



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
August 11, 2021 6:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Conneely, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Moffett, Comm. Pecard, Comm. Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Sharon Macak, Supt. of Finance, Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR

Guest: Ron Foster, Westmont Park District Senior Golf League President

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2021
- c. Claims Ordinance – August 11, 2021

A motion was made by Comm. Conneely and seconded by Comm. Pecard to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

Bob introduced Senior Golf League President Ron Foster, who addressed the Board regarding the need for a water cooler drinking fountain at the Twin Lakes Golf Course, to be located at the restroom near hole #7. Discussion began. Bob explained that he is happy to install a drinking fountain, however, the cooler feature is for indoor fountains only and is not durable enough to withstand a winter outdoors. Mr. Foster stated that Downers Grove has these water coolers on their golf course, and Bob said he will contact Downers Grove Park District for more information. President Karesh provided information about outdoor drinking fountains from Most Dependable Fountain, and reviewed the winterization process, adding that this is a fair request. Bob explained that there is a cart driver on the course with a five-gallon cooler and cups for the golfers. Leaving this cooler outside and refilling as

needed was also discussed, however, it was determined this would not happen as it may be a health and safety concern. According to Mr. Foster, he was told at a league meeting earlier this year that a drinking fountain would be installed, and was later told by Joel this would not happen this year. After discussion the Board was in agreement to install a Most Dependable Fountain drinking fountain at the restroom near hole #7. In addition, Bob will follow up with the clubhouse regarding the current schedule for the cart driver with the water cooler.

b. Written

Bob noted Mr. Foster's written request for a golf course drinking fountain.

c. Other

Commissioner Pecard expressed his appreciation to John Chorney and the Parks Maintenance staff for the high quality field conditions at Veterans Park during the recent baseball tournament. He reported that Little League International asked WYBA to host this tournament again next year. According to Commissioner Pecard, fall baseball registration is going very well, and game play will need to be scheduled at both Veterans Park and Ty Warner Park. There was discussion about keeping the Backstop Concession Stand open on weekends for fall ball games. Additionally, Bob noted that District programs and WYBA games have field priority over other renters, such as local soccer clubs. The Board was in agreement, however, it was noted that care must be taken with scheduling as we do not want to lose our regular field renters.

Agenda Item #6 2021-22 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2021-9

a. Public Hearing

President Karesh called the hearing to order, stating that the purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding the District's proposed budget and appropriation ordinance. He explained that it was prepared in tentative form by staff and has been available for public viewing at the District's Administrative Offices and on line for at least 30 days prior to this hearing, and notice of the hearing was published in the Westmont Suburban Life. He noted that the ordinance states the anticipated expenditures, establishes the budget and appropriates the money the District plans to spend in the upcoming fiscal year. He asked if there was any comment from the public. Mr. Foster asked if the drinking fountain to be installed at the golf course is in this year's budget. President Karesh said it was not listed as a line item, but funds can be allocated. The Board was appreciative of the way staff presents the budget.

Seeing no further comments, a motion was made by Comm. Moffett and seconded by Comm. Zapinski to close the Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Board Action

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Moffett to approve 2021-22 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2021-9.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Acquisition Grant Updates

Regarding 418 N. Warwick Ave., Bob reported that the closing has been pushed to the end of August, which will allow the tenant time to pack and move out. Also, the owners were given time to break down and salvage a deck. Though there is no closing date yet, everything is in place. Bob did express a minor concern, explaining that some of these procedures may be done virtually due to COVID restrictions.

With regards to 314 N. Grant St., Bob reported that we received the full reimbursement of \$290,732.89 from the State today, adding that this has been a very positive process and we are all set to proceed. Staff is starting to maintain the property and tree removal is scheduled for this fall.

Bob explained that some additional grant opportunities will be available, and there is a mandatory webinar being offered next Thursday, where we will learn more details about eligibility and requirements. If we do not attend the webinar, we will not be eligible.

