

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2021, at 7 P.M.
Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

Call to Order:

President Christopher called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Stanley Kolodziej – here; Commissioner Daniel Maldonado- absent; Commissioner Steven Busa – here; President Joseph Christopher – here

Also present were: Executive Director Dean Hoskin; Board Secretary Laura Ball; Attorney Michael Muthleb; Treasurer and Finance Director David Brink

Audience: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

None from President Christopher.

Former Commissioner's Dominic Luciano's wife passed away and was laid to rest today. A moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments

none

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the board meeting and committee meeting minutes on June 14, 2021? There were none.

Finance

Financials: Commissioner Busa reported expense vouchers for the month of June 2021 in the amount of \$316,183.67 and the financial statements for the month ended June 30, 2021. The Park District currently has \$2,295,382.66 as the total fund balance. There were no questions.

Issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds. Commissioner Busa stated there was an ordinance prepared by Chapman and Cutler LLP addressed to Finance Director David Brink containing the Ordinance as well as steps that were needed for the Ordinance to move forward. Commissioner Busa asked Finance Director David Brink as well as Park District Attorney Michael Muthleb if all these steps were followed. They agreed. Commissioner Busa summarized that the Park District is telling the Community it is the Park District's intent to do \$3.9 million dollars in bonds and if the Community wants to object, they have 30 days to do so in the manner that was described in the letter from Chapman and Cutler LLP and if

there are no objections the Park District will be authorized to proceed with the bonds. There were no additional questions.

At this time Finance Director David Brink left the Meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee

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

Commissioner Kolodziej applauded the action of Park District employee of Jason Dattomo during the parade helping the resident. Commissioner Gordon stated he spoke to him personally in regards to this.

Commissioner Gordon questioned who decides where the Memorial Trees are planted particularly in regards to the tree planted at High Ridge. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the person who purchased the tree is given options. Executive Director Dean Hoskin will inquire on how spots are chosen.

Commissioner Gordon questioned the repair on the concrete pads at Mayfair. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the company that damaged the pads have repaired them.

Commissioner Gordon questioned the Gladstone Park play area surface and whether it needs to be replaced because it looks worn. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the only reason it would be replaced if it was a safety issue and it is currently not a safety issue.

Commissioner Gordon commended the Park District on taking care of the baseball fields.

Community Center Committee

Community Center Manager's Report: In Commissioner Maldonado's absence Executive Director Dean Hoskin asked if there were any questions in regards to the report. There were none.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Manager's Report: Commissioners Gordon asked if there were any questions in regards to the report. There were none.

President Christopher asked if the Park District is still thinking about bringing back concessions at Mayfair. Executive Director Dan Hoskin has contacted 2 companies about vending machines who both stated there is not enough foot traffic. The intent is to not to have to "man" a concession stand. The area would only be open when there is an event at Mayfair.

Policy Committee

No report

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the Village sent the list of bands that are playing at the Westchester Fest and nothing else. President Christopher stated the Village sent a "blanket" letter on participating in the Fest-there were no specifics.

There is currently a discount for Veterans and Active Military Persons on non DCFS and non-contractual programs. Starting in the fall Executive Director Dean Hoskin would like to offer a 10% discount on the

fitness center memberships as well as pool passes. Since this is in regards to operations the Board of Commissioners does not have to vote on it.

There was a pool rental scheduled for August 8th for a birthday party. After investigation the Park District found out the party was advertised on a website. According to the website there was going to be a fee charged to get into the event. Executive Director Dean Hoskin spoke to the person who booked the party stating the rental will be cancelled. The money was refunded. Thank you to Dean and his staff for stopping this rental before it happened.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Michael Muthleb spoke to a TIF Consulting Firm in regards to the Village filing for non-profit status for the property located at Roosevelt and Wolf Road. When a developer buys a parcel of the land the real estate tax value will go back to what it was before it's not-for-profit status.

President Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Discussion on the GPS systems in the Park District vehicles. Commissioner Gordon stated the Park District is currently spending \$2200 per year on the GPS system. Verizon currently offers something that would be 75% less per year. After a discussion of the pros and cons of keeping the GPS system Executive Director Dean Hoskin will look into the reduced rate at Verizon.

New Business

Commissioner Kolodziej discussed the Veterans Day Run/Breakfast in November. Executive Director Dean Hoskin asked Commissioner Kolodziej to find a speaker. There will be a 5K along with a brunch afterwards. Commissioner Kolodziej brought up having Representative Jim Durkin to speak. Questions in regards of having a non-veteran as well as someone who is not the representative of this area as the guest speaker. Commissioner Busa questioned having an active member of the military or a veteran and not a politician as the speaker. Commissioner Kolodziej to look into this.

Executive Session

Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting and enter into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(2)(21); the discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under this ACT, "for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 of the Act."


President Christopher stated the Park District currently does not have the entire list in front of them of the Executive Session minutes. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the minutes in the list given to the Board are the minutes since he has been hired. He does not have an extensive list of all the Executive Session minutes. Commissioner Busa questioned who has the actual list of these minutes? President Christopher suggested tabling this until the Board can get the complete list of minutes. Commissioner Busa stated it is the law to release these minutes and the list needs to be completed. Commissioner Busa would like Dean to put together a comprehensive list of the closed session minutes and realizes there may be gaps. Commissioner Busa also suggests contacting the prior Board Secretary. Commissioner Busa asks attorney Michael Muthleb how to handle this. Attorney Muthleb stated to table this. Executive Director Dean Hoskin will work on the list.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Joseph Christopher, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 8-9-21