

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 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 7:08 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; Board Secretary Laura Ball; Park District Attorney Vlado Vranjes; Finance Director David Brink

Audience: Westchester resident Robert Lafferty and Westchester resident Leann Pettis

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

Resident Bob Lafferty asked about the status of the tennis/pickle ball courts at Mayfair. Acting Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated that we are waiting for the nets to come in. A pickle ball ambassador will be coming to Mayfair to instruct on how the game is played. Bob asked if any of the Community Center courts are going to be converted to pickle ball courts. President Busa stated at this time the Board has not discussed that.

Resident Leann Pettis asked what kind of fertilizer is being used at the parks. Commissioner Gordon stated the park district does not use any pesticides on the park grass.

Meeting Minutes

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Committee and Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023, as well as the Special Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2023? There were none.

Finance

President Busa stated the resolution approving a wage increase for the Superintendent of Recreation and Marketing will be moved until after the Executive Session. Review of the expense vouchers for the month of June 2023 in the amount of \$321,023.03 and the Financial Statements for the month ending June 30, 2023. There were no questions. Commissioner Busa brought up the Upland Design check. Commissioner Christopher believes the Board should approve the check but not send it out until the items at Mayfair are complete. Attorney Vranjes this would not be a problem subject to Building and Grounds saying it was ok to release the check. President Busa stated at the Board meeting-when the vouchers are approved-the Upland check will be held until the Building and Grounds Committee are

satisfied the work is done and the check can be released. At this time Finance Director David Brink left the meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Christopher asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Commissioner Gordon stated he liked the color of the tennis courts at Mayfair. There was a memorial tree that was planted at Highridge that did not develop. The Board agreed it was ok to replace the tree.

Commissioner Christopher stated there is a reimbursement program from ComEd if LED lights are put in at the tennis courts.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Day care is almost full, and Day Camp is in its second session.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated as of now the contracts for the Summer Concert Series are done. Chris Welch is now a sponsor. The Village of Westchester is also expected to donate.

Policy Committee

Citizen Advisory Board. Commissioner Nagl stated the Bylaws are finished. The application has been amended. The announcement can be made this week. There will be staggered terms. Commissioner Gordon asked what changes were made. Commissioner Nagl stated some wording was changed regarding the age requirements. The wording was changed to include residents from Hillside. The meeting times will be around the same time as the Board Meetings. There will be four meetings a year. President Busa questioned the working-member criteria should state a person cannot hold a political office. A person can be appointed but not elected. This will be on the Agenda in August for approval. Commissioner Maldonado would like to get flyers out ASAP in regard to joining the Citizens Advisory Board.

Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated there will be a co-op with North Riverside regarding trips and classes. Pools rentals are booked to the end of the season. Concert series in August-DJ will perform prior to concert and will get a check per performance. Movie Nights will be July 25 and August 29. There is a request about having a meeting regarding the cell tower and alternate locations. Finance Director Dave Brink will be leaving in October and the Park District would like to have someone in place by August so adequate training can take place. July 22 will be the start date for the pickle ball courts. OSLAD Grant-the bid process will start ASAP with construction to begin in the Spring. Lianne Robinette Michele from Upland would like to have a meeting about the OSLAD grant. President Busa would like Lianne and Commissioner Nagl to work on a policy regarding benefits for part-time employees. Lianne stated DJ's are no longer allowed at pool rentals.

Attorney's Report

Nothing at this time.

President Report

Nothing at this time.

Old Business

Commissioner Gordon stated the Special Events Committee is taking some shape.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss pending or imminent litigation against the Westchester Park District

Motion by Commissioner Madonado and Second by Commissioner Nagl.

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

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 8-14-23