

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on December 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.  
Lemont Safety Village and Virtual via Zoom Meeting  
55 Stephen St., Lemont, IL 60439

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Pepich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Lemont Park District Board because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the jurisdiction of the agency. The President of the Board determined that an in-person meeting at Lemont Safety Village with all participants was not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Board Members and Staff were not physically present at Lemont Safety Village due to the disaster; however, the Executive Director was. Physical public attendance at Lemont Safety Village was limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting were made available by emailing Executive Director Louise Egofske at [legofske@lemontparks.org](mailto:legofske@lemontparks.org) by 3:00 p.m. on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Public comments were also accepted via email in advance of the meeting to [legofske@lemontparks.org](mailto:legofske@lemontparks.org) and will be entered into public record. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

**ROLL CALL** – Commissioners present: McAdam, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati, Pepich. All Commissioners were able to see and hear each other at the Zoom meeting. Executive Director Louise Egofske and Larry Rizzo were present at Safety Village. Recording secretary, Karen Perkey and staff - Morelli, Khuen, Aguirre and Dellamano attended the meeting virtual via Zoom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge was led by Commissioner Wagner.

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation Levy Ordinance - President Pepich opened the Public Hearing for the Truth and Taxation Levy Ordinance at 6:33 p.m. for its 2020 taxes payable in 2021. Truth and Taxation hearings are only required by state law for requests in excess of 105% over the previous year's levy extension. The Lemont Park District is estimating a 1.05% increase over the prior year and is holding this hearing as a sign of "good" governance to allow open communication and transparency. The requested increase is projected to capture any new construction within the District and maintain operating costs that will be impacted due to inflation. Costs that will be impacted include salary and benefits, utilities and purchases of goods and services. Public Comment for Hearing – None.

Close of Public Hearing – President Pepich closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve Levy Ordinance #2020-4, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners McAdam, Scarlati, Mescher, Wagner, Pepich.  
Nays – None.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** –

**Update** – General Use Ordinance – Christine Aguirre presented changes to the General Use Ordinance to the board. A redlined copy was also sent to the Lemont Police Department for their review.

**Update** – 2021 Pay Grade Structure – Executive Director Egofske explained the request for the pay grade structure increase.

**Update** – 2021 Board Meeting Schedule – The board received a draft of the upcoming 2021 meeting schedule. The January meeting will be scheduled for January 13, 2021 and there will not be a Committee of the Whole meeting in January 2021. The date for the December Special Meeting will be scheduled for December 1, 2021.

**Update** – Public Hearing for BINA – The board received the notice for the public hearing that will be held on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The notice will be published in the December 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Suburban Life newspaper.

**Update** – Public Hearing for Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – The board received the notice for the public hearing that will be held on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The notice will be published in the December 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Suburban Life newspaper.

**Update** – Approval of Resolution #2020-12 To Approve an Amendment to the Joint Agreement with SEASPAR – The executive director explained that SEASPAR will be changing its fiscal year to a calendar year effective January 1, 2022 so the Joint Agreement will need to be amended.

**Old Business** – Larry Rizzo updated the board on the progress of current projects.

**New Business** – None.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** – President Pepich made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following, with a second by Commissioner Wagner at 7:05 p.m.:

5.2 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in park, recreational or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational or educational setting or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act.

The following were invited into the session: board members Wagner, McAdam, Mescher, Scarlati and Pepich and Executive Director Egofske and Jason Khuen.

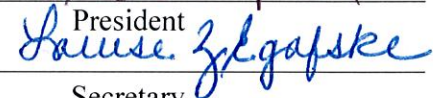
Roll Call: Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, Mescher, Wagner, McAdam, Pepich.  
Nays – None.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:19 p.m.

**FINAL ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Mescher made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner McAdam. All ayes -motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.



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President



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Secretary