



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
August 13, 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, Karen Moffett, John Karesh, 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; Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator; Taylor Siple, Fitness Club Manager

Guests: Allison Rickad and Debbie Dudek, People's Resource Center

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2025
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2025
- c. Claims Ordinance – August 13, 2025

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 were no comments from the public.

- b. Written

There was no written correspondence

- c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Presentation of People's Resource Center 2025 5K Race to the Flag Check

Fitness Club Manager Taylor Siple presented the \$10,575.90 check for funds raised to People's Resource members Allison Rickad and Debbie Dudek. Ms. Rickad thanked the Board and staff for their assistance and support with this annual event. The Board expressed their appreciation to People's Resource Center.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Board to Consider Approval of 2025 Financial Policy

Bob reported that he did not receive the final version from legal counsel until 4:00 pm today, so he still needs to review our attorney's comments. He will provide a clean copy for the Board to review. Bob explained that the next policy to be reviewed and finalized is the sponsorship policy.

b. Capital Projects

Bob presented pictures and updated the Board on the following projects:

- Grant Street Park: This park is currently on schedule to be opened at the same time as All Wheels Park. Progress continues on the playground, underdrain system and retaining wall. Bob noted the accessible section of the playground and said the shelter should be installed next week.
- All Wheels Park: Bob indicated where a retaining wall would be added. He and Joel met with Excel Electric, who will complete the electric install. Poles arrived today and this lighting system is controlled by an app.

Bob presented a picture of the Community Center gymnasium doors, with a new emergency light indicating a water backup. He then provided a picture of flooding in the Lou Cimera, following recent heavy rains.

Commissioner Belmonte expressed concern about the construction fencing around Grant Street Park. Bob assured him this is the contractor's responsibility, per the agreement.

c. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-4

1. Public Hearing

President Karesh called the public hearing to order at 6:12 pm. He explained the purpose is to receive comments from the public regarding the District's proposed budget. He stated the tentative budget has been available for public viewing for at least 30 days, and notice of the hearing was published in the Westmont Suburban Life at least one week prior to tonight's hearing. Additionally, the ordinance states the District's anticipated expenditures, establishes the budget, and appropriates the money the District plans to spend for the upcoming fiscal year.

There were no additional comments from those present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to close the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2. Board Action

Bob provided amended fund balances for the Board's review.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-4.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Ratification of Emergency Roof Top HVAC Replacement Quotes for Community Center Gymnasium

Following discussion and Board action from the July 2025 Regular Meeting, Joel updated the Board on pricing to replace the Community Center roof top unit: \$33,971. This is more than the \$30,000 the Board approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the cost of \$33,971 for replacement of the Community Center HVAC roof top unit, ratifying approval of \$30,000 from the July 2025 Regular Meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$5,546,207.06 as of July 31, 2025, bearing total interest of \$23,114.79 at a rate of 4.59%. The accounts payable total is \$285,786.58.

Commissioner Conneely requested budget updates every quarter. A fund summary will be provided at next month's meeting.

d. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that installation of the EV charging stations at Ty Warner Park is complete. However, the grant for charging stations at the Fitness Club is not available at this time. In addition, lightning siren installation at Veterans Park is complete. Finally, Joel reported that Westmont Park District was selected as an outstanding business champion from Parents Alliance Employment Project for staff member A.J. Mister. Joel invited the Board to attend this organization's upcoming event, in which the District will receive an award.

e. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported that all playgrounds were mulched, and seasonal staff is beginning to depart.

f. Recreation Report

Luke reported that staff has been meeting with the Village regarding their September event, Vision and Vibe Fest, hosted at Veterans Park. In addition, Westmont Kids Club before and after school care will continue as usual at Manning Elementary for the upcoming school year. Finally, Luke informed the Board that Mertz and Williams Cove parks are needed to host flag football practices one or two times per week, on weeknights, as neighborhood parks are not currently used for programming. After discussion, the Board agreed to the use of Mertz and Williams Cove for weeknight practices.

g. 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 Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Conneely.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm.