meeting Night

Patrick noted the reason the meeting had been changed was due to his schedule at that time. He advised at this time he would be able to commit to Wednesday nights again but in January it might change. Ruth advised it could then be re-evaluated. At this time we run into problems with Thursday evenings because of special board meetings etc. Frank Wojek moved, seconded by Dan Conrad that the committee would again hold it's meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of By-laws and Guidelines

Patrick asked if there were any questions concerning guidelines? Discussion. Ruth advised the By-laws and Guidelines have already been approved and ratified by the Park Board and this is just a review to refresh everyone's memory.

Governing Rules -Ruth questioned the Commissioners if there is anything that they feel should be changed? Tom responded he was no problem with the governing rules as



they stand. It would be helpful for both parties, as we are trying to do tonight, if we all understand and if there is any gray areas, that they be discussed and defined, so there is no confusion. Discussion ensued.

Frank Wojek referred to page 3, item 3 and questioned if minutes were sent to all board members and asked if they had copies of the governing rules and guidelines? Secretary Hancock advised at this time they were given to the President and Commissioner Klocke. It was agreed since this is a new board, they should all be provided with copies of each.

Dan Conrad questioned page 3, item 2 which states: "the committee or sub-committees may seek information and counsel through proper administrative channels." Ruth advised the ultimate goal there, is to come up with a recommendation that is then passed on to the park board. It was noted if the committee meets with others outside the park district, it is only to seek information. Tom Webber requested what he would like is that if in fact, a subcommittee wants to meet with an outside entity, as a courtesy to those governing bodies, if the board could be informed prior to any meeting being scheduled. Ruth agreed but advised we have two commissioners as liaison from the board and usually Karop attends our meetings and any time we meet with anyone, it always goes through the administration (the park manager) and she assumes that it is his responsibility to pass the information on to the rest of the board because there is a limit of how many people we can constantly keep abreast of what we are doing which is also the reason why minutes are not sent to all park commissioners. We assume that you as liaisons will go back to your group, advise and update them as to the action taken. Tom advised he does not see a problem in the future because it is our responsibility as liaisons and they will be informed. He was trying to define a gray area and if by chance one of us is not in attendance and a subcommittee comes up with an idea, he would ask that someone of the park district, be it staff or commissioner, be informed. He noted there may be a reason for the board requesting a meeting not to take place. The secretary suggested that the chairperson of a subcommittee notify the liaison or park manager of any tentative meeting with an outside entity. All agreed. Discussion ensued.

Ruth referred to page 3, item #9 under Review which states; "Procedures, changes and evaluation of effectiveness should occur annually by the group."

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She noted that at least once a year our goals are submitted to the commissioners for their consideration. Hopefully that way we get a flow of information.

2. Parking Lot Update- Tom Webber

President Webber updated the committee relative to the Chevy Chase parking lot. He advised that the regular meeting was cancelled was due to the fact the board of commissioners called a special meeting pertaining to the parking lot. At the regularly scheduled meeting in September, the commissioners were given some new prices, bids etc, by Mr. Ohle and John Piazza of which the action they took at that time due to certain conversations they had and in light of some information they finally obtained, primarily that being there was confusion with an ordinance in Lake County. He noted they were under the assumption that islands in the parking lot were mandatory. The original bids the board received totaled close to \$893,000.00 in August which the board rejected. Staff and Architect Ohle were given direction to go out for bids again with the park district acting at the general superintendent. The bids were received at the September 7th meeting. They were substantially lower however, in discussing the situation to some extent again, we found out the islands were not mandatory which in our mind would change the scope of the project dramatically, (if not only in time frame, certainly in dollars). At that time the bids were rejected once again. Tom advised he put a motion to table the entire project but the other board members gave him reasons to resind the motion. Direction was given to the architect to come up with some new conceptional drawings giving the board exactly what they were asking for and to see if they could come in with bids under or close to \$500,000.00.

Tom passed out copies of the drawings to the advisory committee members to review which were presented to the board. He noted it's beautiful and gives us very close to the original stalls which were requested from the drawings that were presented in July. The islands were omitted, more importantly we are able to save the existing island and most the the existing trees, shrubs, etc. It's a very workable project at this time. The bids came in including a contingency reserve and the additional engineering fees based on the overall scope of the project, at a grand total of \$452,068.00. Discussion continued regarding the concerns of parking for functions taking place at Chevy Chase during the time the work is being done.

