

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on August 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Centennial Community Center and Virtual via Zoom Meeting
16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER - President Pepich called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Present: Pepich, McAdam, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati
Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, recording secretary for this evening is Carlene Dickman and staff – Dellamano, Morelli, Aguirre, Carter, Rizzo, Khuen, Raspanti, Lambrakis
Public in attendance – Jeff and Camille Toman and Joe Brusseau from Hitchcock Design Group

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Executive Director Louise Egofske

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE – In the packet, District 113A Invitation to Groundbreaking Ceremony on August 25th at 4:30 p.m.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION – Jason Khuen, Chris Roe, Laura Hunter, Amy Verhoeven and Norma Tamayo were all recognized by for 5 years of service with the Lemont Park District. Frank Skrzypczynski was recognized with a Community Spotlight Award for going above and beyond in his Crankin' for Crank selfless act of kindness. Frank rode his unicycle for a 150-mile ride and fundraising efforts to help a co-worker going through cancer treatments. Also recognized was Christian Vazquez for his help with the Crankin' for Crank ride logistics and riding along with Frank the whole way. All recognitions were presented by Pam Carter.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Pepich opened the floor to public comment. Spoke about Foundation golf outing on September 23rd. Still in need of golfers. September 8th is set for our Make Your Park Meeting for Kettering Park. Quite a few rsvp's already - 18 in-person, 13 virtual. Meeting for the public will be held at the Centennial Community Center at 6 p.m. on September 8th. The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. that night, September 8th, will most likely be canceled. At this time don't feel we need that Committee of the Whole meeting. This evening Joe Brusseau from Hitchcock Design Group will give us a sneak peak of the Power Point for the public meeting and what the draft concepts look like.

2.3a Updated Hitchcock Design Kettering Park Community Meeting – Joe Brusseau went over designs for Kettering Park. Plan is about 2 acres. Mostly residential around park. Challenge for utilities. Swale runs through the area. Will include bike parking area, solar table, playground swing area, 2-12 play area along with shade area with tables. Solar collection area over a table that will allow you to charge phones and showed what it will look like. Swings selected were traditional belt and bucket seat and also a face-to-face swing. RFP due back next Friday – one concept is more of a nature theme. Second concept is a more modern and contemporary look, still with lots of climbing and connectivity pieces. Discussion on materials and color scheme options. Investing in landscaping for buffering and softening views in the park. Sidewalk not centered for potential parking in future and create open space for ball playing. This is the original location that was always planned to be a park mentioned by Commissioner Wagner.

Joe Brusseau asked if any questions about Centennial LJWC Park while he was here. Larry, Louise and Joe spoke about LJWC Playground missing pieces and backordered parts. Supply chain issues is another problem. Pour & play is another feature that is limited at this time. Turf goes in next week or two. Hoping missing parts be shipped by September 9th or shortly thereafter. Should know more by end of week. Hoping to have the playground completed by end of September.

On behalf of the Board, President Pepich congratulated Lauren Raspanti on her wedding. They all give their best to her and her husband. President Pepich closed floor to public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – The following items were presented to the board as consent:

3.1 Action – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2021

3.2 Action – Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2021

3.3 Action – Approval of July 2021 Treasurer's Report

3.4 Action – Approval of August 2021 Payables

3.5 Action – Approval of Additional July 2021 Payables

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, McAdam, Pepich, Wagner, Mescher

Nays – None

BOARD BUSINESS –

President's Comments – President Pepich thanked staff for keeping spots in the parking lot for the Board and staff before the meeting since there was a meeting at Old Quarry Middle School this evening.

Commissioner's Comments – Commissioner Wagner thanked staff as well.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Louise Egofske provided update on property transfer for Kettering parcel. Carl working with attorney, we are close on setting a date to take ownership. Trying to consolidate into one pin, currently three pins. Changes were made to bank accounts and new signature cards updated and added Colleen Ganzer to be able to conduct financial activity on behalf of the District. Mask update - last week Cook County mask mandate came out, had some contradictory language referencing businesses and exempting government entities. Since March of 2020, the District has been following the strictest recommendations through the CDC, IDPH, PDRMA and IAPD along with other sources. Spent some time researching further clarity and spoke with PDRMA today and the Cook County mask mandate does apply to us. Staff is recommending that we move forward with masks for those ages 2 and over all at times in LPD facilities beginning this Friday. President Pepich said that if it comes from PDRMA that we have to do it. Don't think we are far from the governor making more changes. Other districts have gone to masks indoors along with the majority of Cook County districts. More mask research regarding fitness center and group x classes will take place.

Downtown Fitness Court, still no answer from IDOT to move forward to build out on IDOT property near Front Street. IDOT personnel very limited at this time so not easy to get answers. One option is to cut a PO for the equipment purchase in 2021 in late fall otherwise we will lose grant in 2022. If we don't purchase this year, it shouldn't be a problem to secure a grant again next year but there would be a price increase of at least \$10,000. Requesting Senator John Curran to contact IDOT. Spoke about a different area for the Fitness Court but would like to keep it centrally focused. The Village of Lemont has helped us out and has put out money as well. Spoke with Senator Curran last Thursday and will followed up today. Chicago Tribune featured an article that Naperville received grant to put in a fitness court. Better off to wait and put in the location we are comfortable with. Staff is putting the final touches on OSLAD Grant Application. Received recommendation letters from Marie Newman, Jim Durkin and hope to receive the letter from Senator Curran tomorrow. Also received a letter from Mayor Egofske. A few more things to do and thanked staff – Dellamano and Khuen. Grant application is due on in on Wednesday, September 1st. Will hear after the 1st of the year if we receive the grant. Mentioned change in staffing, Karen formally handled policy and procedures and Christine Aguirre will now be point person for this including personnel, general use ordinance, manuals, etc. She will provide updates for future Board meetings and will work with the Board on these items in the future.

