



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Special Meeting
By Remote Attendance
August 5, 2020 5:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Long called the Meeting to order at 5:06 pm.
The meeting was held remotely through Zoom on-line meeting attendance.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners Conneely, Karesh, Long, Moffett, Zapinski
Executive Director Fleck

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item #4 Board to Consider COVID-19 Impact on District Operations and Programs

a. Special Events and Programs

Meeting began with an update on special events and programs. The most significant change shared by Director Fleck was the State of Illinois' rules for all athletics, youth and high school, beginning August 15th. The tiered structure, which rates sports from high to low risk, will prevent certain sports from being played, prevent competition but allow training and scrimmage for others, while low risk sports like golf and running may compete to the full extent. Beginning August 15th our bleachers will be used as an extension of the dugouts to allow social distancing for baseball and softball players. Without this change baseball could not play competitive games. Parents are being asked to bring their own chairs. The Board asked Director Fleck to verify if soccer can play games, scrimmage or practice per the new rules.

The programming focus is on the idea and option for an extended E-learning Kids Club program for elementary school students to serve families who work. Staff is collaborating with the schools to ask questions, find solutions and create a plan that serves family needs in a safe manner. The Park District would NOT be responsible for the student's education but rather serve as a "proctor" during remote learning. If this program happens it would be a combination of day camp, Kids Club and proctored study hall. School District 201 has offered the use of Manning School if the demand from parents warrants the extra space. The Park Board stressed the need to make it safe, follow COVID guidelines and to clarify that the Park District is not responsible for the educational success or failure of the student.

Per this discussion the Board agreed to move forward with the creation of a modified program in response to the COVID impact on students and families. A survey will be prepared to seek feedback and need from elementary school parents. Lastly, the Board confirmed their expectation that the program will cover its expenses. Director Fleck expects it will be at a reasonable price point but it will also be a revenue source during a time when there has been a loss of revenues.

b. Revenue Facilities

A report on revenue facilities was provided. The golf course is up \$35,000 in revenues as compared to the same period of time from the previous year. Greens fee were the majority of the increase, while additional revenues included cart rentals and golf lessons.

The Fitness Club lost another 5 memberships but a few more new memberships were gained. Total net loss since the June 15 re-opening has been 20 memberships.

c. Maintenance

There was no discussion of maintenance.

d. Other

Lastly, the Board discussed a letter received from a Carla Carpenter of North Grant St. expressing her interest in having two vacant lots adjacent to her home as future park land. The Board and Director Fleck agreed these lots would make a great neighborhood park, that the area is underserved and the properties are more than ½ mile from the closest park (Sentinel) in that region. Purchase price and availability of funds from HB 64 are the obstacles that need to be considered. Director Fleck advised that no action be taken on any land acquisition until we have a guarantee of HB 64 funding from the State. At this time the Governor's Office of Budget and Management has not released the money.

The next meeting will be the regularly scheduled August 12, 2020 Board Meeting, starting at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #5 Adjournment

Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Karesh and seconded by Comm. Moffett to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Comm. Karesh, Comm. Moffett, Comm. Conneely, Comm. Zapinski, Comm. Long

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 pm.