



Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
July 8, 2026, 6:05 pm

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:05 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; Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation; Taylor Siple, Fitness Manager; Amanda Mackert, HR Generalist; 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 – June 4, 2026
- b. Claims Ordinance - July 8, 2026
- c. Other

Fleck thanked the team for all the hard work, despite the weather, on the 4th of July. Mentioning we received a lot of praise from the public.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Zapinski, Moffett, Belmonte, Conneely, 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 Race to the Flag and Peoples Resource Center Check Presentation

Taylor updated the Board on the Race to the Flag event. Despite the weather we had 367 runners, about 40 more from 2025. Taylor then presented the check for \$11,070.32.

A group photo was taken with the People's Resource Center staff during the check presentation.

Jenny the CEO of Peoples Resource Center shared a few words. Expressing, she cannot be happier to have her second home be in Westmont.

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Capital Projects

- Fleck updated the board that the end of last year's capital expenditure report and new report with some items carried forward. He updated the board on status and presented pictures.
- Spray Park: Custom fabric sails for the shade structure at TY *Warner Park* will be delivered by July 13th, 2026. Within a couple of days after we will have installation, completing the project.
- Bellerive Park: Changing letters out week of July 13th, 2026, on digital sign. To move park letters up to the top. Pickle ball has been receiving heavy use and is well received by the public.
- Neighborhood playground mulch replacement is currently being scheduled.
- TY Warner Park: compact train should be delivered from Europe sometime in September.
- Gold Course: Golf Hitting nets completed today. Repair for gold maintenance roof started today – then will move to maintenance garage roof.
- Equipment Orders: Most are in. Pickup truck to be delivered by end of week.
- Fitness Center: Equipment is done.

b. Grant Update

- Fleck touched base on the James Long Park \$100,000 grant for the athletic courts. Explained we are waiting on the state and DCEO to transition to their fiscal year. Once done paperwork requirement for the grant agreement will be completed.
- Confirmation of the two new DCEO grants for \$550,000 for Bernas Park and \$500,000 for TY Warner Park. The second grant for Ty Warner Park will be for capital improvements. Leading to us being able to apply it to the additional needed for Permeable Paver Parking expansion, moving of pathway, and fitness station.
- Fleck explained that the capital grant administered through HUD requires extensive administrative and regulatory processes. Requirements include completing HUD webinars, obtaining an environmental assessment from Roux and Associates confirming no hazardous materials or environmental conflicts, and approval by the Village of Westmont, which will serve as the reporting entity. The Westmont Park District will then complete the project design and obtain permits from the Village and DuPage County. The Village engineer will submit the required environmental and permitting documentation through HUD's HEROS portal. The environmental assessment is expected to take approximately five months. Once complete, the grant agreement can be executed, followed by submission of the required fund release forms. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring, or later if delays occur.
President Karesh asked about the total project cost. Fleck estimated the cost at \$550,000, excluding the planned parking lot expansion. Additional DCEO grant funding may be utilized as needed.

c. ADA Transition Plan Update

- Fleck reported that the District's ADA consultant, Mark Trieglaff, completed site visits and is expected to submit a draft ADA Transition Plan by the end of the following week. The Board agreed to review the completed report without a meeting. Fleck explained that the plan will identify ADA requirements, accessibility standards, and recommended improvements.
- President Karesh emphasized that the ADA Transition Plan should remain an active planning document, with ongoing budgeting for and completion of ADA improvements.
- d. Master Plan and Needs Assessment Survey
 - Fleck explained that Planning Resources started site visits and inventory efforts today. Planning Resources will have two pop up events to engage the public and are scheduled in August.
 - Park Board agreed to meet with Planning Resources via special meeting.
- e. Other
 - There was no additional unfinished business.

