

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2022, at 7 P.M.
Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Illinois Governor's declaration of an emergency, this meeting will be conducted in person and virtually via Zoom video conference software in compliance with Section 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(1)-(10) of the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting virtually and to submit public comments as state below.

Call to Order:

President Busa called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call

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

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

Audience: Resident's Nicholas Cooney, Marianne Krasucki, and Connie Hernandez

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

The audience is in attendance to hear the Boards options on more pool time for Adult Swim.

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the board meeting and committee meeting minutes on May 9, 2022? There were none.

Finance

President Busa, Commissioner Christopher, Executive Director Dean Hoskin and Director of Finance David Brink met to go over the Fiscal Year 2023 Draft of the Budget. Dean stated the budget numbers are going back to pre-pandemic numbers and will help the Park District to continue to grow. Dean will put the budget for Public Review for 30 days which is required for the budget to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Revisions to the budget can still be made during this time.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Kolodziej asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Commissioner Gordon stated the employees did a great job of the softball fields for the tournament of champions. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the Park District is short one full time employee for outdoor work.

President Busa stated the area at Mayfair Park looked very well maintained for the Memorial Day event. The bids for the parking lot will be on the agenda at the Board Meeting next week for approval. If the bid is approved next week work will begin early July. The MWRD and the Village have approved everything so far. Commissioner Kolodziej will recommend Abbey Paving.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado wanted to thank Dean and his employees on trying to hire pool staff and day camp employees.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions in regards to the report. Thank you to Nicole Chesak, manager at Mayfair, for getting a women's, men's and co-ed softball leagues going this year. Commissioner Gordon stated he has a speaker for the Veterans Day 5K run and breakfast this year. There is also a new Seniors Club in the brochure.

Policy Committee

President Busa asked Executive Director Dean Hoskin to speak with other Park Districts and gather information on work from home policies and safeguarding information.

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

There are currently 25 guards hired-35 are guards are needed. Several are completing their certification and there is currently not a pool manager. There are currently 24 Day Camp employees and the ideal number to have is 30. There are many Park Districts not only in the area but also across the country that are experiencing the same employment issues.

There will be a community input event at High Ridge on June 9th, to discuss future improvements to the park. The Park District will be submitting an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant (OSLAD) in 2022. There will be at least 3 Commissioners attending so Executive Director Dean Hoskin will need to create an agenda and treat it as a meeting. Dean stated Upland will handle most of the questions. With the OSLAD the Park District will provide 50% of the cost and the grant will provide the other 50%. 25% of the grant will be received up front. Dean stressed the importance of communicating with local legislators so the word can get out in Springfield about Westchester's application for the grant.

Attorney's Report

No report.

President Report

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Adult Swim Discussion. President Busa stated he asked Executive Director Dean Hoskin to put together some options to extend times for adult swim. These options were emailed to the commissioners for review. Commissioner Gordon stated the Park District should provide for all in the community. President Busa also came up with an option for additional time for adult swim. Commissioner Christopher questioned this option effecting staffing. Dean stated staffing would be affected as well as many other items that were presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Maldonado was in support of the options presented by Dean. Commissioner Kolodziej had nothing to add. At this time President

Busa opened it up for public comments. Mr. Cooney stated whatever the Park District can do to increase Adult Swim time would be greatly appreciated. It was agreed Dean would speak to his staff and let the Commissioners know the thoughts of the staff.

At 9:06pm President Busa called for a three-minute recess.

At 9:10 the meeting was called back to order.

New Business

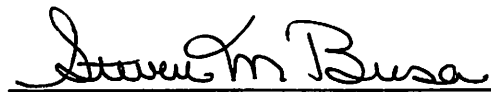
Commissioner Gordon spoke on the positive feedback the Mayfair Banquet employees received. Resident would like to see mass mailing of program guide again. Executive Director stated there is a cost of \$12,000 to get a hard copy of the brochure to residents.

Motion to Adjourn

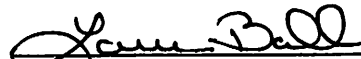
Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Christopher and seconded by Commissioner Gordon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.



Steven Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 7-11-22