

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2023, 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

Audience: Residents Leann Pettis, Marianne Nagl, Nicole Molinaro, and Tina Nepomuceno

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

Thank you for all the work done to receive the OSLAD (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development) Grant. Resident Nicole Molinaro shared information with Commissioner Gordon in regard to the Memorial Tree Program. There are many ecological practices that need to be made aware of. Does the Park District meet regularly with the Village. President Busa stated Executive Director Dean Hoskin speaks with people at the Village. Nicole is encouraged to speak with Steve Crowley in the Public Works Department at the Village to help proceed in an ecologically effective manner. Resident Tina Nepomuceno stated she saw standing water at Gladstone. President Busa stated the parks are inspected daily.

Meeting Minutes

President Busa asked is there are any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Board Meeting and Committee Meeting minutes on February 13, 2023? There were none.

Finance

Commissioner Christopher presented the financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2023, and a review of the expense vouchers for the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$201,736.51. There were no questions.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Commissioner Gordon asked when the damage done to the floor in the Windsor Room will be repaired at the Mayfair Banquet Facility. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated the repairs to the floor will be done during the Tournament of Champions when there are no banquets booked in the rooms. The security deposit was

kept. Commissioner Gordon distributed a report from Cordogan Clark which is a architecture, engineering and construction firm. The handout showed upgrades at the Mayfair building Commissioner Gordon stated the cost of these projects was more than expected. The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Gordon for obtaining these estimates.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado asked if there were any questions. There were none. Commissioner Maldonado asked if there was a survey done in regards to having brochures sent to every resident in Westchester as it was in the past. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated he spoke with the superintendent of Westchester School District 92.5. The superintendent is only willing to provide a link to the Park District brochure in the Virtual Backpack.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado thanked Executive Director Dean Hoskin and the Park District staff for cleaning all the equipment in the Mayfair Rec Center. Dean also stated there will be a schedule done up for future cleaning.

Policy Committee

President Busa had nothing currently.

Director's Report – Mr. Hoskin

1. Highridge Park Revitalization Project. When Westchester Park District submitted their application for the OSLAD Grant they had to provide a footprint of what the Park District would do with the grant. The submitted footprint cannot be changed. Executive Director Dean Hoskin stated since Westchester will receive the OSLAD Gant he will receive a packet that needs to be filled out and signed by the commissioners before the Park District receives \$600,000 which is half of the \$1.2 million that the Westchester Park District was awarded. The rest of the money will be received when the project is finished. In the meantime Dean will get everything ready to go out to bid. Dean expects to receive \$200,000 for upfront costs and the other \$400,000 will be received by the end of the year.
2. The water on the asphalt for the winter skating rink at Highridge has damaged the asphalt over the years. It has become unsafe. Executive Director Dean Hoskin presented the Board with the idea of doing the ice skating rink at Mayfair Park by putting a liner down in the grass. The Board agreed this was a good idea.
3. The Westchester Park District will be changing to Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance due to the 30% increase in health insurance from last year.
4. There have been two separate requests for using banquet rooms and being allowed to charge money at the door and also for raffles. The Board agreed that both of these organizations can use the rooms for fundraising.
5. There has been a conversation about adding a cell tower at Community or taking down the existing cell tower and replacing it. Currently the Park District receives \$2726.44 each month and at a minimum that could be doubled. President Busa would like Dean to present this to the new board in June.
6. Celebrate Westchester-Commissioner Gordon nominated Lions Club for Persons of the Year. The Board agreed.

Attorney's Report

Nothing at this time.

President Report

President Busa stated there are a lot of people to thank for the OSLAD Grant. Thank you to Executive Director Dean Hoskin and the Park District staff and thank you to all the residents who attended the public hearings. Dean worked to develop relationships with the School District and the Village who were both very helpful in receiving the Grant. Thank you, Commissioner Maldonado, for speaking to people in Springfield about Westchester. People reached out to Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Emanuel Chris Welch and United States Representative Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Gordon stated he met with resident Nicole Molinaro about the Memorial Tree Project as requested by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gordon will forward any emails.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Maldonado 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 8:10 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 4-10-23

