

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 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 7:03 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; Board Secretary Laura Ball

Audience: none

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence to the Board**

A thank you note was received from the family of William Buikema Jr for the flowers the Park District sent to the funeral.

**Public Comments**

None

**Meeting Minutes**

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the committee meeting minutes on February 7, 2022 and the board meeting and committee meeting minutes on February 14, 2022? There were none.

**Finance**

No report at this time.

**Building & Grounds Committee**

Commissioner Kolodziej asked if there were any questions regarding the report. There were none.

**Community Center Committee**

Commissioner Maldonado asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. There is still work being done with the survey on the website. The Park District is looking for sponsorships for the Kiwanis Bunny Breakfast and egg hunt and more specifically a “roaming” character for the breakfast. The new program is online. Summer employment information went out to previous employees as well as the public.

**Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee**

Commissioner Gordon stated banquets are back to pre-pandemic rules and requirements. There is a 60 Plus Club that is new in the brochure. Executive Director D. Hoskin wants to have a follow up meeting

with the Village about working together on this club as well as other items. Question as to whether the intergovernmental meetings would be coming back-possibly may continue after the District 209 strike is resolved.

#### **Policy Committee**

Discussion on the Park District Website/Maintenance Policy and the enclosed report on the activity on the website. Does the Park District need a marketing employee to keep the website current? President Christopher suggested updated pictures on the site weekly, so people keep coming back to the site. Finance Director David Brink will train a current Park District employee on making basic changes to the website. The information on the website activity will be included in the monthly Board packet so the Board can be kept informed.

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

The mask order and vaccine card mandate has been lifted. Ted Stec and Executive Director Dean Hoskin had an informal conversation about the St Joseph Property. Ted Stec will also be speaking with the Superintendent of Westchester School District. Dean has included the filed usage report in the Boards Packet. The Westchester Public Library is working on receiving a grant. Car charging stations could be put in and paid for with grant monies. Dean Hoskin went over information on the parking lot proposal from Upland Design. Due to world events, there could be an increase of 5-8% in the base bid. Dean Hoskin believes the Board should go with the proposal that will give the most parking spaces. The project has a May 23 start date and will be done in two phases. Project should take three months. Commissioner Busa stated his concern of removing 3 healthy grown trees in order to make more parking spaces. The rest of the Commissioners agreed on project C. Dean Hoskin will email the architect.

#### **Attorney's Report**

No report.

#### **President Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business**

Commissioner Gordon sated there was an article in the Park and Rec's magazine about alternative revenue streams that the Commissioners should read. Do the Commissioners want to pursue forming a foundation to raise money for the Park District. Dean Hoskin sated it would take approximately \$10,000 to get the foundation started. Commissioner Gordon asked if there can be a vote on the possible whiffle ball field at Westchester Primary School at the next Board Meeting. Commissioner Busa questioned spending money on a project that the Board does not even know if there is a interest in it. Dean Hoskin stated there is a Wednesday Night Whiffle Ball League at Mayfair in the current brochure. Commissioner Busa stated the Board should see how the league at Mayfair goes before committing money to a whiffle ball field.

#### **New Business**

Commissioner Busa asked Dean Hoskin if he has responded to the email from a resident. Dean Hoskin said he has not yet responded.

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance and dismissal of specific employees or legal action by President Christopher and second by Commissioner Maldonado.

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

**Motion to Adjourn**

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

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 9:49 pm.

  
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Joseph Christopher, Board President

  
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Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_