



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
February 11, 2026 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, 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 – January 14, 2026
- b. Closed Session Minutes – January 14, 2026
- c. Claims Ordinance – February 11, 2026
- d. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Conneely, Belmonte, Moffett, Zapinski, 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

There was no written correspondence.

- c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

- a. Board Policy Manual Discussion

Bob referenced the redlined draft version prepared by District legal counsel and included in the Board Packet. He stated that the vast majority of the changes are required by Illinois Park Code, and the rest is needed for Distinguished Agency Accreditation. Following discussion, Bob asked the Board to continue to send him questions and comments, which he will review with District legal counsel.

b. Board Meeting Attendance Policy Ordinance Discussion

Bob explained that this must be approved by ordinance and then included in the Board Policy Manual. Bob suggested that a commissioner might miss six meetings before a vacancy can be declared. The Board discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to allow the Board to declare a vacancy if a Commissioner does not attend five meetings in a calendar year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Capital Projects

Bob referenced the spreadsheet he provided to the Board, and he reviewed the following projects:

- Pickleball courts at Bellerive Park: materials have been ordered, and the shade structure is ordered. RFP's for installation of the shade structure were sent out to contractors. Color coat, net and post installation will follow. Additionally, there will be an Eagle Scout project to build practice walls for the pickleball courts.
- Digital Sign: the plat of abrogation is submitted to the Village for permit and the P.O. was submitted to Olympic Sign. Installation is planned for spring. Additionally, the Village approved the \$50,000 wayfinding fee, so we should receive this in the near future.
- Ty Warner Park playground: final renderings of the 5-to-12 year-old playground were presented. Bob is working on construction plans and bid documents.
- Ty Warner Park shade structures: in process to order the custom sail structures.
- IT Server: some hardware received.
- We were another \$100,000 DCEO grant. These funds are for next fiscal year to help rebuild the James Long Park basketball court surface.

d. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. 2026 Statement of Economic Interest

Lenore reported that those required to file would receive an email from the DuPage County the first week in March. Deadline for filing is May 1, 2026.

b. Resolution No. 2026-1 to Approve the Destruction of Closed Session Recordings:

August 12, 2020, December 3, 2020, May 12, 2021, December 8, 2021, March 16, 2022, May 11, 2022, August 10, 2022, November 8, 2023 and April 3, 2024

Bob explained that 8 months following approval of closed session minutes, the recordings could be destroyed. Going forward, this will become an annual practice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to adopt Resolution No. 2026-1 approving the destruction of certain closed session audio recordings as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation Self Evaluation Form, Application and Application Fee

Bob explained that in order to apply for accreditation, this needs to be on the agenda and Board approval must be documented. Upon approval of our application, we have 19 months to complete.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to approve completion of the Distinguished Accredited Agency self-assessment form, application and application fee.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Following Board approval, Joel then presented an excerpt of the 95-page Distinguished Park & Recreation Accreditation Standards, used for agency self-assessment. According to Bob, we will have many resources to assist us as well as a mentor. In addition, the Board will be approving policies as we proceed through these criteria.

d. Future Master Planning and Strategic Planning Discussion

Bob explained that an updated master or strategic plan is needed, along with a needs assessment survey. He requested Board direction in order to contact consultants and establish a fee for next fiscal year's budget. Bob confirmed that a needs assessment has never been done. This is the first step to creating a master plan, which will then need to be updated every five years. The Board agreed to complete a needs assessment and updated Master Plan. Bob will contact other agency directors who have gone through this process and then create an RFP for consulting services.

e. June Board Meeting Date

Following discussion, the Board agreed to reschedule the June Regular Meeting to June 4, 2026, starting at 6:00 pm.

f. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$4,149,027.77 as of January 31, 2026, bearing total interest of \$13,020.66 at a rate of 3.95%. The accounts payable total is \$107,675.83

g. Revenue Facility Report

Joel thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend IAPD/IPRA State Conference. Following Board agreement to continue with cybersecurity training, Joel informed the Board that the training email would be sent tomorrow morning at 9:00 am. He reported that EV charging station revenue is \$963, he is managing technology needs for this weekend's Winter Beer Festival, and the Community Center, Fitness Club and Golf Clubhouse will serve as polling places for next month's election.

At the golf course, 60 golfers participated in the Winter Open on February 7.

Fitness Club memberships increased from 805 to 828, with the total number of members increasing from 1,582 to 1,630. Joel referenced his report from the packet regarding the history and updates of racquetball court lighting. One court received special racquetball specific LED lighting in 2016, while LED's were installed in the other four courts following a ComEd grant. As these are not racquetball specific, they have continued to fail. Joel is now preparing a racquetball specific LED lighting proposal for Budget Workshop. Finally, Joel reported that the new roof top unit should be installed next week, Manager Taylor Siple continues to explore additional group fitness classes, and the 5-year membership revenue comparison was reviewed.

h. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported that the north entryway remodel of the Administrative Office is complete, and staff completed measurements for lighting replacement in Fitness Club racquetball courts. He referenced his report in the packet, confirming Hearthstone will replace the Gregg House Museum furnace. Finally, maintenance staff is preparing for spring athletics projects.

i. Recreation Report

Luke reported that there are 25 performers signed up for WPA's second Open Mic Night on February 13. Winter Beer Festival is scheduled for February 14; however, current ticket sales are lower than previous years. There was discussion concerning cost of the rental tent for this event. Luke review Kids Club enrollment and revenue, which continue to increase. In athletics, Bidly Basketball and Wolverines Travel Basketball continue, and a new softball clinic this month has 26 participants registered. Finally, the Summer Program Guide is in production, and the Senior Newsletter will now be included in the guide and no longer be a separate document.

j. Other

The Board agreed to schedule a park and facility tour on April 11, 2026, starting at 8:00 am.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.