



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
March 11, 2026 6:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh, Karen Moffett
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director; Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager & Accountant;
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 – February 11, 2026
- b. Claims Ordinance – March 11, 2026
- c. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Conneely, Belmonte, Moffett, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Zapinski

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

Westmont resident Richard Barrera addressed the Board. Mr. Barrera expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of the small wall and erosion on the northeast corner of Bernas Park pond, as this backs up to his property.

At this point, at 6:07 pm, Commissioner Zapinski entered the meeting.

Bob acknowledged Mr. Barrera's concern and provided two different solutions. Bob plans to apply for a grant this September, to naturalize the shoreline in order to repair the erosion, which would not be approved until 2027. However, the short-term solution is to repair the shoreline with riprap and masonry. Bob confirmed this project could begin as soon as the weather improves, and cost is within our current budget.

b. Written

Bob received an email from residents in the Deer Creek neighborhood, complimenting District staff for their maintenance work in the Deer Creek detention basin. He explained that parks maintenance staff recently completed a project removing invasive trees. Bob provided the 2025/2026 IAPD Legislative Platform listing, which he received at a legislative breakfast he recently attended. He explained that IAPD is currently tracking 9,700 pieces of legislation.

c. Other

There were no additional comments or correspondence.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Amended Board Policy Manual Ordinance No. 2026-1

Bob discussed some small edits, such as updating the history section to reference the year 1958, rather than 46 years ago. Also, duties of the Board Treasurer will remain different from the Board Secretary. Additionally, the day camp program fee for Board Members' families should be increased. Finally, the Board discussed how many meetings a Commissioner would be permitted to attend virtually within a period of 12 months.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to limit the number of meetings a Commissioner may attend virtually to 4 meetings within a period of 12 months.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Zapinski, Karesh

Nays: Commissioners Conneely, Moffett

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to adopt Amended Board Policy Manual Ordinance No. 2026-1.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Board Meeting Attendance Policy Ordinance No. 2026-2

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to adopt Board Meeting Attendance Policy Ordinance No. 2026-2.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Capital Projects

Bob stated he would address under New Business. However, he reported that the new Kompan train would be installed in the Ty Warner Park tot playground this fall, so as not to disrupt summer activity. This is the only project from the current fiscal year to be carried over to the next fiscal year.

d. Grant Update

Bob reported that the \$100,000 DCEO grant for the James Long Park parking lot project is approved and we are waiting for the check. We have received the \$75,000 grant agreement for Ty Warner Park playground. We hope to receive this grant money by end of this fiscal year. Bob will provide more information on new grant opportunities at Budget Workshop. Though Bob confirmed we were awarded \$500,000 for the Ty Warner Park permeable paver parking lot project, the Board expressed concern about the likelihood about actually receiving this payment. According to Bob, we should hear from IDOT in three to six months.

e. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. Annexation Ordinance No. 2026-3

Bob explained that this voluntary annexation is for a single property, located on the edge of Liberty Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve Annexation Ordinance No. 2026-3, for 4105 N. Lincoln Street, Westmont, IL 60559.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Digital Sign Policy Resolution No. 2026-2

Bob referenced the publishing guidelines, which were included in the Board Packet, and explained that is modeled after the Village policy. However, it has been modified to benefit the District, as we maintain control. We have the permit and construction should begin in April.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to adopt Resolution No. 2026-2 approving digital sign guidelines.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

c. Board to Consider 2026 Playground Improvement Bids

Bob confirmed that this is the next step, following the grant award and new playground equipment on order for Ty Warner Park 5-12-year-old playground. He explained that new play mulch for four separate park locations is included in this bid. The bid opening took place today, and Bob recommended Hacienda Landscaping, with a base bid \$144,400, and alternate of \$11,500 to include Fairfield Tot Lot. According to Bob, Hacienda Landscaping is the recommended contractor to install the shade structures, enabling all work to be completed at the same time. The Board discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to award the Ty Warner Park Playground Improvement Project and Play Mulch Replacement bid to Hacienda Landscaping for a base bid of \$144,400 and alternate \$11,500.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

d. Board to Consider Shade Structure Installation Bids

Bob reported that the bid opening took place on March 5, and he recommended Hacienda Landscaping with the low base bid of \$30,500. This bid helps us stay under budget in this project, which includes both Ty Warner Park and Bellerive Park pickleball. The Board discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to award the Shade Structure Installation Bid to Hacienda Landscaping for a base bid of \$30,500.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

e. Board to Discuss Credit Card Fees

Bob referred to the sample letter from Buffalo Grove Park District in the Board Packet, regarding a service fee applied to all credit card payments. He reported that we spend almost \$60,000 in credit card fees last fiscal year between the registration office, Fitness Club and golf course. The Board discussed and in general was in favor of applying a service fee to all credit card transaction. Bob explained that a resolution needs to be approved and this can go into effect for the new fiscal year effective June 1, 2026.

f. Board to Review Maintenance Clothing and Boot Allowance Policy to Consider Part Time Staff

Bob referenced the current policy from 2018, included in the Board Packet, and he explained that Eric brought this to his attention. Bob suggested a \$60 boot allowance for part time staff. Bob stated that part time staff are currently supplied with shirts and jackets, and updating this policy would benefit approximately 10 1800-hour employees. Following discussion, the Board suggested increasing the boot reimbursement from \$150 to \$200 for

full time staff and allow up to \$100 reimbursement for part time staff. In addition, the allowance for non-steel toe boots should be removed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve steel toe/composite toe boot reimbursement for part time maintenance staff up to \$100 annually.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to increase the steel toe/composite toe boot allowance for full time maintenance staff from \$150 to \$200 annually.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

g. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$4,005,817.13 as of February 28, 2026, bearing total interest of \$11,363.99 at a rate of 3.91%. The accounts payable total is \$162,716.62.

h. Revenue Facility Report

Bob referred to Joel's report in the Board Packet, as he was not at the meeting. There was discussion about why it is not good practice to open the golf course on occasional warm days in early spring, before the course is fully open.

i. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported on current parks maintenance projects, including Deer Creek detention basin invasive tree removal; winter tree pruning; replace homerun windscreens. Additionally, staff repaired moisture damage in the Fitness Club men's locker room, assisted with Winter Beer Festival, and kept up with snow removal. Commissioner Belmonte expressed concern about maintaining the small grass area outside the Community Center back entrance. Staff will address.

j. Recreation Report

Bob referred to Luke's report in the Board Packet, as he was not at the meeting.

k. Other

Commissioner Moffett expressed her appreciation to WPA and District staff for last weekend's show, Arsenic and Old Lace.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.