

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 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 7:03 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; Finance Director David Brink

Audience: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

There was none.

Public Comments

none

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Committee Meeting Minutes and the Board Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2021? There were none.

Finance

Truth in Taxation Resolution Discussion. 2021 Tax Levy Worksheet-Tax Levy at 4.94%. If it was over 5% there would need to be a hearing. The last column shows the probable effects. Finance Director David Brink stated the Park District will not be able to exceed 101.4%. The CPI would now be compared to what the CPI will be collected. Executive Director Dean Hoskin, David Brink and Commissioner Busa met to go over the numbers. Commissioner Busa stated all of his questions were answered. By using prior years (March 2020-Feb 2021 and March 2019-Feb 2020) the CPI amount is 4.2%. Commissioner Busa stated there is a potential that this year will be difficult because of rising costs. Dean and Dave are closely watching this. The Park District will be collecting 1.4% more but costs are likely to be more than that. The 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance will be on the agenda at the December 2021 meeting. 2021 Property Tax Limitation Resolution Discussion. This will also be on the Agenda at the December 2021 Board Meeting. Commissioner Busa stated next week there will be the annual bond issue. Dave Brink also stated the Board will pass the Truth in Taxation Resolution next week. President Christopher stated there may be a delay in receiving property tax fund. Commissioner Busa stated the Park District does have a working cash fund to get through difficult times. 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. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the Fire Marshall came through and there are a few items that need to be taken care of.

Community Center Committee

President Christopher will do the report in Commissioner Maldonado's absence. Commissioner Gordon asked about open gyms, volleyball etc and their attendance. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated there are some people coming and he is hoping that as the weather gets colder the attendance will be greater. The Halloween Party was very well attended.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated there are about 40 runners for the Veteran's Day 5K and 63 for the breakfast. The levels of sponsorship for the Veteran's Day Event are Gold \$500 and Silver \$250. A person could also purchase a breakfast for a Veteran. Commissioner Gordon stated Fall Softball is still going on. Dean stated softball is two weeks behind schedule. Commissioner Kolodziej stated Tom Day who is a former Marine will be speaking at the Veteran's Day Breakfast about Bugles Across America. There will definitely be one more speaker if not two. Commissioner Busa asked how the Park District was recognizing sponsors. Dean stated through print, digital and placemats.

Policy Committee

Nothing at this time.

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

Summer 2021 Cancellation Report. Currently the Park District has a 6.5% cancellation rate. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated this percentage will be checked quarterly. Dean stated he would like to see the Park District do more than "vanilla" classes. The Park District is trying to be more innovative. The Westchester Chamber Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday December 7th. There is a letter from Montana Welch who is the Westchester Village attorney. The letter advises the Park District that they are filing an application for a property tax exemption complaint with the Cook County Board of Review. GO Bond Series 2021A – the Park District has the debt service schedule.

Attorney's Report

No report.

President Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Commissioner Gordon suggested for minimal funding the Park District can do something with the field by Westchester Primary School for a Whiffle Ball Field-there is already a backstop and two fences. Jim Berg presented the Board with costs on making changes to the field. The costs to make changes can range from \$1200 to \$20,000 or higher. President Christopher suggested maybe do a whiffle Ball field at a field in town that already has a dirt infield. The land at WPS is leased-maybe the Park District should put money into a field that is Park District owns. Commissioner Busa stated they would need approval from the School District Board to make any changes. Commissioner Kolodziej suggested holding off until

next year for Spring and Summer. It was agreed Commissioner Gordon would check out Park District fields and report back in January or February.

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.



Joseph Christopher, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 12-13-21