

***Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
of the Westchester Park District, Cook County, Illinois.
Held at the Community Center, 10201 Bond Street, Westchester, IL.***

Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order** President Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M
- II. **Roll Call** was taken and present were President Gordon, Commissioner Busa, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Christopher and Commissioner Luciano. Also present were Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, Gary Kasandars; Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Jim Burg; Attorney, Andrew Paine and Board Secretary, Lauralee Conway.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Correspondence to the Board**

President Gordon reported Mr. Burg shared an email from Mr. Andrew Mikson. Mr. Mikson reported his friend Mr. Allabastro was playing a pickup game at the hockey rink on Canterbury and he collided with the boards with his stick in front of him and speared himself in the upper thigh. He went to the hospital and got checked out and he was initially fine. He had to go back and have the bruise drained and put on blood thinners so he could travel for work. While Mr. Allabastro was in Alaska on a business trip, he passed away leaving behind a 4 year old and wife. Mr. Allabastro was 40 years old.
- V. **Public Comments**

Mrs. Allabastro and a group of friends that played hockey with Mr. Allabastro approached the board asking to place a plaque or tree in remembrance at the hockey rink in honor of Mr. Allabastro. The Board expressed their condolences to Mrs. Allabastro and to the friends of Mr. Allabastro and agreed to display a plaque at the hockey rink in remembrance of Mr. Allabastro. Discussion followed.
- VI. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Review of minutes of July 14, 2014 Executive Session, Committee and Board meeting minutes.** Commissioner Casey requested the Committee meeting date be corrected to read July 14, 2014 rather June. Under Section II Roll Call for all 3 sets of minutes; as Commissioner Casey is listed as both present and absent that his name be removed from the “present” list to accurately reflect the attendance of that evening.
 - B. **Review of expense vouchers for the month of July 2014 in the amount of \$ 536,870.70.** Commissioner Gordon asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none.
 - C. **Review of Financial Statements and Capital Improvement Statements.**

Commissioner Busa discussed the bond issue money market account statement dated August 1, 2014. Commissioner Busa asked if there any questions or comments, there were none.

D. Review of Ordinance 2014-4 and ordinance declaring certain park district personal property as surplus and authorizing sale or disposal.

Commissioner Casey asked if the computers were cleaned of the information. Mr. Kasandars reported all the hard drives are destroyed prior to disposal. President Gordon questioned whether or not the printers could be donated or salvaged. Mr. Kasandars reported the printers no longer work properly.

E. Capital Projects updates.

Mr. Kasandars presented the *Capital Improvements Update* with the Commissioners. Discussion was had on whether or not to replace the water slide. Commissioner Casey reported other Park Districts are also experiencing a decline in pool activity/revenue. President Gordon asked for further investigation on the Park District pool and to address this at the next Board meeting.

F. Review of Staff Reports

Ms. Robinette reported:

- The Cooking Camp hit its maximum with very hungry children eager to learn and taste new food from around the world. The pool was able to add an additional week of swim lessons for the public due to an increase in swim instructor availability. The pool will close on the 1st day of September but will reopen for one additional day to tie in with the Back to School special event running on Friday, September 5, 2014. The movie in the Park will be Lego this year.

G. Policy Committee

a) Discussion regarding Board Committee Structure

President Gordon discussed the pros and cons of adding ad hoc committees. The ad hoc would have to be considered as a formal board meeting within the limitations of the Open Meetings Act. President Gordon asked Mr. Kasandars to add *Board Committee Structure* to the next board meeting agenda.

b) Discussion regarding field rental policies

Discussion was had on the current fees for the Park District. President Gordon reviewed and read information from the Winnetka Park District on:

- Past Field Rental Policy
- Objectives of Field Rental Policy
- Know your User Groups

Commissioner Luciano had discussion on rental fees and asked for a survey to be sent to the surrounding Park Districts. Commissioner Luciano asked to add the

survey results on the October agenda. President Gordon will schedule a special meeting for a presentation speaker on *Developing Your Athletic Field Use/Fee Policy*.

- c) Discussion regarding Intergovernmental Agreement Village Special Events
Mr. Kasandars presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Westchester Park District and Village of Westchester. President Gordon asked Attorney Paine to review along with the Board of Commissioners.

VII. Directors Report

None

VIII. Presidents Report

President Gordon inquired on the condition of the signs at the different parks. Some signs are deteriorating and need replacing. Commissioner Casey will research options of creating new signs.

IX. New Business

None

X. Old Business

None

XI. Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Busa to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 9:37 P.M.

Seconded by Commissioner Luciano.

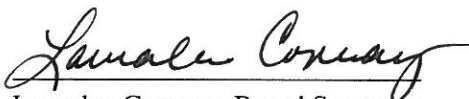
All in favor;

MOTION CARRIED.



Derek Gordon, Board President

September 8, 2014



Lauralee Conway, Board Secretary

September 8, 2014