

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024, 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 – here; President Steven Busa – here

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

Audience: Resident Leann Pettis

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

President Busa reminded everyone that today is President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday-reminding us how he was president when the country was torn and now the country is facing similar issues. President Busa read a thank you note from the family of Commissioner Maldonado thanking the Park District for its expression of sympathy for his mother Mildred Maldonado.

Public Comments

None

Meeting Minutes

Discussion on the minutes from the January 8th, 2024, Committee and Board of Directors Meetings. Board Secretary Laura Ball will work with Executive Director Lianne Robinette to make sure there are no missing signed Board minutes that need to be posted on the website.

Finance

Review of the expense vouchers for January 2024 in the amount of \$218,608.72. Any questions regarding the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2023, and the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2024. There were none. Discussion on the Annual Bond Abatement Ordinance. The Board is abating the money, so we do not collect it twice-we are giving the money back to the residents. President Busa asked Park District attorney Vlado Vranjas if it is in proper form. Finance Director Robert Sutton also worked with Vlado to put the abatement together. Commissioner Christopher questioned in the fall we may not want to buy back the bonds if the interest rates continue to decline. The Board will revisit this in the fall.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Chirstopher stated the MWRD (Metropolitan Water Replacement District) has cleared everything behind the garage at Norfolk Park and began staging trucks. The lights at the pool will be changed to LED lights. Discussion on the possible shelter replacement at Mayfair Park. Placement of two footing instead of four and will be shaped like a "Y" this way if the Village need to get around there and dig it will be easier and the structure will not be disturbed.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado stated there is nothing at this time. There were no additional questions in regards to the report.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any additional questions regarding the report. Commissioner Nagl asked if it was possible to clean under the Play Box at Mayfair. Leanne will look into this. There was only 3rd and 4th grade hockey this season.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Nagl stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Director's Report

Executive Director Lianne Robinette has started working on the brochure. The early bird passes for the pool will go on sale March 19th. The fees will be increased this year. Lianne will be adding additional days to rent out the kiddie pool because it does not need a lifeguard. Cook County will be voting on the paid leave for part-timers at the end of this month. The county cannot overrule what the state has put into place. Discussion on temperature in workout rooms at Mayfair. Lianne has done her due diligence in regard to the matter and the Board agrees with her decision in regards to the matter.

Attorney's Report

Vlado Vranjes reiterated the ordinance for mandatory paid leave-one hour for every forty hours worked. Cook County cannot overrule what the state has put into place.

President Report

President Busa stated the Citizen Advisory Board has met and are working on an event for the fall.

Old Business

The WPTC is having a Trivia Night at Mayfair. The Westchester Chamber was in communication about an event in April. Lianne will follow up with them on the details.

New Business

Commissioner Gordon attended an Events Planning seminar and a Programing seminar at the IAPD event he attended. Commissioner Gordon is discussing these ideas with Lianne. In a discussion with two other Executive Directors, it was agreed that there is an increase in enrollment when a paper brochure is mailed to every homeowner. Some communities alternate between having paper brochures and only doing online information. Commissioner Gordon presented different options for the infield at Gladstone baseball field. New Toys is now offering a lifetime warranty with the laminated wood not just a 10-year warranty. Outdoor Fitness Parks are still doing well.

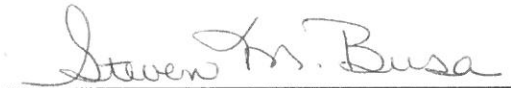
Commissioner Gordon attended the Special Events meeting with the other organizations this morning. Since next year Westchester will be 100 years old there was a discussion on pre-centennial events-block party style events for the community. Commissioner Gordon stated the Village will comply with the issues the Park District brought to them in the past about having events at Community Center Park. Looking at the weekend of July 12th

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 Nagl – aye; Commissioner Christopher – aye; Commissioner Gordon – aye; President Busa – aye MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 3-11-24