Action 5.1a – Approval of the 2nd Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement

President Pepich made a motion to approve the 2nd Lemont Refinery Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement, with a second by Commissioner Mescher. No comments or questions.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Mescher, Wagner, Pepich, McAdam, Scarlati

Nays - None

Action 5.1b– Approval of Resolution #2021-7 Appointing an Agent for the Lemont Park District to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to for the Approval of Resolution #2021-7 Appointing an Agent for the Lemont Park District to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund with a second by Commissioner McAdam.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Attempting to get District 113A Board and LPD together for a meeting. Monday was a meeting with Mayor Egofske, Trustee Sniegowski, George Schafer, Executive Director Louise Egofske, President Pepich and Larry Rizzo to discuss a variety of items. Will use Executive Session to discuss items. Commissioner McAdam mentioned it is very production have discussions in smaller meetings.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – Carrie spoke about how last weekend was a very successful registration for fall programming. Has 3 interviews for Rec Supervisor for Athletics this week and hopes to offer a package to one next week. Foundation Liaison will be changing from Pam to Lauren. Pam did a great job in the last five years and brought them to the next level. Lauren will pick up where Pam left off and is up to the task to keep it going. Transition will take place over the next few months. Keepataw Day Parade is coming up on Sunday, September 5th, save the date. Staff will be decorating a small float with an American theme. Hope to have some local hometown heroes, such as doctors, nurses, teachers, etc., to help fill the float.

FACILITIES – Anthony mentioned that Kristy Lambrakis has been part of the Customer Service and MOD team and is now our new Customer Service Manager. Kristy handled her first registration this weekend, and it went smoothly. Congrats to Kristy. Had a meeting with District 113A and some admin staff regarding using their facility through the school year. Usage was all put on hold in 2020. As of right now it is business as usual and we can use facility during the week and weekend, particularly for basketball at River Valley. Anthony is overseeing the soccer league for the 2021 season, 321 kids and a few more coming in to take place of those who drop out. A few questions about masks lately for soccer but since it takes place outside, no masks since there hasn't been any updates on outside sports. Hornets football beginning at Bambrick Park in the next week. Lemont High School has accepted Hornets back on their field for game days. Finally closing the deal with Lemont High School regarding SEASPAR using the school for their winter play. Lemont High School confirmed that the Lemont Lightning can use their ball field this fall due to construction at Bambrick Park. We keep working hard to keep up memberships base at The CORE.

FITNESS – In the packet.

MAINTENANCE – Larry gave an update on the Bambrick Park grading improvement on field A. He did receive a change order and it is acceptable. Integral construction starting on Saturday, August 28th in the

morning around 7 a.m. The soccer league is starting Saturday as well but they will only be working on field A so it shouldn't affect soccer. They will continue to work on Sunday and the following week and hope to have it completed in 6-7 days including the punch list items. In BoardPaq, submitted a preliminary budget cost for Miracle Field improvements. Need to improve surface materials, all new fencing, new backstop, new ADA compliant concrete walkways and dugouts. The pricing is pretty accurate and has been working with Design Perspectives and other contractors for approximate pricing costs. The Danny Rizzo Memorial Fundraiser funds from the September 2021 event will be donated to the Lemont Park District to go towards the Miracle Field improvements for when the LPD is ready to make the updates. President Pepich thanked Larry and his wife Cindy for stepping up to contribute to such a wonderful cause. Danny would be proud. Miracle field is used all the time, probably the most used field. Commissioner Scarlati said he was looking forward to making these improvements for all to take advantage of and that it was very generous of Larry and Cindy to put those funds to work for us.

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES – Louise mentioned there was no report this month. Next month will have a report. Nothing new to report and no questions.

POLICY & PROCEDURES – Christine spoke about going through and updating our independent contractor agreement. Held a preliminary training with staff. Carl has looked through it. Staff will be fully trained on the new process and how it will work moving forward and what can and cannot be changed. Process will be put into place by end of next month. New hire process, Christine and Colleen have been updating staff on these processes as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that the District received a formal request for the Lemont Park Foundation members to receive a CORE Membership for volunteering their time. Asked if the Board will allow her to work on a procedure for those volunteers to allow them to utilize The CORE with a complementary membership if they so desire. This is something we can look at on an annual basis as it is only 10 or less members per year. All of the commissioners were in agreement that they are volunteers and we should do this. Pam will be updated before her transition. President Pepich mentioned that Pam has done an outstanding job with the Lemont Park Foundation and hasn't dropped a thing and keeps them moving in the right direction. He mentioned that they are all working very hard on the upcoming golf outing. Very impressed with all that they are doing to make things happen. We need to recognize them they do so much for us such as donating the \$10,000 for fitness court and all they are doing. Carrie mentioned that we usually recognize the Lemont Park Foundation after the July 3rd event but held off so we can recognize them after the golf outing.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Pepich made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following, with a second by Commissioner Mescher at 7:55 p.m.

8.1 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).

8.2 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of 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 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act.

The following were invited into the session: Board Members Scarlati, McAdam, Wagner, Mescher and Pepich and staff Executive Director Egofske, Rizzo and Khuen.

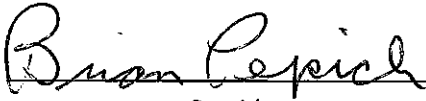
Roll Call: Ayes - Commissioners McAdam, Pepich, Wagner, Scarlati, Mescher

Nays – None


Regular meeting resumed at 8:41 p.m. No items were discussed.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Mescher made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati. All Ayes – motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



President



Secretary