

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on September 22, 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, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati
Commissioner McAdam was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, recording secretary for this evening is Carlene Dickman and staff –Dellamano, Morelli, Aguirre, Rizzo, Khuen, Granados, Bower

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Meaghan Bower

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE – In the packet, SEASPAR For the Record Newsletter, Lemont Public Library Thank You and Run with the Nuns flyer and postcard.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION – Meaghan Bower was presented with the Customer Service Award for going above and beyond in the Aquatics Department during such a unique time. Award was presented by Christine Aguirre and Carrie Dellamano. Carlene Dickman was recognized for 25 years of service by Carrie Dellamano.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Pepich opened the floor to public comment. Mentioned that Ron Zabilka, Building Attendant at CCC and bus driver for senior trips, is currently out on medical leave, we wish him a speedy recovery. Please keep Bill McAdam’s family in prayers. Bill’s father is not doing well. President Pepich closed the 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 August 25, 2021

3.2 Action – Approval of August 2021 Treasurer’s Report

3.3 Action – Approval of September 2021 Payables

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

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

Nays – None

BOARD BUSINESS

President's Comments – Thank you to all staff who have helped out with Foundation outing being held tomorrow. He's never seen such a motivated group of volunteers; great group of people and they have lots of pride in what they do. Thanks to all who participated in Keepataw parade, Lauren did a great job, it was a great crowd.

Commissioner's Comments – None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director's Report – Louise. Thank you to staff, everyone is doing a great job with all challenges and training, keeping staff informed and how to work well with public and keep things going along smoothly. Congratulations to Meaghan, her award was well deserved.

Louise has a call on Friday with the National Fitness Campaign group hoping that the grant will be extended to 2022. Staff moving along with budgeting for 2022. Despite membership decline with COVID, other programs are doing very well and helping make up the the difference in loss of memberships. Thank you to Carlene, Colleen and Christine for support for HR, Finance and administrative tasks for the Board.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Nothing to report at this time. Will have further discussion in Executive Session.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – Carrie welcomed Miguel Granados Jr. to the rec department, we are grateful he is here. Miguel will be overseeing all athletics. Miguel said thank you for giving him the opportunity, he is hard worker and is jumping right in. Christine is directly overseeing Miguel.

Risk Management, Aquatics and Athletics – Christine Aguirre mentioned that she brought back the Safety and Snack Program this month for the PlanSource health portal and PATH program through PDRMA last Wednesday. This was the first one since pandemic. Meaghan ran successful aqua aerobic reception for the ladies and they love her. Athletic preparing for fall leagues such as basketball. Contractual programs going well.

Downtown Lemont Park Naming – Carrie went through the document that was in the Board packet and spoke about the overall naming process. Carrie broke it down to basics – need something unique, for the name selection. Also said the name needs to be something that will stand out in the community that is historical, yet timeless. Also need to look at how the name will read on signage, in press releases. Discussion on the different names in the document took place and also discussion on whether to have a contest or community input as part of the park naming process. Discussed possibly having a survey on social media so people could weigh in on current names for consideration as well as give other suggestions. Would like to have a name for the park before we announce if we received the OSLAD grant. It would be nice to announce the name and receiving the OSLAD grant at the same time. Hoping to hear about the grant in January or February so we have a little time for the naming process. We need

to hone in on the history of Lemont and take that into account in the naming process. More discussion will take place at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

FACILITIES – Anthony touched on facility usage and user groups. Getting ready to launch the 2021-2022 basketball season. Lemont Athletic Club submitted rosters with over 100 participants to play on 10-12 basketball teams. District 113a will be allowing usage of their facilities for groups this year and we will be able to use them for our rec programs. Lemont Hornets did not have a season in 2020 and they are back with over 200 participants including cheer and using Bambrick. The LPD soccer league is at the halfway point all ready. Baseball, football and soccer are all taking place at Bambrick, but have staggered schedules so it's working out well. Picture day for soccer league is October 10 at CCC from 12-4 p.m. Congrats to Miguel, he attended his first rec league meeting and did well. Mentioned that Meaghan's program inputting process and not having an error is so awesome and made it so much easier on our service desk for registration day. Anthony thanked everyone who reached out to congratulate him on getting his CPRP.

