



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center**  
**55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559**  
**April 9, 2025 6:00 pm**

**Agenda Item #1 Call to Order**

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**Agenda Item #2 Roll Call**

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, 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; Eric Krueger, Supt. of Parks & Maintenance; Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR; Alice Krampits, Senior & Special Events Coordinator; John Chorney, Parks & Facilities Foreman; Andre Steward, Athletics Coordinator

**Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda**

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2025
- b. Claims Ordinance – April 9, 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, Conneely, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

**Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence**

- a. General Public

There was no one present from the public.

- b. Written

Bob referenced an email regarding the women's steam room at the Fitness Club. There was a complaint stating it has been down for seven years, however, Bob confirmed the women's steam has been out of order since July 2024. Legal counsel advised Bob that whatever is provided for men must also be provided for women. Fitness Club improvements will be addressed at Budget Workshop.

c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Introduction of New Athletics Coordinator Andre Steward

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

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Project Report

Bob reviewed the following projects:

- All Wheels Park: Pictures were presented of preschool building demolition. Survey will take place, followed by excavation and construction of the required rain garden. Bob will then work with Spohn Ranch to establish a construction schedule.
- Diane Main Park Field #1: Weather delays continue, however, paving, excavation, stone and fencing should begin next week.
- Grant St. Neighborhood Park: Permit was resubmitted. Once approved, a groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled.
- Veterans Park Pavilion: After meeting with the concrete foundation company and engineer, there is no way to determine how fast or slow the settling is occurring. Bob confirmed there are no trip hazards, and a survey to measure vertical elevation will continue every six months. This monitoring may take two to three years.

b. Grant Update

Bob confirmed we were awarded \$75,000 from DCEO. He received an email from Senator Glowiak's office regarding another capital funding request. Finally, Bob is in contact with Congressman Casten's office regarding funding for the permeable paver parking lot at Ty Warner Park. All will be addressed in more detail at Budget Workshop on April 23.

c. ComEd New Service Request Deposit for Line Repair at Veterans Memorial Park

Bob reported that ComEd will not wave this and they require a deposit of \$2,254.01. Bob confirmed if we experience another fault, ComEd would replace the line if we do the directional boring. He received a \$9,000 quote from C & R Boring. Bob then began to address the issue with the drain lines at the Community Center and presented an overhead map view of Veterans Park, indicating storm sewer and pipes. According to Bob, this line goes to the Dallas Street detention basin. He explained how water has been backing up into the gym rather than flowing out to the ball field. Bob then presented a repair, which would include a sump pit, and then disconnect the foundation drain from the storm system. However, this is five feet underground, and would require digging down and then creating a rain garden. After discussion, the Board agreed to make the necessary repairs to correct this issue.

d. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. Procedures for Recording Closed Session and Reviewing Closed Session Minutes  
Ordinance No. 2025-1

According to Bob, these procedures are necessary for accreditation, and a resolution will be approved at each review of closed session minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1 establishing procedures for the recording of closed session meetings, the destruction of closed session recordings and the review of closed session minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Conneely, Belmonte, Moffett, Zapinski, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Board to Consider KWCC Construction Bid for Satellite Garage - \$507,700

Bids were sent to the Board earlier and Bob confirmed KWCC was the low bid at \$507,700.

Bob explained that we have money in the ADA and Capital funds to complete this project.

Bob has not yet received the cost breakdown from this contractor. However, he informed the Board that a large portion of the cost is the site work, including parking lot removal and replacement, and utilities. Bob reminded the Board that our \$100,000 grant expires March 2026 and the bid deadline is 60 days. Bob will provide the Board with the complete bid tabulation. The Board discussed.

A motion to table bid approval for the Satellite Garage project was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Conneely.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Conneely, Moffett, Zapinski, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Board to Consider Spray Park Pump House Bid with a Negotiated Price of \$211,000

Bob reported that our permit resubmittal was sent to the IDPH today; however, he confirmed it is highly unlikely we will be able to open the Spray Park this summer. Staff is looking for options at neighboring districts and there will be a thorough cleaning of the Spray Park surface. The Board advised staff to keep the public informed.

A motion to approve Spray Park Pump House Bid from Schaeffges Bros. with negotiated pricing of \$211,000 was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Zapinski, Conneely, Moffett, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

d. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported the checking accounts total is \$4,961,011.55 as of March 31, 2025, bearing total interest of \$18,258.89 at a rate of 4.58%. The accounts payable total is \$242,948.29. President Karesh requested health insurance rates for the previous five years. Rosy will provide that information.

e. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that the Fitness Club, Community Center and Twin Lakes Golf Clubhouse served as polling locations for the April 1 election. The copier lease has been renewed and the new units are installed. Regarding the EV charging stations for Ty Warner Park, we are waiting for the grant from ComEd. If awarded, the charging stations then become no cost for the District. The golf course is open; however, poor weather has resulted in a slow start to the season. Junior Golf League registration started this week. Finally, Joel reported that Fitness Club membership increased. He reviewed monthly visit numbers and informed the Board that there are 12 new members resulting from the closing of a nearby racquetball facility.

f. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported on several current projects including: field restoration, new sod on the Little League Field, soccer fields are lined and goals installed, tennis nets are installed, RPZ's were installed in park shelter restrooms, busses are repaired, mulching at Ty Warner Park flower beds, playground inspections.

There was discussion about use of the dirt pile at James Long Park, controlling clover, and confirmation that chemicals are not used in playgrounds to control weeds.

President Karesh addressed a concern from a Westmont resident regarding relocating trees from Diane Main Park. Bob confirmed that some will be moved and new trees will be planted.

g. Recreation Report

Luke reported that he has been training Andre Steward, newly hired Athletics Coordinator. He updated the Board on the WPA show, Bleacher Bums, with a total profit of \$1,890, and the recent Spring Break Camp and half-day Lego camp. The District will collaborate with School District #201. The school district will bus students for a half day of our day camp, following morning summer school. The Spring Palette Art Show on March 23 had 44 artists and approximately 150 visitors. Upcoming events include Easter Egg Hunts and You Got Egg'd, Race to the Flag and Movies in the Park. Luke reviewed Kids Club registrations and the Hop to It Golden Egg Hunts in the parks. Finally, soccer begins this weekend and softball will start next weekend.

h. Other

Bob reminded the Board that Budget Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, starting at 5:00 pm.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.