

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 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 7:04 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

Also present were: Acting Executive Director Lianne Robinette; Board Secretary Laura Ball; Park District Attorney Vlado Vranjes; Finance Director Robert Sutton

Audience: Westchester resident Leann Pettis, Kathy Anne Smith, Randall Smith, and Brian Wasz

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Correspondence to the Board**

none

**Public Comments**

Lifetime Westchester resident Kathy Anne Sloan-Smith stated in the past there have been activities for Middle School age children in the Community through the Westchester Park District but there is nothing this year. Friday nights there was always basketball games and floor hockey at the Community Center. This gave the Middle School age students a safe place to go and be active. She would like to see more activities offered at the Park District for kids this age. Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated the numbers for the Friday night basketball program have been low. There have not been a lot of people volunteering to coach the basketball league, so the Park District had to go with a contractual service for coaching. The service given by the Park District had the younger students on Friday and the older students on Thursday evening. Saturday is not an option for basketball for the Middle School age students because there are youth programs in the gym and then gym rentals are after that. Kathy Anne stated a good thing about having basketball on Friday evenings was it did not interfere with the kid's other activities. It was also suggested by the residents to send out an ebalst to the residents about signing up. Discussion on bringing back the paper activates book. Commissioner Nagl stated the School District puts out a virtual backpack with information but often the information about the Park District activities can easily get overlooked. President Busa asked Lianne and the staff looking into moving the Middle School age basketball to Friday evenings and to include Commissioner Maldonado because this is his committee.

Resident Brian Waz introduced himself. He is joining the Baseball Board and would like to become more involved with the Community. Thank you to Lianne for working with him about the length of the grass at the Highridge north baseball field. President Busa confirmed the field was permitted. President Busa suggested contacting the President of Westchester Baseball about cutting the length of the grass a little

shorter. President Busa told Brian the President of Westchester Baseball can come to the meeting and speak on behalf of Westchester Baseball in regards to this.

Executive Director Lianne Robinette introduced the new Finance Director of the Westchester Park District Robert Sutton. He began on September 18<sup>th</sup> and trained with Dave for a few weeks.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Are there any questions, corrections, additions, or comments regarding the Committee and Board Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2023. There were none.

#### **Finance**

Review of the expense vouchers for the month of September 2023 in the amount of \$278,547.79 and the Financial Statements for the month ending September 30, 2023. There were no questions. President Busa needs to sign the bank account documents to change signer – resolution 2023-04. IMRF Form 2.20 to appoint Robert Sutton as the new Authorized Agent – Resolution 2023-05.

#### **Building & Grounds Committee**

Commissioner Gordon asked if there could be two bids put out for the mowing, one with the school grounds and one without the school grounds. President Busa asked Lianne to put bids out one with the schools and one without the schools.

#### **Community Center Committee**

Commissioner Maldonado asked if there were any questions regarding the report. There were none.

#### **Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee**

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. Lianne's current report did have dates going into 2024 for the Mayfair Banquet rooms. Commissioner Gordon asked if it is possible to use the Community Center gym for fitness classes instead of the banquet rooms at Mayfair. Due to the equipment that is used in some of the fitness classes the equipment needs to be in one facility.

#### **Policy Committee**

Commissioner Nagl asked what the process will be with the applications for the Citizens Advisory Committee. President Busa stated once more applications come in, we can discuss. Discussion on paper mailing of Park District activities booklet twice a year. President Busa would like this to be on the agenda for next month.

#### **Director's Report**

Executive Director Lianne Robinette is still looking for sponsors for the Veterans Day Run. Bid specs were available last Monday for mowing. President Busa asked Lianne to pull the bid and do a new bid with the different requests - one with the school land and one without the school land.

#### **Attorney's Report**

Attorney Vlado Vranjes stated he will report back next month about the music license issue.

**President Report**

Nothing at this time

**Old Business**

Nothing at this time.

**New Business**

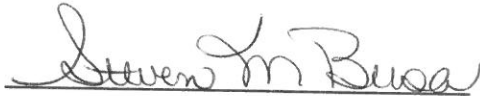
Commissioner Gordon stated groups in town are struggling. Discussion on waiving the user fees for the fields. President Busa asked for this to be put on the agenda for next month and asked Lianne to put together some numbers as well.

**Motion to Adjourn**

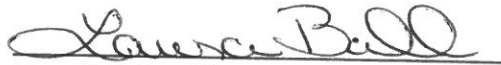
Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Maldonado and seconded by Commissioner Gordon.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 11-13-23