FITNESS – none

MAINTENANCE – Larry gave an update regarding the LJWC Playground. Stated that the backordered pieces for the 2–5-year-old playground are in. and all installed. Still waiting on missing parts for slide components, they are scheduled to be delivered to October 4th. Larry said that Jason asked if any of the missing components for the large slide were on any of our park equipment and Hilltop Park actually had the same components. So the components were taken from Hilltop Park temporarily. The parts were put in the LJWC Playground temporarily to get the support pieces in place for when the slide components arrive. The support pieces will stay in place and the surface contractor can now come in and finish playground surface. This has been delayed a few days because of rain but they plan on starting on Monday. If we get pieces in next week, the playground could be finished by end of next week. Bambrick Park update, was hoping to finish this week, anticipating the irrigation portion of the project to begin Monday and seeding blanket to follow. Hope to have it completed next week. Brian stopped out to see over the weekend and it is coming along. Home plate pitches towards first base steeper than third base. Larry mentioned they still need to flatten the grade. The engineer did an aerial survey and spot grades and presented to contractor what they will get to and there will be a 2% grade down first base line.

5.5a – Action Item – Approval for release of Purchase Order for Playground Equipment Purchase from Play Illinois.

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the purchase order for playground equipment purchase from Play Illinois, with a second by Commissioner Wager.

Roll Call Ayes – Commissioner Mescher, Wagner, Pepich, Scarlati

Nays - None

5.5b – Action Item – Approval to waive the bidding requirements based on warranty coverage and approve the Aqua Pure Filter proposals in the amounts not to exceed \$16,500 and \$17,800 for repair and replacement of the pool filters.

President Pepich made a motion for approval to waive the bidding requirements based on warranty coverage and approve the Aqua Pure Filter proposals in the amounts not to exceed \$16,500 and \$17,800 for repair and replacement of the pool filters, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

Roll Call - Ayes – Commissioner – Scarlati, Mescher, Pepich, Wagner,
Nays - None

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES – No questions or comments.

POLICY & PROCEDURES – Nothing new to add. Moving along with HR and bringing back pre-covid Safety and Snack learning for staff. Doing our best to keep and maintain current staff. Discussion on mask requirements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

6.1 Update on Foundation CORE Memberships – Louise – mentioned last meeting that the Lemont Park Foundation would like complementary CORE Memberships for volunteering. Items in BoardPaq are for reference in case you have questions. Brian spoke about golf outing and how much the Lemont Park Foundation volunteers are doing and thinks it's the right thing to do.

6.2 Kettering Park Meeting Follow-Up – Louise gave a few updates on the Kettering Park meeting and a concept map was shown with the sidewalk moved to the north side of the lot which keeps it in line with the potential crosswalk. Also showed added parking spots for patrons. This map does not show all of the components including landscaping. Spoke with Village and public works would plow parking area. The Village may need to put no parking signs on one side of street. Have not sent a letter to the attendees of the meeting as of yet. Mentioned that there was concern raised in the meeting, however, received several emails from the folks who attended the meeting online and they are excited about the park. Julie asked about if people can park on both sides of street now and yes they can. Discussion on parking in the area as it is a tight area. Must have room for cars to back out. Leland raised concerns that residents will fill those spots instead of people utilizing the parks. To help with that, we would start with designated park parking signage and then we can have it enforced if need be. Will still have tree lines to help those neighbors near the parks since there is no privacy fencing. Joe Brusseau will finish construction drawings and play equipment will be ordered. There have been more positive comments about the park than negative comments.

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 Scarlati at 7:40 p.m.

8.1 The purchase or lease of real property for 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 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 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 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act.

8.3 Discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation by or against the park district or an employee 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

The following were invited into Executive Session: Commissioners Scarlati, Wagner, Mescher, Pepich and staff Executive Director Egofske, Rizzo and Khuen.

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

Regular meeting resumed at 8:25 p.m. No items were discussed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8.25 p.m.



President



Secretary