

Minutes of a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on February 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Lemont Safety Village and Virtual via Teams Meeting
55 Stephen St., Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER – President Pepich called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 by 3:00 p.m. on February 10, 2021. Public comments were also accepted via email in advance of the meeting to 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: Scarlati, McAdam, Wagner, Mescher, Pepich. All Commissioners were able to see and hear each other at the Teams meeting. Executive Director Louise Egofske and Larry Rizzo were present at Safety Village. Recording secretary, Karen Perkey and staff - Morelli, Khuen, Aguirre, Ganzer and Dellamano attended the meeting virtual via Teams. Craig Meadows, Studio GC and Attorney Carl Buck also attended the meeting via Teams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge was led by Commissioner Mescher.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –

Update – Studio GC – Downtown Linear Park – Executive Director Louise Egofske stated that the Village of Lemont received a \$500K grant that can be used for the development of the park. The District will be working with the Village for the park development. Studio GC will be attending the upcoming Committee of the Whole meetings to keep the board updated on the progress of the park. Craig Meadows reported to the board on several aspects of the park including site renderings; the Phases of Development; the 4 Sessions of the schedule which are Mitigation, Design Effort, Investigations and Approvals and the time frame for the park development. There was a brief discussion about the park amenities. There was a discussion on what the project should be referred to for consistency. President Pepich suggested that the District host a campaign for naming the park with community involvement at a later date. Executive Director Egofske will get back to the board.

Update – Lemont Park District updated Strategic Plan 2021 – 2026 – Executive Director Egofske reported on the plan that the board received. The board will be asked to approve the plan at the regular February meeting.

Update – Approval of Administrative Policy Manual with an addition to Section 1-3 Revenue Policy – The executive director explained that additional language was needed in the policy for District issued gift cards.

Update – Issuance of Taxable GO Limited Tax Park Bonds Series 2021 – The documents have been received from Chapman & Cutler and the closing date is set for February 25th, 2021.

Old Business –

Lemont Jr. Woman's Club Centennial Park – Executive Director Egofske reported that the Make Your Park meeting on January 27th went well and the information presented was very well received. Commissioners Mescher and Scarlati also stated that the meeting went well and the public in attendance liked the design and the play pieces. There was a discussion about the addition of a See-Saw to the play pieces. Staff showed the board a brief presentation on the park concept that was used at the Make Your Park meeting. A start date of

June 1st is the target, depending on permitting requirements. The Little Tykes Playground pieces were chosen for the park.

NFC Outdoor Fitness Park Project – The District is working with the Village of Lemont for this park. The location will be under the Lemont Road bridge with an entrance off of Front Street. Renderings for the park were shown to the board. There was a brief discussion.

District 113A IGA – President Pepich explained to the board the changes that were made to the current IGA with District 113A. Removal of certain language will update the current document and the information will be created in a new document. The board will receive the updated documents for review when they are available.

Bambrick Park - Larry Rizzo updated the board on the changes to the Bambrick Park project.

New Business – President Pepich reported on the continuation of virtual meetings. At this time, the meetings will continue to be conducted on a virtual platform due to the current disaster declaration that is still in place. Appropriate arrangements will be made if a board member wishes to attend a meeting in person.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Pepich made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following, with a second by Commissioner Wagner at 8:06 p.m.:

4.1 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

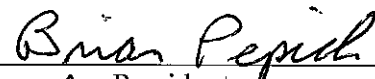
4.2 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in park, recreational or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing 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, Larry Rizzo, Jason Khuen and Carl Buck.

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

The regular meeting resumed at 8:52 p.m.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT —Commissioner Wagner made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner McAdam. All ayes -motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.



President


Secretary