



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Westmont Village Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 5:30 pm**

Call to Order

Mayor Gunter and President Karesh called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Roll Call

Mayor Ron Gunter, Village Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Village Trustees: Frank Brady, Bruce Barker, Marie Guzzo, Linda Liddle, Steve Nero, Amylee Simonovich
Village Manager Steve May, Assistant Village Manager Spencer Parker

Park Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh, Karen Moffett, Sue Zapinski
Executive Director Bob Fleck, Assistant Director Joel Hymen, Supt. of Recreation Luke Wyss, Finance Manager Rosy Fejzic, Finance Assistant Lenore Farmer

Guests: Doug Carmichael, Rachel Buster-Dorsey, John Chorney, Alice Krampits

Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- Westmont Park District/Village of Westmont Relationship
- Intergovernmental Agreements

Mayor Gunter addressed the historical cooperation of the Village and the Park District. He referenced the document listing highlights of this relationship dating back to the 1970's, which was presented to those at the meeting. He then reviewed intergovernmental agreements. Executive Director Fleck agreed with the positive relationship between the two agencies. He then commented on the recent formation of the Decennial

Efficiency Committee. He explained the purpose of the Committee, indicating that this listing of the Village/Park relationship is helpful documentation for the Efficiency Committee.

Village Manager May confirmed the positive relationship between the Village and Park District, noting that other communities do not have this relationship. Park Commissioners and Village Trustees agreed. Mayor Gunter and Executive Director Fleck also discussed cooperative efforts between the two agencies, such as the July 4th Celebration and Holly Days events.

- Stormwater Management Opportunities Overview

There was no discussion of stormwater management opportunities.

- Capital Projects Overview

Executive Director Fleck reported on the progress of the new multi-purpose building currently under construction at Veterans Memorial Park, stating that it is the biggest capital project going on now. In addition, the District is looking to create six permanent pickleball courts at Bellerive Park, where the skate park is currently located. The plan is to move the skate park to Diane Main Park. He referenced the IGA with the Village to create the skate park, as this facility is now nearing the end of its useful life.

Miscellaneous

Other topics discussed include open green spaces in Downtown Westmont, which may be considered for future park sites; the current development of a plaza/outdoor eating area on West Quincy Street; and the future development of the “S” curve area at Cass and Burlington Avenues. Finally, an overpass or underpass at the railroad crossing on Cass Avenue was discussed.

Adjourn

Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the Special Joint Meeting was made by Village Trustee Liddle and seconded by Village Trustee Brady.

A motion to adjourn the Special Joint Meeting was made by Park Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Park Commissioner Zapinski.

All were in favor.

The Special Joint Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.