



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center**  
**55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559**  
**May 11, 2022 6:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Conneely, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Moffett, Comm. Pecard  
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Sharon Macak, Supt. of Finance,  
Joel Hymen, Supt. of Revenue Facilities & IT, 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, Bobby Yonkee, Recreation Coordinator

Guest: Bill Belmonte, WYBA Board President

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022
- b. Closed Session Minutes – April 13, 2022
- c. Special Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2022
- d. Claims Ordinance – May 11, 2022

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Zapinski

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

WYBA Board President Bill Belmonte addressed the Board, describing issues during baseball games this past weekend. Some t-ball families parked in the condominium parking lot next to Fritz Werley Park, which is not allowed. After the condominium association complained, Mr. Belmonte explained that he addressed this with the t-ball families. In addition, Mr. Belmonte received comments from baseball families stating that the Community Center was not open on Sunday, preventing access to the restrooms. According

to Bob, it was unlocked at 8:50 am, so he is uncertain what happened. He stated that he and Rachel would review the schedule to ensure this does not happen again.

b. Written

There was no written correspondence.

c. Other

Commissioner Pecard complimented the playing condition of the baseball fields.

#### Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Introduction of New Recreation Coordinator Robert Yonkee

Bobby introduced himself to the Board and the Board welcomed him to the District.

b. Grant Updates

Bob reported that he has not yet heard from the IDNR regarding our grant application for 350 N. Grant St. Regarding future grant opportunities for Fritz Werley Park, there have been no updates from the State as to when the application process will begin. Bob explained that he is working with the Village on the three adjacent properties, and we cannot apply for a grant unless we have deed and title for these properties. He is currently acquiring the legal descriptions and surveys. Once we have that, there will be a simple closing and the Village will convey these properties. We can then survey, resulting in one legal description and one pin number. President Karesh confirmed that once the parcels have been conveyed, there would be an intergovernmental agreement regarding stormwater management. Additionally, Bob informed the Board that our applications of \$48,000 for payroll and \$122,000 for the Veterans Park new building were submitted for the APRA grant funding.

c. Proposed Multi-Purpose Building Progress Report

Bob reported that we are still working on our agreements; we are done with the schematic design phase; and Tom from Alpine Ridge Builders has the drawings. Bob provided the Board with pictures and drawings of the site plan, the floor plan, and construction materials. The Board reviewed, and discussed the addition of office space, along with air conditioning in the concession area. Bob explained that a mini-split could be added in that space.

d. Other

There was no other unfinished business.

#### Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. FY 2021/2022 Budget Amendments

Sharon reported on the budget adjustments that take place every year at this time, explaining that the obligation is to state any expenditures that exceeded the appropriated expenses from the budget presented in August. Sharon stated the following:

Fund 30 Capital Replacement: add 17,665

Fund 40 Debt Service: add 4,894,960

Fund 01 Golf Irrigation Project: add 68,000

Fund 20 Golf Irrigation Project: add 50,000

Fund 20 Golf Utility Cart: add 9,600

A complete listing was provided for the Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Conneely and seconded by Comm. Moffett to approve FY 2021/2022 Budget Amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Zapinski

Motion Carried.

#### b. FY 2022/23 Tentative Budget

Bob reported that this is tentative and there are no significant changes from last month. He reminded the Board that the Tentative Budget reflects the payoff of the Wintrust Promissory Note for the Quincy Garage. He noted that the Veterans Park Building expenses were separated in the Capital Project Fund, along with \$120,000 from ADA. He also drew attention to the Diane Main Athletic Lights line item of \$250,000, explaining that Musco has provided a proposal to be approved at the June Regular Meeting; work will start mid-October.

President Karesh asked Bob to review what the operating budget will be and how much comes from taxes. Bob then stated expenditures are \$10,252,340; the balance of all funds forwarded is \$7,282,581; receipts estimated for the fiscal year include \$4,074,500 for property taxes, and \$2,241,250 for projected non-taxable.

#### c. Non-Discrimination Language Revisions to Policy Manuals and Conduct Ordinance

Following up on previous discussions with Commissioner Moffett, Bob explained that he reviewed our policies and realized that while the non-discrimination language is very clear regarding staff and the Board, the public and our programs are not included. He then proceeded to read the updated Americans with Disabilities Act and Non-Discrimination language, to be included in the District's Personnel Policy Manual, Board Policy Manual, Conduct Ordinance and website. Bob noted that he had assistance with this language from the District's attorney, and these updates were included in his report.

