



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
June 13, 2022 6:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Conneely, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Moffett (remotely, via telephone),
Comm. Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager &
Accountant, Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR, John Chorney, Parks & Facilities
Foreman, Alice Krampits, Senior & Special Events Coordinator, Rachel Buster-Dorsey,
Athletics Coordinator

Guest: Natalie Cappetta, Attorney, Cappetta & Associates, Ltd.

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022
- c. Closed Session Minutes – May 11, 2022
- d. Claims Ordinance – June 13, 2022

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Pecard

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

There was no comment from the public.

b. Written

President Karesh read an email from Commissioner Pecard, announcing his resignation from
the Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners, effective June 13, 2022.

c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #9 Unfinished Business

a. Backstop Netting Discussion

Bob reported that he continues researching backstop netting for Lou Cimera Field; however, he has been unsuccessful thus far with contacting area facilities to view and compare their netting systems. According to Bob, the current netting is 35 feet high, and the new system would need to be 50 feet high, along with moving it in 15 feet. Concern about stopping foul balls was discussed, along with cost, which may be \$120,000 for a new system. Bob explained that funding might be available; however, there is still no update on the grant application.

b. Proposed Multi-Purpose Building Progress Report

He reported that Westmont requires a fire sprinkler design to be included in the drawings for permit, so we will have to bid the fire suppression work; a bid ad will be prepared for the newspaper next week.

Right now, the cost estimate for the building is \$1.3 million; however, Bob is working to bring that number down. Regarding the timeline, Bob explained that we are entering the end of design development. The next phase will be construction development before moving toward permit submittal, which should take place by August 1.

Bob presented the latest renderings for the Board's review, explaining that we are starting to hone in on materials and colors, and he went over some of the exterior materials.

At this point, at 6:15 pm, President Karesh paused the meeting due to storm sirens. After ensuring that those present were safe, the Board resumed the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Commissioner Conneely requested a time line and schedule with dates. Bob will send this to the Board, though this will be a fluid document and the schedule will change. The Board continued to review the renderings, including the concession area, which will no longer include a separate air conditioning unit, as previously discussed. Bob explained that extending an air duct into this space will suffice and a thermostat will not be needed. Also reviewed was the fire suppression room, which cannot come along with anything else, so this may affect the storage room.

c. 4th of July

Bob presented a map of Ty Warner Park, indicating the event layout, including location of the food truck court in the southeast parking lot. He reported that the fireworks permit was submitted today, and a pre-event planning meeting is scheduled on Thursday. He reviewed the event timeline, culminating with fireworks at 9:30 pm. Volunteering at the beer tent was discussed. Additionally, Commissioner Moffett will be directing the Westview Hills Middle School band at the start of the event.

d. Other

Bob presented a picture of proposed new trash receptacles for park rental pavilions, which have an open, covered lid. The cost for 25 or more is \$229 each. According to Bob, this is well within the budget. The Board agreed to purchase, and suggested adding the logo. Regarding the Parcel 6 satellite garage, Bob suggested proceeding with an amendment to the lease agreement. A drawing was presented for the Board's review, which indicated a three-

car garage with apron, and a sliding electric gate. The hope is to present this to Willowcrest Golf Club this week. Bob explained that we have the title to this property, along with tax exemption, and Willowcrest also has documentation, however, only a public entity can be tax exempt. Additionally, they have not paid any taxes. An aerial view of the property was also presented.

Bob updated the Board on the ARPA recovery plan, explaining that the County has responded and they have adjusted our payroll request from \$48,236.15 to \$32,111.58. Voting will take place on Tuesday, so we will hear on Wednesday.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. 5708 Western Ave. De-Annexation Ordinance No. 2022-5

Bob verified that this property is in fact in Clarendon Hills and not connected to the Village of Westmont or Westmont Park District. Attorney Natalie Cappetta spoke to the Board regarding the impact fee, and provided a brief history of this property. She explained that both Westmont and Clarendon Hills both annexed it in 2004 and in 2018, it was disconnected back to Clarendon Hills from Westmont.

