



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
January 8, 2025 6:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, John Karesh, Karen Moffett, Sue Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Joel Hymen, Supt. of Revenue Facilities & IT/Asst. Director, Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation, Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager & Accountant, Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR, Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2024
- b. Claims Ordinance – January 8, 2025
- c. Other

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Zapinski, Moffett, Belmonte, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Conneely

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

- a. General Public

There were no members of the public present.

- b. Written

Bob shared two items. The Board is invited to the IAPD Legislative Breakfast on March 7 at Carol Stream Park District. We will host an IAPD Boot Camp on May 28 at Park Place.

- c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Staff Anniversaries

a. Jose Trini Vazquez – 10 years

Bob reviewed Trini's service with the District. The Board offered their congratulations.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Grant Report

Bob applied for a DuPage County stormwater grant for the Bernas Park pond shoreline.

According to Bob, this grant has a two-year timeline, with a possible award of \$100,000. If awarded the Village would pay for construction. Additionally, he learned of another possible grant opportunity from Village Trustee Nero through the County. Bob will update the Board as he receives more information.

b. Capital Project Report

Bob presented a timeline chart for the Board and provided updates on larger projects.

- All Wheels Park and Preschool Demo: combined into one permit; review in progress; plan to start in February.
- Satellite Garage: design is almost complete; permitting and bid will start February 6. Bob reported that an AT&T phone line runs under the parking lot on the new garage site; this will be moved within the next couple of months. The plan is to start construction this spring.
- Grant St. Park: permitting and bid will start in February; construction will begin this spring.
- Spray Park Pump House: Bob explained that we are required to go through the Illinois Department of Public Health for permitting. The application was submitted on January 3, and Bob is currently obtaining quotes for concrete and carpentry. He plans to start the filtration system bid on February 6. We hope to open the Spray Park on Memorial Weekend; however, rentals will not be scheduled until June 15.

Finally, Bob presented a picture of the nearly completed Veterans Park Pavilion roof project. He reported on corrective measures for the concrete floor, which has settled and is heaving. Some of the columns will be saw cut, and geo tech borings will be done.

c. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. 2025 Budget Workshop Meeting Dates

At this point, at 6:32 pm, Commissioner Conneely entered the meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed to hold the Budget Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, starting at 5:00 pm.

b. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the checking accounts total as of December 31, 2024 is \$5,539,239.76, bearing total interest of \$22,808.23 at a rate of 4.86%. The accounts payable total is \$160,706.23. The IMRF rate for 2025 is 7.98%.

c. Revenue Facility Report

In response to Joel's inquiry regarding Cyber Security training, the Board agreed to continue with this training. Joel reported that we received our 2025 IPRF safety grant, totaling \$1,622. He continues with PowerDMS training, and is now learning the accreditation segment. He

will begin staff training next month. Joel informed the Board that our current desk phone vendor will discontinue support starting in 2026. He plans to do a cloud-based system; this will be a Budget Workshop item. Joel completed the PCI certification, which protects our credit card data. He has been preparing for Windows 10 end of life, and will update or replace District computers, including Commissioner's iPads. The Golf Course remains closed for the season; however, the annual Winter Open is scheduled for February 1. Finally, Joel reported Fitness Club membership is 729 as of December 31, 2024, the new yoga class remains very popular, and there continues to be a high demand for personal training services.

d. Parks/Maintenance Report

Bob reported that seasonal staff remains on call due to the very cold weather. Parks maintenance is removing and storing Holly Days decorations and lights, and golf maintenance staff continues to service equipment to prepare for spring.

e. Recreation Report

Luke recapped Holly Days events, including the very successful Santa's Train Ride, Phone Calls from Santa, Letters from Santa, and Breakfast with Santa. Both the breakfast and train ride sold out, and the train ride has been booked for 2025. Winter Break camp had 22 registrants and there was a daily average of 30 kids in attendance at each Open Gym. Luke reported that Kids Club revenue increased \$17,000 in 2024. Finally, staff is preparing for Winter Beer Fest, scheduled for February 15, 2025.

f. Other

There was no additional new business.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

