



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
February 10, 2021 6:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Conneely, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Moffett, Comm. Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Sharon Macak, Supt. of Finance, Joel Hymen, Supt. of Revenue Facilities & IT, Dustin Kleefisch, Supt. of Recreation, Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR, John Chorney. Parks & Facilities Foreman, Alice Krampits, Senior & Special Events Coordinator, Pat Nally, Parks & Facilities Maintenance Trade Specialist

Guests: Logan Melia, Westmont Resident
WYBA Board Members Bill Belmonte, Alex Laskowski, & Jason Pecard

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2021
- b. Closed Session Minutes – January 13, 2021
- c. Claims Ordinance – February 10, 2021

Motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Moffett to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Comm. Zapinski, Comm. Moffett, Comm. Conneely, Comm. Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

- a. General Public
Bob introduced Logan Melia, a Westmont Resident and sophomore at Hinsdale Central High School. Mr. Melia addressed the Board, stating that he is attending tonight's meeting for his civics class and he would like to complete service hours for his class volunteering for the District.

b. Written

Bob read a thank you note from the Long family. Also, Bob referenced an article from West Suburban Living Magazine in which the Village of Westmont and Westmont Park District were featured.

c. Other

Bob introduced Pat Nally, District employee, who was recently promoted to Full Time Parks & Facilities Maintenance Trade Specialist. The Board welcomed Pat and congratulated him on his new position.

Agenda Item #6 WYBA Presentation and Financial Report

Alex Laskowski began the presentation. He provided the Board with a packet of financial information, including a review of the 2020 budget, 2020 payments, and the 2021 budget. He reviewed the success of the Fall 2020 season, along with registrations for the 2021 season. Various expenses and insurance coverage were reviewed, and he stated that the goal is to make the experience better each year for the players. According to Mr. Laskowski, the league plans to pay the District \$18,000 this year, which will be generated from registration fee, \$45 per player. Also, the plan is to increase rates for Fall Ball. Bill Belmonte reviewed current registration fees: \$175, T-Ball and Instructional; \$225, Minors and Majors; \$285, Juniors. He discussed the growth of the travel leagues and WYBA's relationship with the LaGrange league. He also thanked the Board and staff for their assistance and support, specifically with field maintenance and scheduling. Additionally, Mr. Belmonte requested District assistance with promotional efforts. Bob stated that WYBA will have the full support of the District's marketing coordinator. He addressed fees and said the per player fee for the District is good, adding that staff is currently calculating what it costs the District to work with this program. He questioned the training and supervision of the umpires. Mr. Belmonte explained that there was mid-season training, however, he feels that Official Finders should do more. President Karesh questioned the \$45 per player fee to the District, and suggested that this should be reviewed. Also, there was discussion about the SportsEngine website utilized by the WYBA. The Board congratulated the WYBA on the growth of the program and was appreciative of the presentation.

At this point, at 6:55 pm, President Karesh called for a recess. The meeting was called back to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #7 Ordinance No. 2021-1

Ordinance Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Capital Appreciation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of principal and interest on said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such principal and interest if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

President Karesh explained that this will set Bond parameters in order to make it beneficial to the District. Bob commended Sharon for her work with this process. He reviewed the interview with Standard & Poor's and said there is one more call with bond counsel Chapman & Cutler. According to Bob we are trying to lock in an interest rate

to replace the currently held bond interest rate of between 5.2 and 6.1%. This process will realize a long term savings of approximately \$1,000,000 in interest savings. Bob also explained if the rates are not favorable then we have the option to not proceed.

Motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Conneely to approve Bond Parameter Ordinance No. 2021-1.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

a. Veterans Memorial Park Veterans Memorial Concept Plans

Bob explained that this is exclusively concerning the Veterans Memorial on Richmond Street. He provided background information regarding the American Legion approaching the Park Board for a new memorial, and acknowledged that this area is almost 25 years old and is in need of a facelift. Also, it is no longer adequate for the Memorial Day Ceremony. He said this project will have a \$40,000 budget from ADA funds. He presented a topographic survey of this location, along with two concept plans, indicating a new retaining wall and the location for the new bronze eagle memorial. The Board reviewed the different plans. Bob explained that the Legion purchased the eagle and they have put money toward a bronze plaque, however, they will not have enough money for the masonry pedestal. Bob suggested that the District purchase the pedestal and let the Legion make payments to the District over a five-year period. The Board discussed and reviewed the plans, and was in agreement to proceed with this project.

