

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 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 7pm

Roll Call

Commissioner Marianne Nagl – absent; 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; Attorney Vlado Vranjes; Resident Mary Drent; Resident Steve Cerasuolo

Audience

none

Participation by phone

Motion to approve the participation by telephone for Commissioner Marianne Nagl

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence to the Board

none

Public Comments

no public

Meeting Minutes

There were no questions or changes to the November 4, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes and the November 11, 2024, Committee and Board Meeting Minutes

Finance

Discussion on the tax levy. The total amount is \$1,653,500 which will be divided into three funds. Attorney Vlado Vranjes stated everything is in order with the levy. The levy amounts will be filed with the Cook County Clerk by the end of the month. Truth in Taxation Resolution was discussed. Property Tax Limitation Resolution which directs Cook County on how to reduce the Park District amounts if need be, will be approved this month at the Board Meeting.

Building & Grounds Committee

Commissioner Gordon stated the punch list at High Ridge is 99% complete. A letter from Play Illinois came into the Park District and they confirmed the playground was installed correctly. It would have been irresponsible for the Park District to open the playground prior to receiving the letter. President Busa thanked everyone for all their hard work in which is why the Park District received this grant. Hopefully the skating rink will be put down after the holiday party in January. concrete has been poured at High Ridge.

Community Center Committee

Commissioner Maldonado spoke about the Holiday event this week.

Mayfair Recreation and Banquet Center Committee

Commissioner Nagl stated there was nothing additional at this time.

Policy Committee

Commissioner Christopher stated a copy of the Affiliate Policy was included in the packet. The language was changed to make it clearer. Field usage fees will be billed monthly and must be payable in 30 days. These policies will be approved next week, and the policy will be distributed to Westchester Baseball/Westchester Softball etc. Work is still being done on the Part-timers policies.

Director's Report

Executive Director Lianne Robinette stated the Citizens Advisory Board met. Winter Wonderland starts this Wednesday. Winter Wonderland for pets will be on Friday.

Attorney's Report

Nothing additional

President Report

President Busa took a moment to say Michael Chvatal who was a resident of Westchester was sworn in as a Cook County Circuit Court judge today. President Busa stated two organizations have contacted him about using the Park District facilities at no charge. Commissioner Christopher will take that into consideration when doing the policies.

Old Business

The PTO for part timers will probably be passed. Executive Director Lianne Robinette will review and notify employees that will be affected. Also, if any 15-year-old works for the pool there will have to be a 21-year-old supervisor on site. This will be a state law and will be voted on in March 2025.

New Business

Nothing at this time

Executive Session

Motion to enter closed session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) discussion of minutes of previous executive sessions lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act and to discuss whether those minutes should remain confidential and withheld from public inspection at 8:45pm

Motion by: Commissioner Maldonado

Second by: Commissioner Gordon

Roll Call Vote:

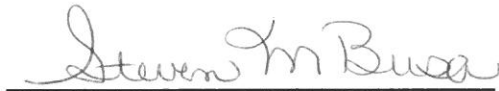
AYES: Gordon, Nagl, Maldonado, Christopher, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 1-13-25