

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
June 5, 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 7:02 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: Acting Executive Director Lianne Robinette; Finance Director David Brink

Audience: Westchester residents Leann Pettis and Nicole Molinaro

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

Nicole is working with Village President Greg Hribal to get Westchester ordinances to help in the removal of buckthorn throughout the Village.

Leann attended an event at the Village of Westchester which discussed pesticides and the effect of your health as well as your pet's health. President Busa suggested to reach out to other Villages and learn what they do for fertilizer and pesticides.

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Committee and Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2023. There were none.

Finance

Discussion on Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. When last year's budget, which has a 23,000 deficit, was approved the Board unfortunately did not know that inflation would increase as much as it did. Certain expenses were a lot higher than budgeted for. The 2022-2023 will be audited at the end of July or beginning of August. Finance Director David Brink stated based on the unaudited statements and the adjustments that will probably go it, the Park District, even with the increased expenses due to inflation, will probably break even.

This year the budget will take into expense items that were higher than expected due to inflation. The budget for 2023-2024 will have a deficit of \$33,800. The Westchester Park District Fund balance can easily absorb that. Also, the Park District will most likely not receive any funds from the State of Illinois for the OSLAD grant until after the project is done. The Park District will need to have this money

available to pay the bills. Commissioner Christopher stated we need to be diligent when we get the costs from Upland.

Dave stated the budget will be posted for public view 30 days prior to its approval as well as be posted in the paper. Please email Dave with any questions in regards to the budget.

At this time Dave left the meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Christopher asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Jim is Waiting on contractors to finish pickle ball courts. There will be new LED lights at the Mayfair tennis courts and ComEd will pay for these lights and the Park District will just have to pay for installment. There was damage to a swing at the Community Center which is in the process of being repaired. Damage at community center park swing. The drinking fountain at Mayfair needs to be replaced. The current pipe is made of PVC which is not code-needs to be copper. The cost to do this is around \$19,000 which does not include the water meter and concrete slab. The Commissioners agreed the cost was too high and to cap it off and check the cost of doing water at the southeast of the tennis courts where the B-Box is.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Good job to staff on getting pool ready.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated Recreational Supervisor Tom Yurkovich is doing a great job. Softball has started. Summer Concert Series line up is set. Village is expected to be a sponsor as well as Representative Chris Welch.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Nagl. Local Government Efficiency Committee. Steve Cerasuolo agreed to be involved as well as Mary Drent.

Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated pool opened. The Park District is finishing on red cross training for lifeguards. The Park District is working with the Fire Department on an emergency action plan at the pool. Finance Director David Brink is retiring on October 6. The golf carts and tshirts are set for the 4th of July Parade. The representative at Vertical Bridge would like to have a meeting about the cell tower-the meeting is Wednesday.

Attorney's Report

No attorney

President Report

Meeting with Chris Welch tomorrow. At Welch's office 11am.

Old Business

nothing

New Business

President Busa discussed Commissioner Maldonado's interest in starting the Citizen's Advisory Committee up again. The goal would be to engage the community. This can create resources as well as volunteers. There could be a teen and senior group that can be off shoots of the Committee. The main goal would be to help strengthen to Park District and address continuing issues in the Park District. Hopefully the group can begin in the fall.

Commissioner Gordon spoke with several individuals about reforming the Special Events Committee. Hoping to have a meeting once a month before working hours.

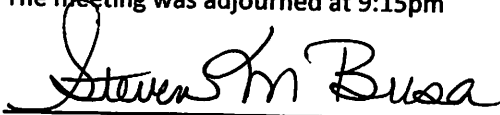
Commissioner Nagl will be attending the West 40 Town Hall meeting as a representative of the Park District.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 8-14-23