

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

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Executive Director Dean Hoskin; Attorney Vlado Vranjes; Board Secretary Laura Ball; Finance Director David Brink; Board Treasurer Mike Pieczonka

Audience: Residents Leanne Pettis and Nicole Molinaro

Pledge of Allegiance

President Busa reminded the Board of Veteran’s Day and the sacrifices veterans have made for us to be able to have the freedom to meet and assemble.

Correspondence to the Board

None

Public Comments

Resident Leanne Pettis talked about water aerobic classes at the Westchester Pool. On the days there are no water aerobics people will go to other park districts for classes. Suggestion to have people pay a small fee on days there are not classes so they can use the area where there is usually the water aerobics class. This will keep the money in the Westchester Park District. Resident Nicole Molinaro spoke on the sustainable landscaping and pesticide usage workshop that took place in October. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated there is Buckthorn in three parks but not in Mayfair Park.

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Board Meeting and Committee Meeting minutes on October 10, 2022, and the October 3, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes? There were none.

Finance

Commissioner Christopher presented the financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2022, and a review of the expense vouchers for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$633,754.15. There were no questions.

Commissioner Gordon asked if the cell tower revenue was always combined on the financial statement-yes it has been. President Busa commented on the audited Park District Financial Statements. He

stated the financials look good compared to other municipalities. The Board and the staff are doing a great job budgeting and saving money. These savings helped the Park District during the closing and reopening with expended hours of the pool from the vandalization.

At this time Speer Financial representative Mark Jeretina joined the meeting via phone to go over bid results for the bond issuance. Review Ordinance 2022-3: Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$558,780 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022A, and approximately \$46,150 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022B, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source for outstanding bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said binds to the purchasers thereof. Mark Jeretina presented-there were 7 bids total for the \$558,780 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds Series 2022A and based on the recommendation of Speer Financial the Park District should accept Herscher Community Unit School District #2 at a net interest rate of 3.6%. Also, the Westchester corporate Fund has submitted an offer for the purchase of the \$46,150 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022B being sold by the District. Speer Financial recommends that the Bonds be awarded to the Westchester Park District's Corporate Fund at a price of par, being at a net interest rate of 4.25%. There being no questions from the Board of Commissioners Speer representative Mark Jeretina ended the phone call.

Finance Director David Brink spoke on the Truth in Taxation Resolution. If the interest rate exceeds 5% the Park District is required to advertise this in public papers, have a public hearing, and post legal notice. Since Westchester is land locked the interest rate will be below 5% and such advertisement will not be required.

There being no additional questions Finance Director David Brink left the meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Regarding the parking lot construction at Mayfair-Upland has done a walkthrough and noted several items that need to be repaired. Commissioner Christopher brought up a parking spot behind Mayfair that may cause a safety issue. Executive Director Dean Hoskin will follow up. Commissioner Maldonado asked a question in regard to the replacement of a Park District Ford Explorer. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the new car will be replacing an old care that has gone through its useful life. Commissioner Gordon complimented the Park District Employees on the great job that was done with the Halloween Party. Commissioner Gordon asked if there is still a security camera at Gladstone. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the camera in not functioning anymore.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado commented on the events coming up this winter. He also thanked the staff on the great job they have doing.

At this point Treasurer Mike Pieczonka commented on the great job Finance Director David Brink is doing and extended his thanks for all his work. At this point Treasurer Mike Pieczonka left the meeting.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated the Veteran's Day Breakfast was very nice. Mayfair Director Nicole Chesek no longer works for the Park District. She shared a letter and email.

Policy Committee

Nothing currently.

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

There is buckthorn located at three parks in Westchester. Due to the weather and the inability to get games in the coed softball teams were refunded their money. Discussion on the new position- Superintendent of Recreation and Marketing and the Banquet Coordinator who will now report to that person. Executive Director Dean Hoskin gave the commissioners an updated organizational chart and a summary of the funding. Tuesday December 6th is the Westchester Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Luncheon. IPRA/IAPD Conference is January 27-29. Please let Dean know if you plan on attending.

Attorney's Report

Working on the audit of vacation and sick leave-it is in preliminary draft form. Final should be done by the next meeting.

President Report

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn

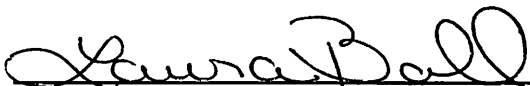
Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Christopher and seconded by Commissioner Gordon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 12-12-22