

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2021 at 7 P.M.
Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, IL**

Call to Order:

President Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Stanley Kolodziej – here; Commissioner Steve Cerasuolo – here; Commissioner Steven Busa – here; President Joseph Christopher – here

Also present were: Executive Director Dean Hoskin; Attorney Michael Muthleb; Board Secretary Laura Ball

Audience: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

none

Meeting Minutes

In the January 11, 2021 Board minutes there is a sentence under the President's Report that needs to be omitted. Secretary Laura Ball will take it out and send the corrected minutes to Executive Director Dean Hoskin. There were no other, 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: Expense vouchers for the month of January 2021 were \$204,855.35. The total fund balance for January 31, 2021 is 1,819,549.26. There are two tax abatement ordinances 2021-1 and 2021-2 to be approved by the Board that will abate the levy of taxes on 2 bond issues.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Kolodziej asked if there were any questions in regards to the report. There were none.

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

Nothing at this time.

Attorney's Report

None.

President Report

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

The dues for the NAPF (National Association of Park Foundations) are due in March.

Commissioner Kolodziej believes the fees are small compared to what the Westchester Park District could get out of it. Don Ortale (Board Member of NAPF) could possibly come out and help brainstorm ideas.

Commissioner Gordon agreed the Park District could get a lot out of the membership.

Commissioner Busa questioned exactly what the Board would want the foundation to accomplish. There does not have to be a foundation to acquire naming rights for a baseball field. It is not realistic to ask a foundation to get funds to purchase St. Joes but it is realistic to ask foundation to raise money for water at a dog park. What is the cost of starting and maintaining a foundation? Why do we need a local foundation to be mediator? Dean and the Park District employees can do it.

Executive Director Dean Hoskin asked what a foundation could possibly accomplish that couldn't be done by the Westchester Park District employees.

Commissioner Gordon stated a foundation can help secure naming rights and has more experience and can set a plan in place to secure these funds.

President Christopher suggested the Board pay the \$300, have Don come out and reiterate what he can do for the Park District and go from there. If the Park District sells naming rights to companies that company will want to know what they are getting in return. These companies will not participate unless it is an advantage for them to do so.

(at this time Commissioner Cerasuolo left the meeting)

The current Advisory Committee never meets. Should it be dissolved?

Executive Director Dean Hoskin will pay the \$375 which is due on March 15. Commissioner Busa will come up with questions for Don.

Executive Director Dean Hoskin has not heard back from Strikes yet about the baseball outfield fence and also has not heard from the Village in regards to the water being ran to the dog park.

New Business

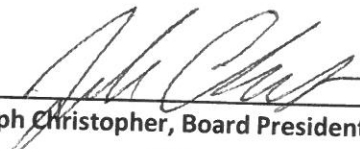
None

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.



Joseph Christopher, Board President



Laura Ball Board Secretary

Date: 3-8-21