Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
May 13, 2026, 6:15 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:15 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; Eric Krueger, Supt. of Parks & Maintenance; Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR; Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2026
b. Park Tour Special Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2026
c. Budget Workshop Special Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026
d. Release of Closed Session Minutes - January 14, 2026
e. Claims Ordinance – May 13, 2026
f. 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, 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
Bob updated the Board on Senate Bill 3907 regarding the management by Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC) of all recreational programs offered by park districts. He explained that IAPD is offering a proposed amendment, which will continue to ensure child safety for all recreational programs without subjecting them to state review. In addition, Westmont Park District sent a letter to Senator Suzy Glowiak Hilton opposing this legislation. Bob will keep the Board informed.

c. Other
The Board recognized Lenore Farmer, prior to her upcoming retirement from the District.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects
Bob updated the Board on current project status and presented pictures.

- Spray Park: all testing of new equipment is complete, features are being painted, privacy wall at the valves is complete, new sod and landscaping will soon be complete. IDPH inspection is scheduled for tomorrow, followed by Village inspection on Friday.
- Ty Warner Park playground is complete.
- Bellerive Park Pickleball Courts: after shade structures are installed, power washing, color coat and striping will be completed.
- Ty Warner Park shade structures: net yet started as due to special ordered footings, measuring 3 feet wide by 9 feet deep.

b. Other
There was no other additional old business.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. Annual Nomination and Selection of Board President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to approve the following Board officers, effective June 1, 2026:

- John Karesh, President
- Sue Zapinski, Vice-President
- Karen Moffett, Secretary
- Mike Conneely, Treasurer
- Bill Belmonte, Commissioner

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Moffett, Conneely, Zapinski, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried.

b. FY 2025/2026 Budget Adjustments
The Corporate Fund increased to $2,527,050. Bob explained that any fund exceeding the appropriated budgeted expenditure requires approval. In addition, by law, the only fund we can transfer from is Corporate. The Board discussed, and President Karesh advised to not go over appropriated funds in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve FY 2025/2026 Budget Adjustments as presented.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Zapinski, Moffett, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh
Nays: None

Absent: None
Motion Carried.

At this point, at 6:39 pm, Commissioner Moffett departed from the meeting.

c. FY 2026/2027 Tentative Budget
Bob referenced the tentative budget included in the packet. This will be on the District's website and available for public viewing until the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is adopted in August.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve the FY 2026/2027 Tentative Budget.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Conneely, Belmonte, Zapinski, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Moffett
Motion Carried.

d. Board to Consider Master Plan Update and Needs Assessment Survey RFP's
Bob referenced his email to the Board regarding the proposals. He explained that the master plan and needs assessment could be a nine-month process. However, this is a step toward Distinguished Agency Accreditation, and requires Board Approval. Bob recommended Planning Resources Inc. The Board discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to approve Planning Resources Inc. as consultant for the Master Plan and Needs Assessment Survey.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Conneely, Zapinski, Belmonte, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Moffett
Motion Carried.

e. Ordinance No. 2026-4 Revising Section 17 of Conduct Ordinance 2023-7 Increasing the Smoking Distance at Building Doors from 15' to 25'

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-4 revising Section 17 of Conduct Ordinance No. 2023-7 increasing the smoking distance at building doors from 15' to 25'.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Zapinski, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Moffett
Motion Carried.

f. Resolution No. 2026-5 Approving the Destruction of Closed Session Recordings:
October 14, 2020, April 13, 2022, March 8, 2023, May 10, 2023, and May 17, 2024

Bob reviewed destruction of audio recordings from the Open Meetings Act, explaining we may destroy recordings after 18 months, unless they are sensitive. This must be authorized by resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to adopt Resolution No. 2026-5 approving the destruction of certain Closed Session audio recordings.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Zapinski, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Moffett
Motion Carried.

g. Treasurer's Report
Rosy reported that the bank balances total is $3,802,308.89 as of April 30, 2026, bearing total interest of $11,252.52 at a rate of 3.89%. The accounts payable total is $251,426.75.

h. Revenue Facility Report
Joel reported that the golf course is running well, and there was $21,908 in greens fee revenue for April. The Night Golf Outing on May 8 was successful, and the next one is scheduled for September 18. At the Fitness Club, there was a small reduction in memberships, due to the reopening of Glass Courts. Commissioner Belmonte inquired about video surveillance in the parks, and Joel explained that updates would begin in June. Commissioner Belmonte also asked about projects discussed during the April 11 Park Tour. Joel assured him those have been scheduled in MaintainX, and he will create a progress schedule for the Board's review.

i. Parks/Maintenance Report
Eric reported that the Ty Warner Park archway signs have been resurfaced and painted, and all park shelter restrooms are now open. Memorial trees are planted, and the flag near the Veterans Park statue has been replaced. The Board expressed their appreciation for Eric's irrigation and fertilizer reports included in the packet. The Board discussed irrigation concerns at parks.

j. Recreation Report
Superintendent of Recreation Luke Wyss was absent.

k. Other
Bob referenced a letter included in the packet regarding the grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the permeable paver parking lot at Ty Warner Park. According to Bob, this will most likely be spring 2027 construction.
Bob reminded the Board about the Race to the Flag event on May 24, and the Memorial Day Parade on May 25.
President Karesh suggested improvements, such as paint and new doors, for the multi-purpose rooms in the Community Center. Staff will review and create a schedule.

Agenda Item #8 Closed Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to convene to closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of the specific employees of the public body.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Belmonte, Zapinski, Conneely, Karesh
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Moffett
Motion Carried.

The Board convened to closed session at 7:19 pm.

President Karesh called the open session back to order at 9:47 pm

Agenda Item #9 Adjournment

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

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 pm.