



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
April 23, 2025 5:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh, 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; Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Open Forum & Correspondence

a. General Public

There was no one present from the public.

b. Written

Bob reported that we continue to await for a second response from IDPH regarding the Spray Park pump house, however we did hear from WT Group. He presented a drawing of the pump house and Spray Park, and explained how the pump valves and sensors fill the reservoir pit. He learned we can no longer operate in this manner; however, there is a solution. A new spray feature will shoot a column of water up, emptying into the reservoir pit. This sensor will be the only feature that turns on and off. He confirmed there will be a marketing campaign, informing the public there will be no Spray Park this summer.

c. Bob informed the Board the Village approved \$20,000 for additional enhancements at this year's July 4th event: extra fireworks, giant inflatable slide and Ferris wheel.

Agenda Item #5 Budget Workshop – Presentation and Board Consideration of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Tentative Operating Budget and Capital Project Considerations

a. Bob asked the Board to refer to their workshop binders, and he began the presentation by reviewing each fund in the 5 Year History spreadsheet.

b. The next section in the binder was Misc. Additional Budget Information. Bob briefly reviewed the following: Major Funds Revenue and Expenses-5 Year History; Full Time

Wages-3 Year History; Part Time Wages-3 Year History; Utilities-3-Year History; Service Contracts and Computer/Tech Contracts by Fund.

At this point, at 5:31 pm, Commissioner Moffett joined the meeting.

c. Bob addressed FY 2025/26 general budget information. He reported that the District's 2024 Estimated Assessed Valuation (EAV) represents 0.78% growth, totaling \$1,135,762,122. The new levy total is \$176,882, with \$103,000 between the Corporate and Recreation Funds. A bar graph of the EAV dating back to 2014, along with a pie graph representing the FY 2025-2026 levy, were then presented to the Board. Bob reviewed Projected Fund Balances, totaling \$2,419,581, and Capital Replacement Fund, which totals \$428,000.

d. The FY 2025-26 Budget Narrative followed, in which Bob provided bullet point highlights per fund for the Board's information: Corporate, Recreation, Special Recreation/ADA, Capital, Golf Course, Fitness Club. While reviewing the Recreation Fund, Bob addressed the health insurance pool terminal reserve, as well as health insurance premiums. The Board was in agreement to increase the employee health insurance contribution from 14% to 15% beginning June 1, 2025.

e. A side by side comparison of the FY 2024-25 Final Budget and the FY 2025-26 Tentative Budget was presented. Following a summary of FY 2024-25 revenues and expenditures, Bob briefly reviewed each fund: Corporate, Recreation, IMRF, Liability Insurance, Museum, Audit, Working Cash, Recreation for Handicapped (SEASPAR), Capital Project, Social Security, Park Supervisors, Golf Course, Fitness Club, Capital Replacement, Debt Service, Alternate Bonds.

f. Bob addressed Capital, beginning with the list of approved Capital Fund Budget Expenditures. It was noted that the James Long Park Maintenance Garage remains pending final Board approval. He expressed concern about walking away from the \$100,000 grant if the garage project is not approved, and is working with our legislators to ensure we do not lose this grant. He suggested replacing the parking lot. The Board agreed to address this matter at the May Regular Meeting. In addition, Recreation Fund and Special Recreation Fund budgeted expenditures were reviewed.

g. This was followed by FY 2025/26 proposed capital project descriptions. Pictures of each project were presented and reviewed. Following discussion, the Board came to consensus on the following projects:

Corporate Fund	
300 Gallon Skid Mounted Water Tank	5,500

Recreation Fund	
Ty Warner Park 5-12 Year Old Playground Replacement	230,000
Ty Warner Park Train Replacement	60,000

ADA Fund	
ADA Upper Body Exerciser & Recumbent Bike	9,150
Diane Main Park – Parking Lot Replacement	125,000

Capital Fund	
iStrike Lightening Siren System – Veterans Memorial Park	7,800
IT Computer Server	18,000
District Phone System	17,000
Security Camera – All Wheels Park & Veterans Memorial Park	15,000
Steel Green Zero-Turn Fertilizer Sprayer/Spreader*	20,500
Ty Warner Park Concession Shade Structure-mono cantilever	50,000
Ty Warner Park Pavilion Staining	10,000
Chimney Repairs – Shelters: Ty Warner, Veterans, Lions	40,000
Playground Mulch Replacement	74,000
Community Center Gym Floor Repair (T.B.D.)	25,200
Smithco Ball Field Groomer	35,000
New Roof – Administrative Office	48,000

*FY 2024/25 Budget Adjustment

Fitness Club Fund	
Fitness Equipment	36,950

There was additional discussion regarding the following projects:

1. Ty Warner Park Playground Replacement: Bob presented photos of three different Kompan proposed playgrounds. The Board requested additional options. Bob will provide at the May Regular Meeting.
2. Following Commissioner Belmonte's suggestion to add security cameras to Veterans Memorial Park, staff will provide a list of existing security cameras and what will be included in the \$15,000 cost.
3. A proposed capital fund project, which the Board did not agree to, was Little League Third Baseline Netting at Veterans Memorial Park. Bob suggested galvanized fencing. He will provide more information at the May Regular Meeting.
4. James Long Park Satellite Garage and Parking Lot Additional Costs: It was suggested to rent space from existing buildings near Ty Warner Park. Bob will research other options. This discussion will continue at the May Regular Meeting.

h. Bob then addressed Future Grant Considerations. He explained that there are several capital improvements that may be put off another year as we research grants for funding opportunities. These projects include new facility roofs, repairing James Long Park basketball courts and Diane Main Park athletic courts.

In addition, photos were presented of a steam foamer weed control system. This utilizes a plant-based product and would cost \$30,000.

i. The final proposed project for future Board consideration is the Fitness Club renovation. Bob reviewed the 2016 hot tub removal and the positive result of additional workout space. As it has been previously discussed, the lower level women's locker room is underutilized and could be converted to gain additional workout space. However, we recently learned the steam and sauna rooms need to remain, per law, since the same exists in the men's locker room. Additionally, the old nursery space near the lounge could be converted into added workout space. Bob reviewed several funding sources: Wintrust Bank debt certificate; IPBC health insurance terminal reserve; Fitness surplus fund. As

there will be no decisions made tonight, Bob suggested the next step would be a tour of the Fitness Club.

Finally, President Karesh suggested a strategic plan and conducting a community interest survey. Bob confirmed that these tasks would be completed as we prepare to apply for accreditation.

Agenda Item #6 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.