

Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners Minutes of the Regular Meeting Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center 55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559 March 12, 2025 6:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:02 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; Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator

Guests: Matt Corso, SEASPAR Executive Director Judy Wilson, Westmont resident

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025
- b. Special Meeting Minutes March 5, 2025
- c. Claims Ordinance March 12, 2025
- d. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

Westmont resident Judy Wilson addressed the Board regarding the current Westmont school district #201 referendum to build a new school on Blackhawk Drive, near James Long Park and across the street from Ty Warner Park. She expressed concern about the new school having access to Ty Warner Park and who will pay for upkeep of the park. The Board thanked Ms. Wilson for her comments. If the referendum passes, Bob explained, we would discuss

park use with the school district. He added that use of parks by the school district has always been welcomed.

b. Written

There was no written correspondence.

c. Other

Bob reported that Westmont Park District will present an award for community service at the Westmont Community Awards event on April 14. In addition, the District will be recognized for community improvement for our newest facility, Park Place.

Agenda Item #6 Introduction of Eric Krueger, New Superintendent of Parks & Maintenance

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

Agenda Item #7 Matt Corso, SEASPAR Presentation

Executive Director Matt Corso's presentation included 2024 service hours, SEASPAR programs in Westmont, highlights, pictures and charts. The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. Corso's presentation and for SEASPAR's programs.

Agenda Item #8 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Project Report

Bob reviewed the following projects:

- o Grant St. Park: Permitting is under review. DuPage County requires the drawings to be stamped by a licensed civil engineer due to stormwater.
- Diane Main Field #1: Meeting with fence and paving contractors and working to finish excavation. Stone and then foul line and dugout fence posts will follow this. Work should be complete by May 1.
- Sod will be applied to ball fields and soccer fields along with restoration of soccer goal mounts.

b. FY 24-25 Budget Adjustment-Arrival of New Ford F-250 Truck for \$60,176 Bob explained that trucks are ordered in advance of the new fiscal year, because we usually have to wait a long time for delivery. However, the new truck is here now, resulting in a budget adjustment for the current fiscal year.

c. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #9 New Business

a. Board to Consider Award of Grant St. Neighborhood Park Construction Bid to Innovation Landscape for the Base Bid and Alternates 1 & 2 for a total of \$464,505.90

According to Bob, this total includes restoration, planting of trees and construction of the park. He presented the park's design for the Board to review. After discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a groundbreaking ceremony after we get the permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to award the Grant St. Neighborhood Park Construction Bid to Innovation Landscape, totaling \$464,505.90.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None Absent: None Motion Carried.

b. Board to Consider Negotiated Price after Bid Opening from Schaefges Bros. to Install the Spray Park Filtration System

Following the original bid of \$390,000 submitted by the only bidder, Schaefges Bros., Bob reviewed the new negotiated pricing of \$211,000, along with an additional \$62,450.60 for miscellaneous expenses. He explained that extra expenses would come from the Recreation Fund. According to Bob, if this bid is rejected and we go out to bid again, the new bid could be higher, or we may not be able to open the Spray Park until July 1. It is also possible the Spray Park will not open this summer. The Board discussed. Bob suggested asking Schaefges Bros. if costs will improve if we request an August 1, 2025 opening. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Meeting for approval.

c. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported the checking accounts total is \$5,138,383.93 as of February 28, 2025, bearing total interest of \$17,376.46 at a rate of 4.65%. The accounts payable total is \$83,341.72.

d. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that the Board has received cybersecurity training information. DuPage County will use the Community Center, Fitness Club and Golf Clubhouse as election polling places. There was discussion about staff training for Power DMS. Joel explained that we will declare accreditation and apply for April 2026. The copier lease with Konica Minolta has been renewed with a four-year contract, and the new phone system will be presented at Budget Workshop. Joel reported on the current no-cost installation proposal for EV charging stations at Ty Warner Park. He presented a map of the park indicating the proposed location for two charging stations, along with an additional two units at the Fitness Club parking lot. He explained that we would need four physical units for a grant. If we do not get the grant, we can do profit sharing with Veteran's Electric; however, if we get the grant we have 100% profit. After discussion, the Board agreed to proceed with four EV charging stations for 100% profit: two at Ty Warner Park and two at the Fitness Club.

The golf course remains closed; however, we plan to open soon, pending weather. Fitness Club memberships are up, with the largest increase in resident single. As of 2/28/25, there are 1,518 members and 771 memberships. New fitness equipment will be ordered for July delivery, and the Golf Fitness Combo Pass is currently for sale. Finally, Joel reviewed the 5-year membership comparison and monthly visit totals.

e. Parks/Maintenance Report

Bob reported that all seasonal staff returned this week and there is currently a lot of clean-up taking place. Staff has been building sets for the upcoming WPA production while also completing unfinished projects from last season.

f. Recreation Report

Luke reported on a new sponsorship, there is a new Tae Kwon Do instructor, and the WPA production, Bleacher Bums, is scheduled for the weekend of March 27. Seasonal hiring is taking place, with many seasonal staff returning. Recreation staff attended the annual SEASPAR Inclusion Meeting, and the Spring Palette Art Show is scheduled for March 23. Luke reviewed Westmont Kids Club enrollment and reported that Senior Golf League registration is full with 162 golfers. Travel Basketball has concluded and softball and soccer planning is underway, with five soccer teams and six softball teams. Finally, Luke reviewed marketing social media reach.

g. Other

Bob reported on information he received from Senator Glowiak's office regarding a \$75,000 capital grant for next fiscal year. This will be presented at Budget Workshop. In addition, Bob and Luke attended the recent Legislative Breakfast, and Joel and Luke will attend Legislative Conference in Springfield in April.

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.