



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559
September 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, Karen Moffett, John Karesh, Sur Zapinski
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director; Joel Hymen, Assistant Director; Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager & Accountant; Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation; Eric Kruger, Supt. of Parks & Maintenance; Mandy Mackert, HR Generalist; Zack Johnson, Recreation Coordinator
Visitors: Domenic DiCera

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Consent Agenda

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2026
- b. Special Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2026
- c. Claims Ordinance – September 9, 2026
- d. Other

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Zapinski, Moffett, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Item #5 Open Forum and Correspondence

a. General Public

Dominic DiCera from the Westmont Youth Baseball Association (WYBA) provided highlights from the 2026 season and presented a contribution to the Board of \$38,080. Dominic went on to thank Luke for his help over the season and Eric and his team for always ensuring the fields are perfect. He expressed how Westmont baseball has grown immensely over the past few years, stating since 2019 total contributions have equaled \$317,000.

b. Written

There was no written correspondence.

c. Other

Fleck informed the Board about the SEASPAR workshop he attended today. During the meeting, SEASPAR expressed a need for additional space for its Eagle Program, which serves community members with special needs between the ages of 18 and 50, with the goal of developing life skills. SEASPAR currently has four sites and 52 individuals on the waitlist.

Agenda Item #6 Unfinished Business

a. 2026 NRPA Conference

President Karesh, along with Bob Fleck and Joel Hymen will attend this year's national conference, according to Travel Ordinance No. 2016-6.

b. Capital Projects

Fleck reviewed the following projects:

- Pond aerator updates. Eric confirmed that two are down at Bernas Park, but the others are in.
- After the aerator project is over, they will move on to the staining project at Lions Park.
- Train for Ty Warner Park arrived last week from Europe. Install will be in mid-October.

c. Master Plan and Needs Assessment Survey

Fleck stated that tomorrow the staff will be on a teams meeting for the Needs Assessment Survey to review the final draft. A finished copy will be done by end of the week. Survey starts 9/21 and goes on to mid-October. After Survey ends it will take a month or more for information to be reviewed. Total length of survey will be around 10 minutes long. On October 7th at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a stakeholder meeting with planning resources. We wish to encourage the community to join.

d. Accreditation

Tasks related to accreditation are continuing, with several items included under New Business. Next month, we anticipate having additional new policies and items available for review. Plans to update the Personnel Policy Manual and Safety Policy Manual are also underway. Once the updates are completed, Board approval will be required.

e. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Annual Training

Annual OMA training reminders. Mandy will send instructions to the Board.

f. Other

There was no other unfinished business.

Agenda Item #7 New Business

a. Ordinance 2026-8 Approving, Amending and Restating Conduct Ordinance 2023-7

A motion made by Commissioner Conneely and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve Ordinance 2026-8.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Conneely, Belmonte, Moffett, Zapinski, Karesh

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

b. Board to Consider District Organizational Chart

A motion made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to approve District Organizational Chart.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Moffett, Zapinski, Belmonte, Conneely, Karesh

Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

c. Board to Consider 2026 Salary Ranges

A motion made by Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Conneely to approve 2026 Salary Ranges.

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

d. Board to Consider 2026 Museum and Pavilion Roof Bids
Fillotto Roofing was the sole bidder. Although 14 bid packets were picked up, many companies were occupied with repairs resulting from the recent storms and hail. The combined bid of \$84,740 for both roof projects is under budget.

A motion made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to approve 2026 Museum and Pavillion Roof Bids.

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

e. Board to Consider IPARKS Cyber Security Coverage Increase Proposal
Joel explained our current cyber security is 250k. Currently proposal for \$1398 will increase the limit to 1 million.

A motion made by Commissioner Belmonte and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski to approve IPARKS Cyber Security Coverage Increase Proposal.

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

f. Board to review District Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Values

A motion made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte to approve District Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Values.

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

g. Treasurer's Report

Rosy reported that the bank balances total is \$4,996,206.09 as of August 31, 2026, bearing total interest of \$16,388.92 as a rate of 3.9%. Rosy reviewed with the Board the upcoming audit, explaining the auditors will be reaching out to them directly. Commissioners confirmed to have received a postcard via mail. Our public hearing for bonds will take place on October 14, 2026, during the October Board meeting.

h. Revenue Facility Report

Joel explained to the Board that security cameras additions/ upgrades are currently being reviewed and in planning stage. At Fitness Club tomorrow the front entrance should be getting the non-slip coating. EV charging stations at revenue is \$615 this month. Joel explained that at the golf course has been in a wet season and has not been able to send out as many golf carts. Senior golf and other leagues are wrapping up soon. Around the corner is the fall night golf outing. Joel reviewed some statistics with the Board on resident, nonresident, and senior punch pass data. Total August 2026 revenue was \$77,781. At the Fitness Club memberships decreased from 843 to 825. Historically we see this dip every year in August and September. Joel presented a map showing all resident and nonresident memberships as pinpoints. Our resident and non-resident memberships are almost perfectly split, with 837 resident and 819 non-resident.

i. Parks/Maintenance Report

Eric thanked his team for their hard work cleaning up following last month's storms. The team completed the removal of approximately 4–5 inches of contaminated play sand at Veterans Memorial Park and replaced it with new play sand. New picnic tables were also installed at Ty Warner Park beneath the new shade structure. The HVAC inspection was completed this month. Capital improvements were completed at Ty Warner Park on Field 1 to accommodate programming with 60-, 65-, and 70-foot bases. Work was also completed on Fields 2 and 3. The athletic shed roof at Veterans Memorial Park was repaired. At Bellerive Park, the soccer fields were relocated to allow the turf to recover and maintain healthy playing conditions. Some turf damage occurred at Ty Warner Park when a truck and trailer were driven onto the field. The equipment was associated with a rental, and follow-up regarding the repairs is being handled directly with the renter.

j. Recreation Report

Luke reported that the Touch-A-Truck event on August 30, 2026, was a great success, with an estimated 750 people in attendance. The Historical Society will be hosting a presentation on the Great Chicago Fire. An additional 18 students joined Kids Club, bringing the total enrollment to 83 students. Kids Club serves approximately 58–65 students per day, divided into two groups by age, with approximately 8–10 students per counselor. Attendance at Miller School has doubled compared to last year. Zack gave a special shout-out to a student with special needs. Through a partnership with SEASPAR, the Park District is able to provide inclusion aid to support the student. The Spray Park and Backstop programs are winding down at the end of September. Later this month, the Park District will host dementia training for all staff members. Pickleball leagues have started with a total of 10 teams and will run for eight weeks.

k. Other

There was no additional new business.

Agenda Item #8 Adjournment

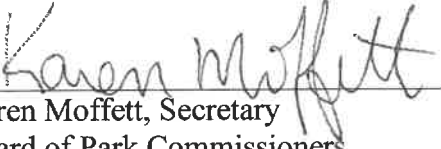
Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Zapinski.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

AYES: Moffett, Zapinski, Belmonte, Conneely, Karish

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____



Karen Moffett, Secretary
Board of Park Commissioners
Westmont Park District

ATTEST:


Amanda Mackert,
Recording Secretary
Westmont Park District