

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 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 7:28 pm.

Roll Call

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

Also present were: Executive Director Lianne Robinette; Attorney Vlado Vranjes; Board Secretary Laura Ball

Audience: Resident Steve Cerasuolo, Resident Mary Drent, Resident Leann Pettis, Resident Gabrielle Halpin, Resident Nicole Molinaro

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

None

Public Comments

Resident Nicole Molinaro discussed the renovation of the ball fields at High Ridge Park. The drainage is very bad in the fields, and this affects many residents who live by the ball fields. Hopefully the Board will take this into consideration when approving the bid for the ball field renovation.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 13th Committee and Board of Directors meetings will be approved tonight. The minutes from the November 17th Special Meeting and the November 6th Committee meeting will be approved at the January 2024 meeting the agenda for approval at the January meeting.

Finance

There were no questions regarding the expense vouchers and financial statements for the months of December and November respectively.

Discussion on the Tax Levy Ordinance. This was discussed at last month's Board Meeting. The amounts need to be on file with the county clerk by the last Tuesday in December. Attorney Vlado Vranjes stated everything looked in order.

Property Tax Limitation Resolution will be approved at the Board meeting. There were no additional questions.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Christopher stated the pool pump, drain and ejector pump will be looked at. Staff moved items from dog park, so MWRD has access. The old playground equipment from High Ridge will be picked up by Playgrounds Around the World. Ice Rink will be at Mayfair this year. LED lights for tennis courts at Mayfair have shipped and may be installed this year. Winter Wonderland went well. Collaboration with the Village on this was a success.

Review of proposal to renovate the baseball fields at High Ridge Park. The fields will not be able to be used during the 2024 season. Options include removing the lips as well as removing the grass infield. The north field will keep the infield grass.

There was a water line break at Mayfair Recreation Center under the concrete pad. There is an electrical line as well as a gas line under the pad. The tent structure had to come down. Commissioner Christopher would like to see something of a permanent structure there.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Nagle asked if there were any questions in regard to the report. There were none.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any additional questions in regard to the report. There were none.

Executive Session

Motion to enter into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and dismissal of specific employees made by Commissioner Gordon seconded by Commissioner Nagl.

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

Policy Committee

Commissioner Nagl and Commissioner Gordon will be attending the 2024 IAPF/APRA Conference.

No further discussion on the 2023 payment of unused vacation hours

Discussion on the Board of Commissioners 2024 Meeting dates. This will be approved at the Board Meeting.

Discussion on the nomination of members of the Citizens Advisory Board – Tom Weiner and Joslyn Kane. President Busa recommends both individuals.

Director's Report

Lianne stated there are currently three open positions in the Park District at this time. There will be changes to the verbiage in the ads for the positions to hopefully recruit more individuals. The supposed finish date of the work at the Dog Park is June 2024. Pass holders will have their memberships extended.

Attorney's Report

Nothing at this time.

President Report

President Busa would like to thank Lianne and the staff for the hard work on the Winter Wonderland Event-it was a huge success. President Busa spoke with Village President Greg Hribal about getting more electrical usage at the south end of Community Center Park to help eliminate all the extension cords. Thank you to the Westchester Police Department at the Winter Wonderland two-day event.

Old Business

None

New Business


None

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 3-4-24