Tom advised the target date for completion of the project is the end of November with weather permitting.

3. \$500,000.00 -Wish List

Chairman Hanley questioned if there were any thoughts on way this money could be spent when it becomes available? Discussion ensued.

Dan felt with the limited amount of open space in the Wheeling Park District, we evaluate whatever dry basins are available provided they meet a certain acreage, (a minimum of 1 or 2 acres) and see what type of feasibility they have.

The other point, he would like to see on all Heritage Park diamonds, some type of dugout built which would require a 4 foot cyclone fence which would keep the kids in a protected area.

Ruth questioned Tom how soon the board needs to know about the wish list? Tom responded at tomorrow's meeting we will have the representatives before the board from the Harris bank and he is assuming that the board would authorize and pass the bond ordinance, in other words we will be acquiring the \$570,000.00. He advised there are requirements or guidelines we will have to live by pertaining to that bond money as to what it can be spent on and the time frame involved. Ruth asked if we had to have something tonight or if there is a little lead way in time?

Tom advised there is time and noted since this is the first time we met, (since we were presented with the possibility of obtaining this money) is to plant the seed and that being a request of this committee also a request was made to staff of all departments to consider a wish list. He noted at one of the future board meetings, we could all sit and discuss which direction we would like to take with these monies. Ed Klocke advised the monies would not be received until after the first of the year.

Ruth suggested one of the things that we do as an advisory group, would be to look back on the original CNRAC Report and see what recommendations were suggested and not completed and do a re-evaluation from there to see where we are at. We would probably have to do that at another meeting because Karop and staff would have to bring us

up to date on some things that have already been accomplished which we are not aware of, and it might give us a starting point to go on from there rather than to duplicate. Discussion continued.

She stated she did not know how we could come up with a wish list until we know where staff is with that report and also felt this should not be called a wish list but "Capital Improvements".

Chairman Hanley advised the possibility of having people on this committee and/or with staff whatever, forming a subcommittee for each park and to look at each park to see what would be the next thing that should be done so when monies becomes available, the possibility of spending it throughout the Wheeling Park District so every park gets a little bit and every group of people feel they have been served. If we analyze each park by having a subcommittee go through, see what were the original plans for that park and what has been accomplished so far, then we would know what improvements were needed and what to do next to make that park a little better. Discussion ensued.

Ruth suggested at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee, staff or whoever, should be here to help us to bring us up to date, the old CNRAC which is the old capital improvement report and then taking Pat's suggestion to take it park by park, then break into groups because then everyone will have the same information to work with on what the long range and status is and then after we break up into groups for each park, they can go out and take it from there. That would give us a basis and common knowledge of what's already been done.

Discussion regarding the continual shortage of manpower in the maintenance division with an expanding park district.

Dan Conrad advised he had not heard about the CNRAC report until tonight. He was advised this was originally done in 1986 and updated in 1988. Discussion ensued. It was agreed this should be done with staff (John Piazza) but due to the project he is involved with, possibly the park manager could go over the report and update it for the next advisory meeting.

Chairman Hanley summarized what was discussed and advised at the next meeting we would like to analyze the report

(of which copies will be made and distributed to the board, committee members and staff by the secretary), and we will need someone to go over the report with us (preferably Karop). Ruth interjected that once we do that, committee members could take a look at our existing parks, then come back to the group as a whole and share what has been completed and what has not.

Ruth added what she is looking for from staff (Karop) is an update. In other words, in 1988 a particular park had added playground equipment, and then it was planned to do etc. etc. We can take it from there and update it again with a recommendation to the board on what we feel we have been able to find out by either visiting that park or talking to people in that area, as to what they feel are some of the necessities to be done in that park.

Chairman Hanley noted the eight potential areas to be looked at and analyzed include: Heritage, Chamber, Northside, Meadowbrook, Horizon, Childerley, Malibu and Last 4 Acres.

Ruth requested the secretary notifies Karop and the Board of Commissioners should be sent an agenda and be invited to the next advisory meeting for their input.

Chairman Hanley asked the members to think about what park they would be interested in looking at.

#### Communications-Verbal/Written

1. Letter of Resignation - Pat Walsdorf

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Frank Wojek, seconded by Dan Conrad to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Park District  
Advisory Committee

PS. Ruth thanked everyone who participated and rode in the 4th of July celebration.