

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2022, 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 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

Also present were: Executive Director Dean Hoskin (via phone); Board Secretary Laura Ball; Attorney Vlado Vranjes

Audience: none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence to the Board**

None from President Christopher.

**Public Comments**

None

**Meeting Minutes**

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the board meeting and committee meeting minutes on January 10, 2022? There were none.

**Finance**

Commissioner Busa asked if there were any questions. There were none. The expense vouchers for the month of January 2022 are \$174,407.90. There were no questions in regard to the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2022. The financial statements show total revenues of \$70,514.33 and total expenses of \$175,977.93. The total fund balance at January 31, 2022 is \$3,835,823.37. Tonight, the Board will be voting on the Tax Abatement Ordinance 2022-1. Commissioner Busa asked if the attorney has reviewed the Tax Abatement Ordinance and if it is in order. Attorney Vlado Vranjes stated has reviewed the ordinance and everything is in order.

**Building & Grounds Committee**

Commissioner Kolodziej asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. The Park District sent out requests for 6 bids for the landscaping contract and 3 landscapers came back with proposals. Brightview Landscaping came in with the lowest bid. They are new to Westchester. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated he checked the references.

**Community Center Committee**

Commissioner Maldonado had nothing additional to add.

**Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee**

Commissioner Gordon had nothing additional to add.

**Policy Committee**

No report.

**Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin**

Illinois dropping mask mandate on February 28<sup>th</sup> and may also drop the showing of vaccination cards. On February 25 Cook County to report on the dropping of the indoor mask mandate. Commissioner Busa stated he heard on the news that Chicago may not be dropping the indoor mask mandate. Can the state drop the mask mandate, but Cook County still enforce it? Attorney Vlado Vranjes stated they may be able to do it in theory. Wait and see. The bid from the landscaper was cost specific to each park. Executive Director Dean Hoskin will be working with Westchester Baseball and Westchester Softball in scheduling games/practices for the Spring.

**Attorney's Report**

Nothing to report.

**President Report**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions in regards to the whiffle ball field. Does the Board want to pursue? Commissioner Kolodziej asked if the field will be used for organized programs. Commissioner Gordon stated it would-for young kids aged 4 ½ to 6 yrs old. Commissioner Busa asked if we know there is an interest in a whiffle ball field. Commissioner Gordon stated he can contact Westchester Baseball and Westchester Softball and get their thoughts. President Christopher added building on property the Park District does not own is something the Park District is trying to get away from. Commissioner Maldonado suggested that the staff could post on social media and see if there is an interest. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated there was kickball offered in the program guide online to see interest. The same can be done with whiffle ball. The Board agreed.

**New Business**

none

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



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Joseph Christopher, Board President



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Laura Ball, Board Secretary

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