

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Of the Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners  
August 7, 2013  
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

President Bernas called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call: Comm. Bernas, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith, Director Ron Gunter, Robert Fleck, Supt. of Parks, Kim Baxter, Supt. of Recreation, Keith Johnson, Greens Supt., Kevin Siewak, Athletic Coord, Bobbi Trifilio, Admin. Asst, Joel Hymen, Recreation/IT, John Chorney, Maintenance Foreman, Steve Golembiewski, Asst. Supt. of Rec., Craig Grember, Golf Course Club Manager, Sara Porter, intern and Tom Chapman from Raymond James.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 10, 2013

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 10, 2013.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0

Motion carried.

4. Claims Ordinance

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Karesh to pay the September bills.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0

Motion carried.

5. Open Forum

a. Public Hearing

No was present from the general public

b. Written

Ron had a request from Holy Trinity Church to sell alcohol at their October Fest being held in Veteran's Memorial Park. Board discussed a policy whereby all organized religious organizations have the park rental fees waived.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Main to waive park rental fees for all religious organizations from Westmont that are recognized as such by the IRS.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Karesh to alcohol in at Veteran's Memorial Park on October 21, 2013 for Holy Trinity's October Fest Family Day in the Park.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0

Motion carried.

Agenda Item # 6 2013-2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2013-3

a. Public Hearing

President Bernas opened the public hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2013-3. No one was present from the general public. President Bernas closed the public hearing

b. Board Action

.Motion was made by Comm. Karesh and seconded by Comm. Main to approve the 2013-2014 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 2013-3.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Property at 57<sup>th</sup> and Wilmette

Ron has met with Mr. Kazminski regarding the contract. Now the State is requesting information on the out lot we have reserved for Mr. Kuzminski's Life Estate. The DNR will not fund that portion of the property. We will lose a portion of the grant money because of it, based on the appraisal.

b. Park Projects

Bob stated that Ron got a grant from the DNR for the Summer Youth Corp. We hire 6 teens for 40 hours per week for 3 months @ \$9 per hour that were paid from the grant. The grant was for \$21,300. They are working outside in the parks on weeding, mulching etc. Also, work on pathway asphalt at Ty Park will be starting. Work on the playground at Rotary Park will begin in the fall.

c. Future Board Meetings

Ron reminded everyone that the next two meetings have been moved back a week to September 18, 2013 and October 16, 2013. The remainder of this year's meetings will be on the normal second Wednesday of the month.

d. Other

There was no other unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. 2013 Bonds – Board to Review Issuing Additional Bonds for Park Purposes

Tom Chapman walked the Board through the various options for additional bonds above our normal bond issues. The bond issue will need to be approved at the September 2013 regular board meeting. After discussion the Board decided to go out for \$2 million in additional bonds for land acquisition and park development.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Karesh authorized the park to go out to sell \$2 million in additional capital improvement/land acquisition bonds.

Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0

Motion carried.

b. Ash Tree Program

Bob will begin removing ash trees from the parks soon because of the ash borers.

c. Twin Lakes Golf Course Update

- Craig Grember went over the golf course comparison report from 2012 and 2013
- d. Fitness Club Update  
Joel reported that the Fitness Club was down by 5 memberships but it is looking good for August with a plus 10.
  - e. Other  
There was no other new business.

#### Agenda Item # 9 Report of Staff

Joel told the Board that over the past month I have been working on and preparing for projects. The Fitness Club video and audio project had been completed. The new treadmills have all 20 TV channels up and full internet working. The new sound system is also finished being installed. There are three different zones all with different music, the lobby/lounge, cardio area, and weight room. The entire building now also has the ability to receive pages from the front desk. I will now be focusing on some of the technology upgrades that were decided at budget workshop. I will be improving some of the wifi in our buildings as well rewiring the internet cabling in the community center. In between spending additional time at the Fitness Club I have been working with the front desk staff at the community center to assist them with difficult tasks in our registration system. I have also been monitoring my Adult interest classes. I will also be running the payroll system while Sharon is on vacation. Over the past month I have been working with Sharon a few days a week to retrain on that system. I also continue to update and edit our website on a daily basis.

Kevin reported that Sunday adult softball finished on July 28. The Monday, Wednesday and Friday league will continue until late August. The AYSO and Chicago Blast have submitted their requests and will beginning playing soccer on September 1. Practices have begun for the Wildcats. We have the Parents meeting on August 20, Certification August 24 and the Pep Rally August 25. Games will begin the last weekend of August and continue until October. We also created a Flag Football program for children ages 5-7. This is to introduce the sports of football to younger players. Travel basketball will be held September 14<sup>th</sup> and will consist of grades 5-8. These teams begin their season in October and play twenty games. They will also play in several tournaments throughout the season.

Steve reported that on Friday, July 19 we had our Movies in the Park event at Ty Warner Park. We had an estimated 100 audience members for the showing of "Wreck it Ralph." Unfortunately, we had to end the event early due to weather. We have our second Movies in the Park event on Friday, August 3 that will start at approximately 8:30PM. That movie will be "Madagascar 3." On Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11 we will have our Art in the Park series with PVPN's live performance in the park. The title of the performance will be "Shakespeare's Midsummer night Dream." We will also have a another showing on Friday, August 22 at the Westmont Library as well as Saturday, August 24 & 25 at Fishel Park in Downers Grove.

Kim reported that the program guides were being delivered starting today. She is working on Holly Days forms. Cindy is back ½ days and still going to therapy. She

stated that we give about \$4,000 annually in scholarships at \$260 per family for those that qualify. Comm. Long wants two people to sign off on scholarships. I've been busy with Chamber activities: volunteering at the Taste of Westmont, attending quarterly Huddle, working on upcoming events, recruiting Tourism & Events Committee members. Cathy Morava, SEASPAR Superintendent of Recreation, and I are planning a get-together for staff from the agencies at the Twin Lakes Golf Club on Thursday, Sept. 19, 5:00-7:00pm. This will be an opportunity for staff to meet and mingle; dinner will be provided by both agencies.

Keith reported they are busy pulling weeds, trimming trees and cutting grass.

John had nothing additional to report.

Bob reported that he is going to his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Director's School. The college kids we employ will be leaving for school soon and we will be down to the regular crew.

#### Agenda Item # 10 Adjournment

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call:     Ayes 5           Nays 0           Absent 0

Motion Carried.