

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 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 7:02 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

Resident Leann Pettis, resident Nicole Molinaro and Mike Bieniek with LCC Telecom Services – agent for Vertical Bridge

Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence to the Board

Aging Care Connections is very grateful for the use of Mayfair Banquet Facility for their events.

Public Comments

Resident Nicole Molinaro contacted Executive Director Lianne Robinette in regards to the Park Districts Memorial Tree Program. Nicole would like to see the Park District use trees that are native to the area. The vendor the Village uses does this. Nicole offered her assistance in any way possible with this.

Mike from LCC Telecom Services spoke on the cell tower at Community Center Park. The Village said the initial proposal was too close to the residence. Now they would like to place the tower behind home plate. The new tower will have four carrier spaces. The height of the tower will be 120 feet. There will not be enough room to do any “hiding” on the tower at its base. The flag tower can be maintained by the maintenance staff. President Busa asked what the process is when talking about compensation for the Park District. The Park District attorney Vlado Vranjes would be involved in the leasing paperwork. President Busa stated he would like to have a discussion with the Board and get back to Mike. President Busa asked Mike what the permit process would be with the Village Board. Mike stated it would take multiple meetings for this to go through. The Village will provide the requirements and Mike will provide answers to every question on how they will follow the zoning ordinance.

Meeting Minutes

There are no changes to be made to the July 8, 2024, Committee and Board Meeting Minutes as well as the July 8, 2024, Public Hearin Regarding Budget and Appropriations Ordinance Minutes.

Finance

Review of the expense vouchers for the month of July 2024 in the amount of \$225,113.21. There were no financial statements provided.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated the new LED lights are a go. Part-time employees are ending. The work at High Ridge should be done by October 1.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado thanked the staff for a successful summer camp.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Nagl stated there was nothing additional to report.

Policy Committee

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

Director's Report

Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated there are a bunch of benches and tables that need to be disposed of. The equipment was deemed unsafe and needs to be disposed of. Lianne is looking for a rec supervisor, a registrar, a finance director and an assistant director for Early Childhood.

Attorney's Report

Nothing to report

President Report

President Busa stated after New Business in the Board Meeting, he will be asking for a Closed Session.

Old Business

Pickle in the Park event is set for September 14 from noon until 9pm. The Executive Director is waiting for the advertiser's logo's to come in and she will send out the advertisement. The presenting sponsor is real estate agent Laura Catrambone Gerace. The Citizens Advisory Committee has done a great job getting sponsors.

New Business

Resident Jim Matthews will be the final Citizens Advisory Board member.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting was made by Commissioner Gordon 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 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 9-9-24