A motion was made by Comm. Moffett and seconded by Comm. Conneely to approve the non-discrimination language revisions to the Personnel Policy Manual, the Board Policy Manual, and Conduct Ordinance as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Zapinski

Motion Carried.

#### d. 5708 Western Ave. De-Annexation Petition

Bob reported that the property owner has requested de-annexation from Westmont Park District, acknowledging that this should be done since this property is in Clarendon Hills. He stated that the property owner is offering \$2,500 in compensation for this request. He explained that by law this petition has to wait 30 days, so it will be presented as an ordinance at the June Regular Meeting. Forced annexation was then discussed and Bob explained that we have not done this in about 35 years; however, it generally is not done.

e. Lou Cimera Field Netting Proposals

Bob presented a picture of the baseball field, indicating netting locations and prices. The new 50-foot high backstop system would cost \$120,000, including removal, and the third base foul line net would cost \$70,000. The Board began discussion. Bob acknowledged that the new netting system should be considered because of the new building, explaining that it may be worth \$120,000, as a foul ball can potentially come onto the terrace, where people may be sitting during an event. The Board asked if there is a field with this type of netting system that they can view. Bob will find an example. Bill Belmonte stressed the safety concern and suggested that now is a good time to install the netting, before costs increase for building materials. He also informed the Board that this field is used every day from April through October. Alice Krampits asked Bill if the WYBA would contribute any funds to this project. Bob noted that there is \$40,000 in the capital projects budget for disc golf; however, the general feeling of the Board was to keep disc golf, because it's something that we currently do not offer. In addition, Bob explained that we would have to go to bid on this project, however, no decisions will be made tonight, as this is a big investment and there is a great deal to consider.

f. Board to Consider Park Tour and New Date for June Board Meeting

The Board began considering possible dates.

At this point, at 7:50 pm, Commissioner Zapinski entered the Meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed to reschedule the June Regular Meeting to Monday, June 13, 2022, starting at 6:00 pm. Regarding a park tour, the Board suggested late summer.

g. Treasurer's Report

Sharon reported that the bond disbursement was received, which is reflected in the checking accounts balance of \$8,114,764.93, as of April 30, 2022. Interest earned was \$2,897.90. In addition, the accounts payable total is \$114,927.27. Bob reminded the Board of investment opportunities, explaining that we should be prepared to do something in early June. He added that we could comfortably invest \$3 million.

h. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that he is still working on the new RecTrac server upgrade, and the new burglar alarm vendor had to bring in new hardware. He continues assisting the Recreation Department as needed. The Superintendent of Recreation position is posted and 12 applications have been submitted so far. He is working to secure food trucks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. He explained that the Community Center front ramp project should begin within the next two weeks, along with the balcony restoration. Also, they may switch to a new vendor for cyber security, and the new Administrative Center elevator passed trial inspection. At the golf course, revenue is down \$53,000 from last year due to bad weather. However, Junior Golf League registration was once again successful, with 350 registrations. At the Fitness Club, membership attendance remains steady. Current promotions were discussed, including the summer college special, no EFT fees, and the 13<sup>th</sup> month free. According to Joel, membership rates will most likely increase in January, and a full proposal will be presented.

i. Parks/Maintenance Report

Bob reported that he started the bid process for two projects: Bernas Park pond sediment removal, and large tree removal and trimming. Both have \$60,000 budgets. The Golf maintenance staff is keeping up with turf management and mowing, flower planting is

forthcoming, and park beautification is in progress. In addition, challenges resulting from the current rainy weather were discussed.

j. Recreation Report

Bob reported that he and Joel are currently working with the Recreation staff, and he commended Rachel Buster-Dorsey for her assistance and hard work, as she will manage summer camp in addition to her athletics duties. The Board thanked the staff present for their extra efforts. Bob continued to explain that we are actively looking at fee increases for the next program guide, while reviewing current programs, which may need to be revised or removed.

Rachel reported that summer programs will begin in three weeks. She reviewed summer camp registrations, along with Nerf Wars and Karate registrations.

According to Bob, the WPA will not be performing any shows this summer, but are planning for the fall.

k. Other

Bill Belmonte questioned whether the park ponds are stocked for fishing. Bob said yes, however, it has been a long time since this has been done.

Agenda Item #8 Closed Session

The Board will move into closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of the specific employees of the public body.

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Pecard to move into closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 8:25 pm.

President Karesh called the Open Session back to order at 10:14 pm.

Agenda Item # 9 Adjournment

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Pecard

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.