Bob informed the Board about property north of 314 N. Grant St., located at 350 N. Grant. He described the property, explaining that it has been subdivided and the owner wants to build on half and sell the rest. According to Bob, this may be an opportunity to increase open space. Bob provided a picture of the parcel survey, indicating the property location. After discussion, the general feeling of the Board was to pursue this additional property.

b. Lions Club Labor Day Carnival and Backyard BBQ

Bob explained that this will be similar to the old Memorial Day event. Friday night there will be vendors and food trucks; Saturday will include the amateur Backyard BBQ, one band and food trucks; beer and a fireworks display; Sunday will be just the carnival. All will be held at Ty Warner Park. According to Bob, the BBQ event will be moved back to Memorial Weekend next year.

c. Golf Course Irrigation Modernization

Bob reported that bids will come back on August 24th, and he sent the packet to three contractors. He reviewed the project, explaining the need to modernize the current system. A two-wire system will be installed, which can be operated remotely and will be connected to a weather gauge. This will allow staff to do a better job of irrigation and can also be used during play.

Regarding the current golf course pond sediment removal project, Bob provided pictures of the preparation, which involved creating a flat ground surface for the sediment bag.

d. 4th of July

Bob and Sharon reported that we are still waiting for final numbers, explaining that profits are divided with Lions Club and the refund has not yet been received from Euclid. Sharon reviewed funds received from the Village and Westmont Auto Group, predicting that this event will once again break even. Bob confirmed that this event is not designed to make money; it's simply an event for the community.

c. Other

There was no other unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. 2022 Golf Cart Fleet Replacement Discussion

Bob reviewed the information and quotes that were included in the Board Packet, explaining that our golf carts are from 2005, and since it may take up to a year to acquire, we need to look at this now for next year. Options for purchasing 16 new carts, along with lease to own options were presented. The Board discussed and reviewed cost and various purchase options, including purchasing just eight or four carts at a time. Bob confirmed that Yamaha is the best cart on the market and is very fuel efficient. He provided a picture of the new carts, along with cost charts, explaining that we will not have to pay any money until the product is received and no down payment is required. Bob will work with Harris Golf Cars on cost for eight carts now and eight carts later, rather than 16 at once. He added that there are not many golf cart companies and he can quickly go to bid if needed. The Board continued discussion, in general preferring to start with purchasing only eight carts.

A motion was made by Comm. Pecard and seconded by Comm. Conneely authorizing the Executive Director to go to public bid for the purpose of purchasing eight golf carts in 2022, not to exceed \$33,000.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Golf Course Well Pump Proposals

Bob presented the following quotes for the Board's review:

- o DuPage Well & Pump 7,210.00
- o Water Well Solutions 10,134.00
- o Meadow Well & Pump 11,431.33

He explained that the new pump will last for many years. The Board discussed.

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Conneely to accept the \$7,210 bid from DuPage Well & Pump for the new Golf Course well pump.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported that the accounts payable total is \$198,971.30, the checking accounts total is \$4,210,214.93, July interest was \$216.71 and we continue with the \$200,000 CD. She said the auditors will be on site for the preliminary audit on August 20th.

d. Revenue Facility Report

Joel Hymen was not in attendance, so Bob asked the Board to refer to Joel's report. Bob reported that this was a good season for the Junior Golf League. Also, Fitness Club staff has been calling past members for renewal. Additionally, Bob confirmed that there are currently no restrictions in place.

e. Parks/Maintenance Report

Bob reported that we are catching up and the current weather has slowed down the growth of grass. He explained that one tree behind the Museum was damaged during a recent storm, and it was discovered that it was infested with carpenter ants, so it has to come down. He informed the Board that there have been several tree issues, which will result in increased tree removal costs. Additionally, 160 shrubs are being delivered to Ty Warner Park tomorrow. Holes have already been dug and planting will be an assembly line process with staff.

f. Recreation Report

As Dustin Kleefisch was not in attendance, Bob asked the Board to refer to Dustin's report. Bob reported that this is the last week of summer camp, and the fall program guide is currently available on-line only. According to Bob, Kids Club will take place here and not on-site at the schools. Also, full time staff will be assisting with this program due to lack of part time staff. Finally, Bob informed the Board that the recent Summerfest Softball Tournament was very successful and positive.

b. Other

There was no other new business.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.