



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
October 8, 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, Karen Moffett, John Karesh, Sue Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director; Joel Hymen, Assistant Director; Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager & Accountant; Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation; Eric Krueger, Supt. of Parks & Maintenance; Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2025
- b. Claims Ordinance – October 8, 2025
- c. Other

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

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 shared an email expressing appreciation to District staff for the well-maintained ball fields at Veterans Memorial Park.

- c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 \$1,100,000 Bond Issue/General Obligation Bonds-BINA Hearing

a. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell \$1,100,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto

At 6:02 pm, President Karesh opened the public hearing and explained the proposed issuance of the bonds.

Seeing no comments, a motion to close the BINA hearing 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.

b. Authorize staff to acquire bids on \$1,100,000 Bond Issues for November 25, 2025. \$855,262 Debt Retirement and \$244,738 Capital Projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to authorize staff to acquire bids from banks on \$1,100,000 Bond Issues for November 25, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects

Bob presented pictures and reviewed the following projects:

- Diane Main and James Long Parks parking lots: completed in one week, by Abby Construction. There was a full depth excavation at James Long, to be followed by fencing and gates within 10 days. Seeding will take place this week. At Diane Main, striping is complete and the ADA parking spots were relocated.
- Spray Park pump house: the roof is on the structure and interior plumbing is in progress.
- Digital sign: the permit was submitted today with the Village. Once approved, Bob will get signatures from the utilities on the Plat of Abrogation. He presented a map view of the sign location at Bellerive Park on 63rd street, seven feet from the sidewalk. Olympik Signs will install the sign, with the digital display from Watchfire Sign. This may be purchased through Sourcewell purchasing co-op, so we do not need to go out to bid.

Discussion began about removal and demo of the old Skate Park ramps. According to Bob, the City of Lake Delavan will remove and take some pieces, prior to demo.

b. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

a. Proposed Tax Levy

Bob reported this this year's CPI is 2 1/2% and we are proposing a 4.5% increase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the 4.5% increase for the proposed 2025 tax levy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Surplus Property Ordinance No. 2025-6 – Athletic Mats

Joel reported that there are a total of six, 6-foot wide, 42-feet long mats, which have not been used in several years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve Surplus Property Ordinance No. 2025-6.

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 \$6,630,495.90 as of September 30, 2025, bearing total interest of \$23,491.69 at a rate of 4.52%. The accounts payable total is \$411,770.50.

President Karesh inquired about the audit schedule and Rosy confirmed it would conclude on Friday.

d. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that following the installation of EV charging stations at Ty Warner Park, revenue for the first 30 days was \$828. The Board suggested the addition of our logo to the chargers or allow a car dealer to advertise for a fee. Other completed projects this past month include installation of security cameras at All Wheels Park.

The Golf Course remains open for the season. Both revenue and rounds increased over September 2024.

Fitness Club memberships decreased from August to September. Joel acknowledged this is typical for this time of year. September visits totaled 4,323. Joel asked the Board if they would like to review current rates. The Board agreed, so staff will present proposed increases at the November 2025 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Belmonte asked about security camera locations at Veterans Park, near Park Place, and suggested cameras near storage areas at the ball fields. In addition, he suggested a flashing light on the Park Patrol golf cart, and flashlights for patrol staff.

e. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported that the damaged tube climber at Ty Warner Park playground is now replaced. Staff has been busy with Haunted Forest event preparation. Additionally, staff continues with athletic field maintenance, including irrigation, fertilizing, and turf restoration.

f. Recreation Report

Luke reported on the Haunted Forest event, scheduled for October 18. There was a free Learn to Skate program at All Wheels Park, with 16 participants. The Village expressed their appreciation to the District for the use of Veterans Park for the Vision and Vibe Fest in September. Luke reviewed revenue for Kids Club, and Backstop concessions. Finally, the Community Center gym floor was resealed and the pickleball court lines were re-stripped.

g. Other

Bob requested the Board to confirm the name of Grant Street Park before ordering a sign. The Board suggesting holding a contest and letting the community suggest a name for the new park. Staff will present the top five suggestions at the November Regular Meeting. President Karesh suggesting auditing the new playground as a good safety practice.

Agenda #9 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.