

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 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 7:05 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; Board Secretary Laura Ball, Park District Attorney Vlado Vranjes

Audience

Village Manager Barry Krumstok, resident Leann Pettis, resident Nicole Molinaro, new Park District Recreational Supervisor Chandler Piekarski

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

Nothing at this time.

Public Comments

President Busa read aloud the rules for speaking at a Park District meeting. Resident Nicole Molinaro stated that at the meeting in May President Busa stated he was not aware of the flooding issues at High Ridge Park. Nicole stated she has made comments at a prior Park District meeting in regard to the flooding issue. Resident Leann Pettis thanked the Park District for getting a water Zumba instructor. Executive Director Lianne Robinette introduced the new Recreational Supervisor Chandler Piekarski.

Meeting Minutes

There are no changes to be made to the June 3, 2024, Committee and Board Meeting Minutes as well as the June 10, 2024, Committee and Board Meeting Minutes.

Finance

Review of the expense vouchers for the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$247,493.80. There were no additional questions.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any additional questions. Commissioner Gordon added the High Ridge project is moving along. The project supervisor told Commissioner Gordon an October launch date is attainable.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado stated there was nothing additional to report.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Nagl stated there was nothing additional to report. Jim Burg is working on a proposal for lights at Mayfair.

Policy Committee

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

Director's Report

Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated the Citizens Advisory Committee is meeting on July 9th to discuss the upcoming pickleball event. Working on getting sponsors for the Veterans Day 5K and Walk. Robert Sutton has the contract for the concerts in the park scheduled for August. Kelly Stone with Inellas Restoration Center Inc has presented the Park District with a 501C3 report confirming they are not-for-profit. Discussion on the request to put in security cameras at Community Center for the upcoming Party in the Park this weekend. Village Manager Barry Krumstock spoke on the matter. Barry is looking for the approval of the Park District Board to install cameras in Community Center Park for the Party in the Park event this weekend. He stated the images on the camera go to a 911 dispatcher in Hillside. He also stated the primary purpose of the cameras is for safety. The Executive Director spoke briefly and informally to the community service officer and told him a formal proposal needs to be presented to the Park District Board of Commissioners on installing security cameras on Park District property. Lianne has written documentation going back to May 14th. Commissioner Gordon stated he is for the installation. President Busa stated there are a lot of unanswered questions such as-who owns the cameras? Who has access to the images? What if there were claims against the videos? Who is insuring the cameras? Who is paying the monthly electric/phone bill? This limited time to decide shows a lack of respect on the Villages part for the Park District. President Busa stated the concerns of the Board of Commissioners could have been addressed if the Village came to the Park District Board in a timely manner. Barry stated the installation of the cameras would be at no cost to the Park District-this is for testing purposes only. Commissioner Chirstopher agreed there is a history of the Village not coming to the Park District Board of Commissioner at a meeting with a formal proposal for anything. The attorney for the Park District Vlado Vranjes stated it would be in the best interest of the Park District to enter into an intergovernmental agreement in regard to the cameras. Barry stated the Village has an electrician to install the cameras-the Village is looking for approval tonight to install the cameras. Barry stated the camera would be owned by the Village and they would maintain it. The Park District would pay the electric bill. Barry also stated the Park District would not have access to the footage but could request footage of an event. The Village will also be insuring the equipment. President Busa stated he would like to work with the Village to get this done but there are too many questions that need to be answered and cannot be approved tonight for the event this weekend. President Busa asked Lianne to work with Barry and Vlado on this.

Attorney's Report

Nothing to report

President Report

Nothing additional to report.

Old Business

nothing

New Business

nothing

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 8-12-24