Agenda Item #8 New Business

- a. Surplus Ordinance 2026-5
 - Joel explained that two older Smithco machines (a 2010 and 2012) are no longer useful. These two will be replaced with new equipment and will be traded in.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to approve Surplus Ordinance 2026-5.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

- b. FOIA and OMA Annual Training
 - Fleck Explained the FOIA and OMA training are due annually as part of Distinguished Accreditation.
- c. Appointment of FOIA Officer

Fleck explained the need to appoint a FOIA officer to be the single point of contact for all FOIA requests. Nominating himself as the FOIA officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to appoint Bob Fleck as the FOIA officer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

- d. Appointment of OMA Officer

Fleck explained the need to appoint an OMA officer to be the single point of contact for all Open Meetings Act matters. Nominating himself as the OMA officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to appoint Bob Fleck as the OMA officer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

e. Appointment of ADA Officer

Fleck explained the need to appoint an ADA officer to be the single point of contact for all ADA related matters. Nominating himself as the ADA officer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to appoint Bob Fleck as the ADA officer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

f. Little League Fencing Bids

- Fleck explained that no bids were received on the little league fencing. We are currently working with others for a bid and hope to have an answer by end of week.

g. Roux and Associates Environmental Assessment Report Proposal for CPF Grant Requirement

- Fleck explained approval is needed for the environmental assessment and is a requirement for the HUD grant. Report is estimated to be around \$5000 and will be covered by the grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to approve the Roux and Associates Environmental Assessment Report.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

h. Treasurer's Report

- Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$5,935,674.95 as of June 30, 2026, bearing total interest of \$17,187.56 at a rate of 3.88%. The accounts payable total is \$41,779.35

i. Revenue Facility Report

- Joel reported EV charging revenue of \$1,460 for the month and provided an update on credit card processing changes to ensure fees are properly allocated. The Golf Course recorded 2,945 rounds in June, down from 3,082 last year due to heavy rainfall. Junior Golf enrollment reached 360 participants, up from 315 last year and the highest since COVID, generating approximately \$84,000 in

registration fees. Fitness Center membership increased from 849 to 854, with the new Zumba class off to a strong start. The Race to the Flag event had 367 participants, up from 329 last year. Membership revenue totaled approximately \$37,000, with 5,362 visits.

j. Parks/Maintenance Report

- Eric reported on recent vandalism and graffiti at Lions Park and thanked Park Patrol for their communication. Storm damage at the Golf Course required the removal of several trees. Staff are preparing athletic fields for an upcoming Majors tournament and completing a maintenance project on the pickleball courts. Memorial trees have been installed at Diane Main, Bernis, and Ty Warner Parks. The Maintenance Department is fully staffed and conducting new trainings. Eric also thanked his team for their hard work leading up to and during the Fourth of July events.

k. Recreation Report

- Luke reported that the WPA summer show is scheduled for early August with approximately 50 cast members. Concerts and Movies in the Park continued despite weather challenges. Backstop revenue is \$2,300 compared to June of last year, while Spray Park revenue is slightly down due to weather. Cabana rentals and Splash & Bash rentals have increased, and summer camp enrollment has exceeded 100 participants. Staff are exploring additional ways to communicate with and engage active adults and seniors in programs. Travel basketball tryouts have begun. The Community Center office project has a revised quote and will be submitted for approval soon, with a September start anticipated.

l. Other

- Fleck went over a memo going over the S curve. With a plan to petition to annexation into the boundaries of Westmont in the Fall.
- Commissioner Belmonte explained how the tournament being hosted for the State of Illinois State Championship Tournament for Little League is important to our community.
- Fleck mentioned that the drone show that was supposed to be shown on the 4th will be at the Taste of Westmont closing on Saturday.

Agenda Item #9 Closed Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to convene to closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing potential or pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Board convened to closed session at 7:27pm

Commissioner Conneely called the open session back to order at 7:45 pm

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

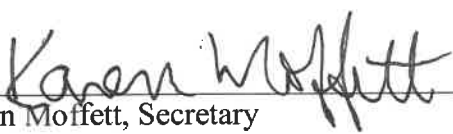
Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting was made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

AYES: Zapinski, Moffett, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesch

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____



Karen Moffett, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Westmont Park District

ATTEST:


Amanda Mackert,
Recording Secretary
Westmont Park District