

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 1, 2023, 6:30 PM
MAYFAIR RECREATION AND BANQUET CENTER
10835 Wakefield Avenue, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

Call to Order

President Busa called the Inter-Governmental meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Interim Executive Director Leanne Robinette; Board Secretary Laura Ball

Present from the Westchester Public Library: Fidencio Marbella Director, Trustee Darla Woods, Trustee Greg Christoff

Present from the Village of Westchester: Village President Greg Hribal; Trustee Gia Marie Benline; Trustee Evie Slavic; Trustee Peter Marzano; Trustee Victoria Vann; Village Clerk Sophia Collins

Residents from Westchester present: Ellen Brewin resident; David Galandik resident; Kevin Tallman and Magdeline Ladas from the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Comments and Introductions

Resident Ellen Brewin commented on the buckthorn that is found in Westchester parks. The buckthorn is not good for the environment and the community needs to be made more aware of this.

Intergovernmental meeting between Westchester Park District, Westchester School District 92.5, Westchester Public Library and the Village of Westchester to discuss, create, collaborate and strengthen the bonds between the individual entities.

President Busa stated he and Village Trustee Slavic spoke about setting up a meeting so the Village, Park District, Library and School District everyone can work together to build a stronger community. The last meeting was pre-covid. Village President Greg Hribal agrees and since the majority of the money comes from the taxpayers we should work together and do what is best for Westchester. The Park District has Concerts in the Park coming up in August. The Village and Park District have already been discussing this year's Christmas event in hopes of expanding it. Commissioner Christopher expressed the importance of working together to send a positive message to the residents. Commissioner Nagl proposed providing a shuttle around the Village in hopes of highlighting local vendors. Village Trustee Slavic suggested having an event every quarter. Commissioner Gordon reminded everyone of the Special Event Committee that was around several years ago to help in planning such events. Commissioner Busa asked Village President Greg Hribal about plans for a Fest in 2024. Greg stated there will a discussion at the July 2023 Board meeting on the budget-at that time they can move forward

with the planning. Park District President Steve Busa stated their concerns 1-that all the homes at Community Center have fences. There would need to be some kind of barrier. 2-There needs to be parking provided for disabled pool patrons. 3-Concerns about having enough parking. 4-All beer servers need to be basset trained. Highridge Park will be closed because of the reconstruction from the OSLAD grant. Mayfair already has banquets booked for 2024. Community Center Park would be best choice. Commissioner Marianne Nagl brought up West 40 and the St Joseph High School property. Maybe start a dialog with them? Village Trustee Gia Marie Benline asked why the Park District no longer puts out a paper brochure to all the residents. President Busa stated there are still paper brochures available at the Park District. There is still open dialog on going back to printing and delivering the brochure. President Busa asked Acting Director Lianne Robinette to contact the Village about pricing on a full-page ad in the Village Paper to get the work out about classes. Village President Greg Hribal would like to work with the Park District to get movies in the park set up this summer. Village Trustee Slavic stated Tour de Proviso will be hosted by Westchester this summer. At this time Commissioner Maldonado left the meeting. Village President Greg Hribal stated the 4th of July Parade will be at 9:30. Park District maintenance will cook hot dogs. Westchester Chamber will do the pop. President Busa would like to see a movie night in June. Lianne stated maybe on a Tuesday night since it's raft night at the pool. Village President Greg Hribal stated the cost is approximately \$1000. The Village and Park District will work together to possibly have a movie night in June, July, and August. Discussion on Veterans Day Run for 2023. President Busa stated the Park District is looking for money not necessarily for the run but for the breakfast.

Motion to go into recess at 9:08pm

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Nagl

Roll Call Vote:

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

The meeting was called back to order at 9:18pm

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Daniel Maldonado – absent; Commissioner Joseph Christopher – here; Commissioner Marianne Nagl – here; President Steven Busa – here

Also present were: Interim Executive Director Leanne Robinette; Board Secretary Laura Ball

New Business

Discussion the forming the Efficiency Committee. The Board of Commissioners needs to decide who will be on the Committee at the Monday meeting. Mary Drent is a yes. President Busa also recommends Steve Cerasuolo. They need to meet four times between now and December 2024.

Discussion on the budget that will be presented at the next meeting. \$600,000 is the most we can receive for the OSLAD Grant. We have to do everything that was in the proposal. The Board needs to be aware that we have not gone out to bid yet and due to inflation, the costs could go up between 10-15%. This is why there is a large number in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Nagl, Gordon, Christopher, and Busa

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 7-10-23