A motion was made by Comm. Conneely and seconded by Comm. Zapinski to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-5 disconnection of territory from the Westmont Park District – 5708 Western Ave., Clarendon Hills, IL

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Board to Approve Musco Lighting Purchase Order for Diane Main Softball Field

Bob reviewed the purchase order and reported that this has been approved at the attorney level. The proposed pricing is \$249,800. If approved, then this purchase order will be sent to Musco. He explained that this lighting meets the standard for recreational softball, and will have the same monitoring system that we currently use.

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Conneely to approve Musco Lighting Purchase Order for Diane Main softball field 1, at a cost of \$249,800.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Board to Consider Tree Removal and Trimming Bid

According to Bob, we only received one bid, from Homer Tree, as they are one of the only companies that does public bids anymore. He explained that we have a budget of \$60,000, and we will add \$7,550 for the Fritz Werley Park tree line. He provided pictures for the Board, explaining that it's best to do this now. Removal will include trimming, removing the fence and then removing the trees, in order to open up this area.

A motion was made by Comm. Conneely and seconded by Comm. Zapinski to approve Homer Tree Trimming and Removal Base Bid of \$43,300 plus \$7,550 for the Fritz Werley tree line.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

d. Board to Consider Bernas Park Pond Sediment Removal Bid

According to Bob, the budget for this was \$64,675, but the actual work will cost \$64,675, which does not include the excavation work to create the flat tabletop surface. He obtained a price of \$3,000 from Dan Byrd, and is still waiting from a price from Organic Sediment. He said we have to do this over a two-year cycle and provided pictures of the silt bag location, explaining that we want to avoid the bag covering the pathway. He added that the sediment removal process should not need to be done again for another 20 years.

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Conneely to approve Organic Pond Sediment Removal Base Bid of \$64,675, for Bernas Park pond.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

e. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the checking accounts total is \$8,803,076.22 and the May interest rate was .84%, which generated \$5,587.89 in interest. The accounts payable total was \$143,677.48. She informed the Board that the Royal Bank CD is now closed and we are exploring other investment options. The Wintrust account was discussed, which we will formally approve next month, for a minimum of \$3 million, according to Bob. He suggested that Commissioner Conneely meet with Jeff Kraus.

f. Revenue Facility Report

As Joel Hymen was not in attendance, Bob reported that the Fitness Club is maintaining membership and we plan to increase marketing this fall. He confirmed that the club did not lose money as of May 31st. He noted that corporate memberships have not been returning. At the Golf Course, better weather has resulted in larger revenues. In addition, the clubhouse is fully staffed.

g. Parks/Maintenance Report

Bob reported that we are picking up on projects in addition to day-to-day activities. Flowers have been planted and tree and bench memorials are in. Maintenance staff is working seven days per week due to park rentals and field usage. John reported that weeding is done by hand, however chemicals are used in areas away from playgrounds and ball fields. He added that spraying is done between 4:00 and 5:00 am, so it is dry before people come to our parks. Bob reported on additional projects, including playground mulch and more repairs at

the Skate Park. Recent vandalism was discussed and Bob explained that this has been dropping off recently.

h. Recreation Report

Rachel reported that day camp is going very well. Enrollment is increasing, so more counselors were hired. Summer Fun Camp began today, and it is currently full. With regards to athletics, playoffs are concluding, so field usage will slow down in July. The Spray Park has been busy and there was a good turnout for the first Movie in the Park on June 10th.

Bob reported that there were over 200 participants the SEASPAR picnic at Ty Warner Park on Sunday, and the new Superintendent of Recreation, Luke Wyss, will start on June 20th.

Alice reported on the success of the annual Garden Party and Ice Cream Social at the Museum on Sunday, which included a violin performance provided by Administrative Assistant Linda Christensen's daughters.

i. Other

There was no additional new business.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.