



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
March 15, 2023 5:30 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh, Karen Moffett, Sue Zapinski
Executive Director Bob Fleck, Assistant Director Joel Hymen

Agenda Item #3 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #4 Surplus Equipment Ordinance No. 2023-3

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Belmonte to approve
Surplus Property Ordinance No. 2023-3

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Board to Consider John Deer Mower Purchase per 5 Year Capital Plan

A motion was made by Comm. Conneely and seconded by Comm. Moffett to approve the John
Deer mower purchase per the 5 Year Capital Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #6 Board to Consider Purchase of New Fitness Equipment per 5 Year Capital Plan

A motion was made by Comm. Zapinski and seconded by Comm. Belmonte to approve the
purchase of new fitness equipment per the 5 Year Capital Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting Dates

The Board agreed to hold Budget Workshop on Monday, May 1, 2023, starting at 6:30 pm. The July Regular Meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, July 11, 2023, starting at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item #8 5 Year Capital Plan Recap

Director Fleck shared the original 5 Year Capital Plan approved spring 2022. This was followed by the updated Capital Plan reflecting the revised budget numbers after the bid for the new multi-purpose building, along with other recently bid projects, was added to the plan. There is an increase of over \$1 million to execute the 5 Year Plan. Conversely, the increase in interest received from the bank, fund surpluses, value engineering of future projects and the return of over \$200,000 in annual bond funds in 2025 will offset the budget increases. It is anticipated the upcoming fiscal year will also see a healthy return on interest from the bank. The Board will have the opportunity to review the 5 Year Plan at the Budget Workshop. It is the Board's prerogative to revise the plan on an annual basis based on their wishes and District priorities.

Agenda Item #9 Board Roundtable Discussion on Future Needs and Goals of the District

The Board held a roundtable discussion led by President Karesh to garner input from each Commissioner on their personal long terms goals and desires for the District. Commissioners were given the opportunity to express their thoughts one at a time. Some of the key takeaways were as follows:

- Potential interest in conducting a community interest survey.
- There is interest in a new/larger recreation center to serve more groups and participants. Where can this be done? How can this be funded, a referendum?
- The need to pursue IAPD Accreditation. Process should start after the completion of the new building.
- Reach out and engage the various ethnic groups in the community. How do we make the connection? How do we get them more involved? Are there programs we can create for them?
- Continue to improve upon staff evaluations by standardizing the process.
- Is there an opportunity to work with the Village to create a downtown park north of the rail line?
- Is there a location where we can reintroduce roller hockey? Veterans Memorial Park tennis court may be an option.

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm