

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONER
May 2, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, IL 60154
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Busa called the Westchester Park District Committee meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Christopher.

Also present: Executive Director; Gary Kasanders, Board Secretary; Lauralee Conway; Steve Adams; Attorney.

Absent: Commissioner Cavanaugh

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

President Busa asked if there were any public comments. Resident Santucci inquired on when and how the process of the SBA Cell Tower began, and inquired on who introduced the idea of cell towers in the Westchester Park District. The Board of Commissioners to report on the cell phone towers.

Resident Chandler expressed disappointment on the decision to even consider installing a cell tower within the Park District. Mr. Chandler also asked the Board of Commissioner to share the facts of cell towers with the residents of the Park District. Why does the Park District need revenue from a cell tower?

Attorney Adams answered the questions brought forward regarding the cell tower lease. The SBA lease was signed in October, 2015 and the lease is a two year ^{period.} The lease was signed and discussed in open session.

Resident Musselan inquired who and why the Park District made the decision to install a new cell tower.

Commissioner Martin reported the reason for the installation of the cell tower and the problematic issues of cellular phone service at Mayfield Park and the surrounding area. The area mentioned was in need of a streamline communication system and Verizon responded to the communities need of a 360 degrees cellular communication streamline. Without proper cellular communication in the areas with no service is a safety hazard to our community. The Westchester Police and Fire Department was in need of a continued cellular communication for proper emergency purposes.

President Busa read facts from the www.cancer.org titled "Do cellular phone toers cause cancer?" The information has been entered into the minute for the public to view:

Some people have expressed concern that living, working, or going to school near a cell phone tower might increase the risk of cancer or other health problems. At this time, there is very little evidence to support this idea. In theory, there are some important points that would argue against cellular phone towers being able to cause cancer.

First, the energy level radiofrequency (RF) waves is relatively low, especially when compared with the types of radiation that are known to increase cancer risk, such as gamma rays, x-rays, and ultraviolet (UV) light. The energy of RF waves given off by cell phone towers is not enough to break chemical bonds in DNA molecules, which is how these stronger forms of radiation may lead to cancer.

A second issue has to do with wavelength, RF waves were somehow able to affect cells in the body at higher doses, the level of RF waves could be concentrated enough to affect individual cells in the body.

Third, even if RF waves were somehow able to affect cells in the body at higher doses, the level of RF waves present at ground level is very low - well below the recommended limits. Levels of energy from RF waves near cell phone towers are not significantly different from the background levels of RF radiation in urban areas from other sources, such as radio and television broadcast stations.

The amount of exposure from living near a cell phone tower is typically many times lower than the exposure from using a cell phone. About 30 studies have looked at possible links between cell phone use and human tumors in people. Most studies to date have not found a link between cellphone use and the development of tumors, although these studies have had some important limitations.

President Busa listed the following Westchester cell towers, parks and schools with cell towers. The information has been entered into the minutes for the public to view:

Westchester Water Tower, Community Park (inactive), Westchester UCC Church (inactive), Divine Infant Church, Corporate Towers, Cemetery behind the library, Westmont Park District, Darien Park District, Frankfort Park District, Alsip Park District, Bolingbrook Park District, Park Ridge Park District, Lisle Park District, Joliet Park District, Winnetka Park District, Homewood Flossmoor Park District, Western Springs Park District, Worth Park District, Hinsdale Central High School, Downers Grove High School, Plainfield South High School, Westmont High School, Riverside Brookfield High School, Wheaton Warrenville High School, Nequa Valley High School.

President Busa shared a letter dated November 20, 2015 from Gred Hribal, I.T./Communications Manager of the Village of Westchester. The letter has been entered into the minutes for the public to view.

Commissioner Gordon reported the cell tower company approached the Westchester Park District. The lease is a 50 year lease, not a 99 year lease.

Commissioner Christopher discussed the layout of where and why the cell tower will be placed at the Mayfair Park.

The Board of Commissioners thanked the residents for attending the meeting and discussing their concerns. The residents also thanked the Board of Commissioners for taking time to discuss their important points of concern.

President Busa called for a recess at 9:05 P.M.

President Busa called the meeting back to order at 9:35 P.M.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE - President Busa

Property Tax Freeze bill passes

President Busa discussed the HB 696 which would expand PTELL to all counties statewide and would permanently freeze property taxes for all non-home rule taxing bodies by eliminating the CPI increase and setting the extension limitation at 0% unless an increase is approved by referendum. HB 695 that failed was nearly identical except it would have also applied to home rule taxing bodies.

B. MARKETING COMMITTEE - Commissioner Cavanaugh

Staff Reports were reviewed.

C. RECREATION COMMITTEE - Commissioner Gordon

Dance Recital - May 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. & 1:00 P.M.

Memorial Day Service - May 29, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

16" League of Champions Tournament - May 19, 2016 through May 22, 2016

D. POLICY COMMITTEE - Commissioner Martin

Authorization to suspend pool daily admissions

2266 Suspension of Pool Daily Admission

In order to best serve our season pass membership ability to gain entrance at the swimming pool the district reserves the right to suspend acceptance of daily admissions to the park district's pool. The Executive Director or his/her designee may determine on a daily basis to suspend taking daily admission to the pool on the pool on any day due to the potential of overcrowding and to best service pool pass

members.

Part time staff program benefits

Item will be tabled until the June Committee Meeting, the Board of Commissioners agreed.

Policy regarding serving alcohol at park events

2227 Alcohol Served at Park District Sponsored and Partnered Events

The Board of Commissioners discussed a policy regarding serving alcohol at park events. Attorney Adams and Mr. Kasanders will work on Policy, State of Illinois Laws, License, Hours and any other regulations that need to be addressed for the sale of alcohol.

- E. **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE - Commissioner Christopher**
Mayfair Garage will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Mr. Kasanders**
Proposed change to pool BBQ Party

Mr. Kasanders reported various costs regarding the special event "BBQ at the Pool". The Board of Commissioners agreed to the Pool-Side BBQ event scheduled on Saturday, June 25, 2016.

AYSO Lease renewal

Attorney Adams reviewed the Westchester AYSO lease agreement with the Board of Commissioners.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Busa**

President Busa reported the below tentative budget discussion meeting dates.

- June 6, 2016 - Tentative Budget Approval
- July 4, 2016 - Holiday - NO MEETING
- July 13, 2016 - Budget discussion
- July 11, 2016 - Final Budget Approval

President Busa asked the Board of Commissioners to review the impact the HB 696 if passed.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
None

9. **OLD BUSINESS**
None

10. **MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:16 P.M. UNDER:**
5ILCS/120(c)(11) " Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public finds that such an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded into the minutes of the closed session"

11. **Motion to reconvene the Committee Meeting at 11:17 P.M.**
All in favor, motion carried.

President Busa read thank you cards from the Kleefisch family, Yurkovich Family and the Kasanders Family.

12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 11:20 P.M.**

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon 2nd by: Commissioner Martin
Ayes: Martin, Gordon, Christopher, Busa
Nays: None
Absent: Cavanaugh

Motion Carried.



President, Steven M. Busa



Board Secretary, Laura Lee Conway

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Date