



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
January 14, 2026 6:00 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh
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; Martin Seyller, Custodian

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2025
- b. Claims Ordinance – January 14, 2026
- c. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Moffett, Zapinski

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

- a. General Public

There was no one present from the public.

- b. Written

Bob informed the Board the IAPD Business Meeting packet is available for their review.

- c. Other

Bob advised the Board of the need to convene to Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Agenda Item #6 2025 Staff Anniversary Recognition

- a. Martin Seyller – 5 Years
- b. Ben Grimme and Pete Wittman – 10 Years
- c. Joel Hymen – 15 Years

Martin Seyller and Joel Hymen were present and recognized by Executive Director Bob Fleck. The Board offered their congratulations and appreciation.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects

Shade structures at Ty Warner concession seating and Bellerive Park pickleball courts: As the current Funbrellas at Ty Warner Park are no longer working, sail shade structures were approved at the last Budget Workshop. After reviewing the aerial map of this seating area, Bob confirmed the sail shade is a better fit than the cantilevered system originally proposed, due to the mature evergreen trees next to this area. Cost is approximately \$21,000.

Maintenance was discussed. For the Bellerive pickleball courts, Bob presented options for a rectangular shade supported by either two center poles or four corner posts. The structure measures 20' X 30' and is designed to tolerate winds. The Board preferred four posts. The shade structures are ordered through a joint purchasing program; however, Bob is preparing bid documents for installation. He will order the shade structures this week and plans to go to bid by month end.

Bob reviewed two Landscape Structures playground options for the Ty Warner Park playground replacement, for 5-12 year-olds.

At this point, at 6:19 pm, Commissioner Moffett joined the meeting.

He confirmed the \$75,000 DCEO grant for this project. In addition, the District will receive a \$100,000 grant from Senator Glowiak for the next fiscal year. The playground can be purchased through a joint purchasing program; however, we will go to bid for installation. Cost was the same for both options presented: \$250,000. Following review of pictures and discussion, the Board preferred Option 3 for the Ty Warne Park playground replacement.

b. Other

There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item#8 New Business

a. 2026 Budget Workshop Meeting Dates

Following discussion, the Board agreed to hold Budget Workshop on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Bob requested budget considerations from the Board. He will research pricing for strategic planning services.

b. Board Policy Manual Update Discussion

Bob explained that Attorney Steve Adams was unable to complete revisions; however, updates should be ready next week. Bob will forward to the Board when complete.

c. Board Meeting Attendance Policy Ordinance Discussion

Bob explained that a separate ordinance is required. This is standard practice and gives the Board authority to declare a vacancy.

d. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$4,407,913.27 as of December 31, 2025, bearing total interest of \$15,728.53 at a rate of 4.08%. The accounts payable total is \$140,266.13.

e. Revenue Facility Report

Joel reported that Fitness Manager Taylor Siple has returned from leave. He asked the Board if they would like to continue their annual Cyber Security training. The Board agreed. He informed the Board that the EV charging station revenue for December was \$1,259. We were awarded the IPRF 2026 Safety Grant, we remain compliant with PCI credit card standards, and computer upgrades continue.

The golf course remains closed for the season; however, the Winter Open is scheduled for February 7, 2026.

At the Fitness Club, memberships increased from 784 to 805, and the new rooftop unit is on order. Finally, Joel reviewed monthly visit totals.

f. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric reported on Holly Days set up, continuing with cutbacks of perennial beds, and preparations for spring. Commissioner Belmonte asked about repairing the flagpole, and Eric explained that a lift is needed, so he is waiting for improved weather.

g. Recreation Report

Luke reported on Open Gym attendance during the holidays, and he reviewed Holly Days events. Santa's Train Ride sold out and generated a profit of \$8,100, and 25 shopping carts of food were donated to People's Resource Center during the Holly Days Food Drive. Kids Club enrollments continue to increase, Bidy Basketball starts this weekend, and marketing is focused on Winter Beer Festival promotions. Finally, planning for the July 4th event is underway.

h. Other

Bob informed the Board that IAPD's annual report is now available.

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to convene to Closed Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Park District has been filed and is pending before a court.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 6:49pm.

President Karesh called the Open Session back to order at 7:08 pm

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.



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President Karesh called the Closed Session to order at 7:00 pm pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the Park District has been filed and is pending before a court.

Present: Commissioners Karesh, Moffett, Conneely and Belmonte.
Executive Director Bob Fleck

Director Fleck began by informing the Board of a lawsuit filed against FMC Natatorium for an alleged personal injury that occurred at FMC Natatorium. The District has been named as a defendant per Case Number 2025 LA 1658. Per the terms of our lease agreement with FMC, our attorney Steve Adams informed Director Fleck that FMC is responsible to defend and indemnify the Park District in this case. It is expected we will have little to no attorney fees and we should not be obligated to pay any damages to the plaintiff. Attorney Adams will be tendering the claim to FMC in the next week to ten days.

At 7:08 pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to adjourn to open session.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.