b. LWCF and DCEO Acquisition Grants – Update

Bob reported that there is no information from the LWCF; they have the appraisal report, however, we have not yet received a response from the DNR. With regards to the DCEO grant, they have our application and they are responsive. Bob explained that he is in communication with the owner, and there is a sense of urgency with this property as the owner has had other interest and wants to sell.

c. 2021 Commissioner Election Ballot Re-Certification

Bob reported that the final proof of the ballot was received today, Jim Long's name has been removed and there will be three names on the ballot for the April 6, 2021 election.

d. FMC Natatorium

According to Bob, there are still no classes yet due to COVID restrictions, however, things are picking up and marketing has started. He explained that there is a link to their website from the District's website, but we are not handling any FMC registrations. Bob said we are marketing our Fitness Club through their website. Parents are not allowed in the facility at this time, so our club may be a place for them to go and possibly some memberships can be generated. He added that Fitness Club members are entitled to five free swim passes. Additionally, Bob reported that SEASPAR swim lessons recently started at FMC, and the SEASPAR swim meet will be held there.

e. Virtual State Conference

According to Bob, this reaffirmed the value of the in-person conference, since there were many technical issues.

f. Other

President Karesh requested the Board to review the IAPD Annual Report. He also asked if there was any feedback from the Long family on the renaming of Blackhawk Park. According to Bob, he has not heard from the family.

Agenda Item #9 New Business

a. 2020 Statement of Economic Interest

Lenore reported that this process is the same as in prior years and filers can expect to receive an email from the DuPage County Clerk in early March.

b. Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported that expenses are low at this time of the year. The accounts payable total is \$54,974 and the checking accounts total is \$3,488,143.53. She explained that this will be the last tax revenue distribution for the next couple of months, and we surpassed last year's percentage.

c. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that the new ADA automatic doors have been installed at the Community Center gym and the Fitness Club gym, and he presented a video demonstrating how they work. He explained that the electric was done in-house, which was a big savings, and one more door will be installed in the Administrative Center. According to Joel, he has been working with FMC Natatorium's website manager, he repaired the security cameras at the golf course, and he has been working with Dustin on the technical side of the Beer Fest. He is also starting to plan for Junior Golf, which will once again have on-line registration. At the Fitness Club, he said there is a slow uptick in activity and visits, and hours have been extended until 10:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. He reported on membership numbers and reviewed Phase 4 guidelines, which allow for 50% capacity and pick-up basketball games, however masks are still required at all times.

d. Parks/Maintenance Report

John reported on improvements in the Community Center lower level. In the dance studio there is new LED lighting and the hallway floors have been stripped and waxed. Photos were presented. There was discussion about new lighting in the Community Center, and the Board was in agreement to purchase new LED's for the rest of the building. John also reviewed recent snow removal done by his staff.

e. Recreation Report

With regards to WYBA, Dustin explained that the \$45 per player fee payable to the District came from both the fee structure and District expenses. He added that he has access to all of their financial transaction through SportsEngine. Dustin reported that Edith continues to work at the Fitness Club three nights per week, instead of Rachel and Anna, since athletics and marketing efforts are increasing. According to Dustin, he and Alice are starting to reintroduce senior programs, including pickleball, Tai Chi,

watercolor, Walk & Talk Club, and AARP Tax Assistance. He said they want to reintroduce Movie Mondays at least once per month. The Board was agreeable to this program returning. He explained that schools are planning to go back to full day after Spring Break, and he discussed some activities staff has done with E-Learning participants. He reviewed changes in the dance program suggested by Edith, which resulted in revenue increases. With the move to Phase 4 guidelines, athletic programs are opening up, and Dustin explained that basketball can now practice, and clinics and camps will be offered. Planning has also begun on the new Bidy Basketball summer league. Also, Dustin reported on the success of Winter Beer Fest To-Go, which was sold out. He added that Anna's marketing efforts and Facebook presence made a big difference. Finally, there was discussion about fraudulent ticket sales for this event.

f. Other

There was no other new business.

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Comm. Moffett and seconded by Comm. Zapinski to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Regular Session was adjourned at 8:10 pm.