

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022, at 7 P.M.
Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

Call to Order:

President Busa called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Daniel Maldonado- absent until 7:48pm;
Commissioner Joseph Christopher – here; President Steven Busa – here

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

President Busa stated this is the first Board Meeting since the passing of former Executive Director Gary Kasanders. It was a pleasure being on the Park Board of Commissioners while Gary was the Executive Director. The Community Center is named after Gary. Gary loved his family, music, and the parks. President Busa asked for a moment of silence. President Busa read a thank you note from the family of Gary Kasanders.

Public Comments

There were none.

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Board Meeting and Committee Meeting minutes on August 8, 2022? There were none.

Finance

Commissioner Christopher presented the August 2022 financial statements. There were no questions. Currently there is \$4,054,656.89 in all the funds and the expense vouchers for the month of August totaled \$302,315.79.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions on Jim Burg's report. Thank you to Mayfair Manager Nicole Chesek for the idea of putting kid's handprints on old picnic tables and thank you to Kathy Kasprzak for getting the kid's handprints on the tables. The gym floor was just sanded and sealed. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the floor can be sanded again up to two more times.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado has not arrived at the meeting yet, President Busa asked if there were any questions. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated all swimming lessons have been refunded. The pool

may not be able to open this weekend due to staff shortages. Dean is hoping the extra costs for keeping the pool open will be less than \$50K. He also stated the Business Interruption insurance may not cover the extra costs because it was the Park District's decision to keep the pool open past the original end date.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated Mayfair Director Nicole Chesek has added additional Fall Softball leagues. The Veteran's Day Run/Breakfast is on the website. Commissioner Gordon needs to find a speaker. Thank you to Nicole for setting up the Mayfair Banquet rooms for Gary's Memorial Luncheon.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Gordon passed out Policy Suggestions for usage of the tennis courts. Commissioner Gordon reviewed the information sent to him by Executive Director Dean Hoskin on other Park District's policies. Suggestion #1 states you cannot use Park District property for private instructions-a person must pay a fee. Suggestion #2 is specific to the tennis courts. Suggestion #3 addresses classes, camps, and lessons. Commissioner Gordon stated since the weather is changing, and usage will be down a sign/policy should be in place by next year. Commissioner Christopher suggested have signs made for all the courts notifying players that no private instructions are allowed. After discussion it was decided to put up a sign stating, "No private instructions or classes are allowed without permission from the Westchester Park District and to contact the Westchester Park District for information". Dean and his staff will figure out a fee. Dean asked if the policy could not include a specific dollar amount so if there needs to be a change to the amount, he will not have to approach the Board. At this time Commissioner Maldonado arrived at the meeting. Regarding Policy 9.1 – 9.4 Vacation, Holiday, Floating Holiday, and Sick Pay. President Busa stated he met with the attorney and there are items that need to be clarified so the attorney will redraft, and the approval this policy will be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

The parking lot project at Mayfair has started. It should be done in less than 2 months. The pool will be open depending on staffing this weekend. The encore summer concert series is this Wednesday. The OSAD process is not a smooth process-there needs to be a survey done of Highridge Park. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated there should be a survey done of all the parks in Westchester. The Board agreed to move forward with having a survey done on Highridge.

Attorney's Report

The state is not going to prosecute the juvenile involved in vandalizing the Westchester Pool. The case will not be brought to the courts. Commissioner Christopher questioned if the Village could take the case on if there is a reckless Endangerment Ordinance. This will be looked into.

President Report

Discussion on ways to honor Commissioner Kołodziej's work at the Park District. The Board agreed to have Executive Director Dean Hoskin research companies for name plates for the two benches at Mayfair by the Veterans Memorial. One bench can be for his service in the Navy and the other for his work as a Park Commissioner. Commissioner Christopher suggested doing something similar for Gary Kasanders by the softball fields at Mayfair.

Old Business

None

Motion to approve the OSLAD Grant Program Resolution of Authorization.

Motion by: Commissioner Maldonado

Second by: Commissioner Gordon

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gordon, Maldonado, Christopher, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session

Motion to enter closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and dismissal of specific employees and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) pending or imminent litigation.

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Christopher, Gordon, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion by: Commissioner Maldonado

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christopher, Gordon, Maldonado, and Busa

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 10-10-2022