

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 7 P.M.  
Westchester Community Center  
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, IL**

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**Call to Order:**

President Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here (via Zoom video); Commissioner Stanley Kolodziej – here(via Zoom video); Commissioner Steve Cerasuolo – here(via Zoom video); Commissioner Steven Busa – here(via Zoom video); President Joseph Christopher – here (via Zoom video)

Also present were: Executive Director Dean Hoskin (via Zoom video); Board Secretary Laura Ball (via Zoom video).

Audience: none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence to the Board**

none

**Public Comments**

none

**Meeting Minutes**

There were no questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the committee meeting minutes on January 11, 2021 as well as the board meeting minutes on January 11, 2021.

**Finance**

Financials: Commissioner Busa had no report at this time.

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

Commissioner Kolodziej asked if there were any questions in regards to the report. There were none. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the maintenance position has not been filled yet.

### **Community Center Committee**

Community Center Manager's Report: Commissioner Cerasuolo asked if there were any questions or comments on the report. There were none.

### **Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee**

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Manager's Report: Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions or comments on the report. There were none.

### **Policy Committee**

Nothing at this time.

### **Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin**

There are three questions in the Director's Report that need to be discussed-

1. Do we NEED water at the park/dog park?
2. Do we want to have to maintain and service 1 or 2 additional water fountains?
3. What if the Village wants us to split the cost of putting the water line in?

The dog park has been going for three years without water access. The water will be used for dogs as well as maintenance of the dog park. Right now a 200 gallon container is filled with water and brought to the dog park to maintain the grass as needed.

Commissioner Gordon stated putting water in the dog park was part of the original plan and this would be the final major cost for the dog park.

Commissioner Busa questioned the minimum cost of getting water at the dog park. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the minimum cost would be \$11,800 and that is just getting the water to the dog park-the cost to be able to water the grass is \$16,300, the cost of having one fountain outside dog park fence is \$46,800, and the cost of having one fountain in the dog park as well as outside the dog park is \$42,500. Commissioner Busa questioned the man power cost of the Park District employees the transport the water to the dog park so the cost can be compared to the expense of running water to the dog park-is there a cost savings to run water the water line. Dean will get back to Board with the numbers.

Commissioner Busa would like to have the Village run the water line but the Park District is not going to do anything with the water in the foreseeable future because of what's going on with MWRD (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District) - wait until their project is complete.

Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated he felt the Village wanted to know what the Park District intent was. Dean also feels based on the meeting the Village was not doing anything for free. What we might do or just run the water and we are waiting based on our cap imp plan and the MWRD.

President Christopher stated having water at the dog park is an evolving process and the first step is to get the water ran to the park.

It was agreed upon to have Dean contact the Village and ask them to bring the water over and cap it off. When the Park District is financially able and when the MWRD is done the Park District will move forward. Dean will correspond with the Village tomorrow via email.

Executive Director questioned if the dog park can be moved to east side of Mayfair because it's a more ideal location for the dogs and there is more parking. Also the Norfolk area could be a permanent retention area and it can freeze naturally and become the ice skating rink. The way the rinks are now is very labor intensive and there is already a leak in the lining of the small rink.

Commissioner Gordon questioned if we could afford taking up more parking spots at Mayfair. Mayfair was supposed to be the original spot but do to parking was changed to Norfolk.

No news on all-sport guidance. We are currently in tier one. Hopefully we will jump to Phase 4 soon. No follow up email from Strikes-will reach out again. Recreation software is currently being upgraded.

**Attorney's Report**

None.

**President Report**

Next week we will meet in person at Community Center.

Per Dean HVAC currently not working in gym.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Commissioner Gordon commented on article - Park Districts Offer People Hope. The Park District staff has made an impact this past year.

Dean and staff is doing great job keeping Park District relevant in creating events. Thank you to them.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Cerasuolo.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Commissioner Cerasuolo – aye; Commissioner Kolokziej – aye  
; Commissioner Gordon – aye; Commissioner Busa – aye; President Christopher – aye MOTION  
PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

  
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Joseph Christopher, Board President

  
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Laura Ball Board Secretary

Date: 3-8-21