



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

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:01 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, Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator  
Guests: Dominic DiCera & Dave King, WYBA  
Yvonne Novak, RCP Insurance  
Kelly Karesh, 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 – October 8, 2025
- b. Claims Ordinance – November 12, 2025
- c. Other

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda 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.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

Dominic DiCera from the Westmont Youth Baseball Association (WYBA) provided highlights from the 2025 season and presented the fall contribution to the Board: \$34,695. In addition, Dominic recognized Coach Dave King for his efforts this season. Finally, Dominic thanked the Board and staff for their support. The Board expressed their appreciation to the WYBA.

b. Written

Bob presented the IAPD Credentials Certificate, to designate a delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts on January 31, 2026, during State Conference. After discussion, the Board agreed Commissioner Conneely would serve as delegate and Commissioner Moffett would serve as alternate.

Bob shared the annual report from Parents Alliance Employment Project, featuring Fitness Club staff Anthony Mister.

c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Recognition of Commissioner John Karesh-IAPD Award for 20 Years of Service

Bob presented the award and noted highlights of Commissioner Karesh's service to Westmont.

Agenda Item #7 Yvonne Novak – IPARKS Presentation

Yvonne explained the new renewal date, which will now start on January 1 rather than August 5 every year. Quarterly payment installments were addressed, over an annual payment. Her presentation included current coverage, as well as loss runs and liability coverage. Finally, event hall operators' liquor liability coverage was reviewed, which the District purchased two years ago. To date, the District has made a profit of \$2,600 from this policy. Yvonne explained that this policy might be updated to blanket coverage. This policy renews April 2026, so staff will consider. The Board was appreciative of Yvonne's presentation.

Agenda Item #8 \$1,100,000 Bond Issue

a. Bids on Bonds

Rosy presented the bids from Hinsdale Bank & Trust.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to award the bid from Hinsdale Bank & Trust for the \$85,690 Taxable General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2025A, bearing an interest rate of 4%.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to award the bid from Hinsdale Bank & Trust for the \$983,390 General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2025B, bearing an interest rate of 3.32%.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: none

Motion Carried.

b. Approval of Bond Ordinance

- Ordinance No. 2025-7: Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$85,690 Taxable General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2025A, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain alternate bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
- Ordinance No. 2025-8: Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$983,390 General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2025B, 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, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain alternate bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve Bond Ordinance No. 2025-7 and Bond Ordinance No. 2025-8.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #9 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects

Bob presented pictures and reviewed the following projects:

- Digital Sign: Bob is working to have the Village officially commit the wayfinding \$50,000 toward construction. Additionally, we will use the same brick as other Village digital signs, market Village information and follow the Village's sign policy. President Karesh expressed concern about the District maintaining control of all sign content. Bob agreed and stated we are working toward an intergovernmental agreement.
- Spray Park Pump House: Restoration will be completed in the spring. Pictures indicated electric, gas and water on the inside, and valves on the outside. Bob explained that 4' fencing will be constructed around the structure, along with arborvitae plantings. After discussion, the Board recommended both higher privacy fencing and ability to lock the valves for safety.
- New picket fence at All Wheels Park: Personalized pickets are currently advertised for \$250 each.
- Bellerive Park: concrete was installed for the new pickleball courts. Fencing, color coat, paint and nets will be installed in the spring. Shade structure will be bid out this winter, at the same time as the new shade structures for Ty Warner Park.
- Grant Street Park: Complete. We are waiting for proof of payment from our bank, which will be followed by a certified letter from our auditor. This will be submitted to the IDNR for reimbursement of the grant award.

- Ty Warner Park Playground: We continue to wait on DCEO for the \$75,000 grant agreement towards playground replacement.
- Excavation Proposal: Complaints have been received from Quincy Street neighbors about the view into the maintenance garage storage yard. A landscape bed will be created to plant an arborvitae screen. A small amount of stockpiled earth from the pump house project will be removed to Bernas Park, as a sled hill will eventually be created there.

b. Other

Bob reported that the Village would contribute additional funds for an enhanced fireworks display for the July 4, 2026 event, including a drone show.

Agenda Item #10 New Business

a. Levy Ordinance No. 2025-9

A motion to approve 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2025-9 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.

b. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$6,165,878.51 as of October 31, 2025, bearing total interest of \$22,449.55 at a rate of 4.38%. The accounts payable total is \$713,112.61.

c. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that he has been working at the Fitness Club daily, during manager Taylor Siple's absence. The old athletic/cheer mats sold for \$600, monthly revenue from the EV charging stations was \$975, and the IPARKS fall prevention repair program grant was submitted. At the golf course, fall rates are currently active, and 1,706 rounds were played in October. There was a small decrease in Fitness Club memberships. Regarding membership rates, they were raised January 1, 2025, so it was not recommended to raise rates again this year. Joel presented current rates, along with comparison rates from area clubs. Finally, he reviewed 5-year membership revenue comparison for October.

Commissioner Belmonte inquired about possible damage to the EV chargers. Joel informed him we are responsible and there is a warranty.

d. Parks Maintenance Report

Eric reported that staff continues with standard operations as weather continues to be favorable. Staff completed Haunted Forest set up, assisted on event day, and followed up with take down and storage. Fall cutbacks of perennial beds started, and the mow crew has switched to fall operations. Also, staff is starting to winterize athletic fields and turf restoration projects.

Bob reported that the HVAC quarterly service maintenance reports from Hearthstone would result in repair costs, mainly at the Fitness Club.

e. Recreation Report

Luke reported that attendance for Haunted Forest was 2,100, despite the rainy, windy weather forecast. WPA hosted their first Open Mic Night at Park Place on 11/8, and all performance slots were filled. He reported on upcoming Holly Days events and invited the Board to participate in the Frosty & Friends Parade on 12/6. There is currently a raffle to allow a Westmont family to ride on the Santa float, with proceeds going to Peoples Resource Center. Luke reviewed Kids Club revenue and attendance, Backstop Concessions in October and room and pavilion rentals. Fall athletics were successful and have concluded for the season. Luke updated the Board on active adult day trips, and an upcoming Lego workshop hosted by Hinsdale South High School Engineering Club. Finally, he reviewed social media followers and reach.

f. Other

Bob presented the list of suggestions submitted for naming Grant Street Park. Following discussion, the Board was in favor of keeping the new park as Grant Street Park. Following the WYBA presentation, President Karesh suggested a Coach of the Year award, for WYBA Coach Dave King. Bob explained that we do have our Friends of the Park award, and he could be eligible for that.

Commissioner Belmonte suggested advertising District programs near the Backstop Concessions at Ty Warner Park, as well as on backstop screening on the ball fields. Staff will research.

Agenda Item #11 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.