



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center  
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559  
June 11, 2025 6:00 pm**

**Agenda Item #1 Call to Order**

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:00 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; Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager and Accountant; Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation; Eric Krueger, Supt. of Parks & Maintenance; Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR; John Chorney, Parks & Facilities Foreman; Cliff Vickers, Recreation Intern

Guest: Village Manager Jim Gunther

**Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda**

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2025
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2025
- c. Closed Session Minutes – May 14, 2025
- d. Claims Ordinance – June 11, 2025
- e. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

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

**a. General Public**

New Village Manager Jim Gunther addressed the Board in his new role with the Village of Westmont. The Board congratulated the former Chief of Police and welcomed Mr. Gunther in his new position.

**b. Written**

Bob presented Commissioner Zapinski with her certificate for completing Open Meetings Act Training at IAPD's Commissioner Boot Camp, held at Park Place. According to Bob, IAPD

wants to host additional Boot Camps at Park Place. He thanked Joel and Luke for their assistance with this event.

c. Other

Recreation Intern Cliff Vickers introduced himself to the Board. The Board welcomed Cliff to Westmont Park District.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects

Bob presented pictures and provided updates for the following projects:

- Diane Main Park Field #1: Following delays from paving issues that are now corrected, the players' benches will be installed and the contaminated field mix will be replaced.
- All Wheels Park: The bowl is starting to be formed, rails are being installed and the rain garden is in. Spohn Ranch should be done with construction in August, and additional work will follow. Bob presented a drawing of All Wheels Park, indicating gates and fencing. The black chain link fencing is designed to keep non-skaters out. In addition, there will be an area for composite fencing. Joel provided a sample. Finally, Bob presented four chain link fence proposals.
- Grant Street Neighborhood Park: construction is underway, including the terraced sidewalk. Bob noted the playground location, and playground equipment to be installed.
- James Long Park parking lot: The revised plan was presented, indicating location for the dumpsters, which will be fenced in and gated. This new design will allow for five additional parking spots. This will be a fall project.
- Pickleball Courts at Bellerive Park: Posts and nets are ordered and Bob is obtaining quotes for striping, so we are ready when All Wheels Park is complete. President Karesh asked about the shade structure. Bob is working on the engineering aspect due to the big cantilever system and the existing evergreens. He plans to combine this into one project, with the shade structure for Ty Warner Park, this fall.
- Digital Sign: There is no update and Bob continues to work with our attorney.
- Spray Park: There is still no answer on permit approval from the IDPH.

b. Board to Consider Draft Financial Policy

Bob explained that we are closer to finalizing this, and the draft included in the packet has been updated from the May meeting. He noted Commissioner Conneely's questions regarding investments, and explained they are allowable, according to our attorney. The Board began discussion about investments, and agreed additional information is needed from legal counsel. Regarding the bid limit, Bob followed up and consulted other area park districts and reported the minimum bid requirement in our policy will meet the State's minimum of \$35,000. For anything under \$35,000, Bob will bring proposals to the Board; for anything over \$35,000, we will go to bid. Additionally, the Board agreed with the State's limit of \$60,000 for supplies and materials. Finally, the Board discussed the public funds investment act. Bob will consult Lynda Byron from Raymond James. There will be no Board action on the Financial Policy tonight.

c. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. FY2024-2025 Budget Adjustments

Rosy reviewed the \$10,000 addition to the Museum Fund.

A motion to approve FY2024-2025 Budget Adjustments as presented was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Conneely.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Board to Consider Part Time Pay Ranges

Bob presented a chart with pay ranges from the previous two years for comparison, and pay rates for FY2025-26 for Board consideration. There is no change in the under 18 pay rates from FY2024-25. Bob explained that we are \$1 over the minimum rate. After discussion, the Board agreed to the part time pay ranges for FY2025-26.

c. Annexation Ordinance No. 2025-2

Bob reviewed the locations annexed by the Village of Westmont. He explained that these annexations were involuntary and were done to clean up boundaries.

A motion to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 2025-2 was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Moffett.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

d. Annexation Ordinance No. 2025-3

A motion to adopt Annexation Ordinance No. 2025-3 was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Moffett.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

e. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total \$4,904,025.53 as of May 31, 2025, bearing total interest of \$16,580.69 at a rate of 4.56%. The accounts payable total is \$275,554.10.

f. Revenue Facility Report

Joel continues to manage marketing responsibilities until the new Marketing & Communications Coordinator is hired. He is planning for summer capital projects approved at Budget Workshop and is currently managing the phone system upgrade, which should be complete the first week of August. Regarding the EV charging stations at Ty Warner Park and the Fitness Club, Joel is waiting for permits. However, there will be no work on these stations until after the July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

The golf course remains open and active under new Clubhouse Manager Bobby Yonkee. There are currently 315 registered golfers in the Junior Golf League; the average age is 11-12 years old and Westmont residents comprise 10% of the league, with 90% non-residents. May revenue is \$78,316.

The Fitness Club currently has 802 memberships, and May membership revenue is \$40,084. Two new summer fitness classes will start in June: Summer Sculpt and Power Pilates.

g. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported that summer seasonal staff is hired, and all staff operates on a 7 days a week schedule. Staff repaired lighting on racquetball courts at the Fitness Club, playground inspections are complete, staff is weeding playgrounds, and all athletic fields are fertilized. The Little League Field's irrigation at Veterans Park is updated, and turf restoration is planned for Ty Warner Field 1. Eric reported on minor vandalism incidents this month. Finally, staff is preparing for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Event.

h. Recreation Report

Luke reported that summer camp is off to a good start and the upcoming Fishing Camp is full. He recapped recent events, including Race to the Flag, with 329 runners/walkers, and Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, with 35 families participating. Upcoming events include Take Me Fishing, Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, and the Independence Day Celebration. Luke reviewed Backstop concession revenue and active adult programs. Registration is still open for Summer Biddy Basketball, and registration for fall soccer, softball and flag football is now open. Luke noted the field rental comparison included in his report, and there was discussion about resting athletic fields.

i. Other

Bob presented a picture of a mulberry tree at Lions Park, between the sand volleyball court and sidewalk, as Commissioner Belmonte inquired about removing it. The Board could not justify removing a healthy tree, and after discussion, agreed to trim the tree.

Bob reminded the Board the July meeting is rescheduled to July 16, 2025.

Agenda Item #8 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 7:30 pm.