

Minutes of a Regular Session of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on October 27, 2021 Immediately following the  
LJWC Playground at Centennial Park Ribbon Cutting  
Centennial Community Center and Virtual via Zoom Meeting  
16028 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, IL 60439

**CALL TO ORDER** - President Pepich called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Present: Pepich, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati and McAdam via Zoom. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, recording secretary for this evening Carlene Dickman and staff – Dellamano, Morelli, Aguirre, Carter, Rizzo, Khuen, Raspanti, Lambrakis.

Also in attendance Nina Pavlica and parents, Sue Wojnowski, Carl Buck via Zoom, Matt Friscia

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Larry Rizzo

**CHANGE TO THE AGENDA** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – In the packet, SEASPAR For The Record Newsletter, IAPD Constitutional By-Laws Recommendations, IAPD Resolution for presentation at the Annual Meeting, Lemont Historical Society Athens Marble Club Membership letter, Thank you from McAdam family, Thank you from Lemont High School National Honor Society

**CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION** – Guest Service Award was presented to Nina Pavlica. Community Spotlight was presented to the Lemont Park Foundation. Length of Service Awards presented to Sue Wojnowski 10 yrs., Eric Garcia 5 yrs. and Mary Caruso 10 yrs. Eric Garcia and Mary Caruso were not in attendance and certificates will be presented to them by their supervisors. President Pepich thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. President Pepich and the Board wish Eric a speedy recovery.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – President Pepich opened the floor to public comment.

**Briarcliffe Park Concepts – Update from Design Perspectives** – Jason mentioned that Tod Stanton was not able to be in attendance this evening. Jason went through a concept presentation for the new Briarcliffe Park. There will be a Make Your Park Meeting for the neighborhood on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. before the Board meeting. The presentation showed a conceptual design keeping same footprint as the current park but pushing it more toward the west. The new park will be surrounded with a sidewalk. Other items included will be a picnic shelter and synthetic play surface. Jason showed a few examples of an entry way similar to Virginia Reed

Park, pavilion sample with benches, ADA design and accessibility. Concept A is more of a non-traditional park with a lot of climbing features and swing area, spin element and rope climbing, no slide. Concept B is more hybrid lots of climbing with spinner, slide, swings and custom net climber and all linked together. Also adding a nature log climber piece as well. Showed A and B together and asked for feedback. Wants to make new playground fit the neighborhood. Renderings that we show the public will all be colored appropriately. Bushes will be added to the landscaping. Park will be moved a little closer to the street. Discussion took place regarding the two different concepts.

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-September 22, 2021
  - 3.2 Action – Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes-October 13, 2021
  - 3.3 Action – Approval of September 2021 Treasurer’s Report
  - 3.4 Action – Approval of October Payables
  - 3.5 Action – Approval of Credentials Certificate for IAPD 2022 Delegates
  - 3.6 Action – Approval of PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2022
- Commissioner Wager made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.
- Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati, Pepich, McAdam  
Nays - None

**BOARD BUSINESS –**

**President’s Comments** – President Pepich reminded the Board that the Veterans Lunch is on Friday November 12th at The CORE. Great job with the senior health fair that was held at The CORE. Everything the seniors could want was in our gym. Rep. Durkin and Senator Curran were in attendance and were very appreciative for the use of our facility. Spoke about a great grand opening for the new LJWC Playground at Centennial Park. Everyone did a wonderful job in getting this and thank you to all.

**Commissioner’s Comments** – Commissioner Mescher gave a shout out to Anthony from the Lemont Junior Woman’s Club scarecrow fest. They were worried it would be cancelled due to inclement weather, made the call to Anthony and he found space in the gym for their use and Commissioner Mescher thanked Anthony for accommodating them. Commissioner Wagner wanted to thank everyone for taking the time to put together the Guest Service Awards for staff and the Community Spotlight Awards. He knows it takes time to do this but the impact it makes is great and it goes a long way with employees.

**STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**Executive Director’s Report** – Nothing to add. Report is in the packet.

- 5.1a Action – Approval of Telephone Agreement with LogMeIn/GoToMeeting
- President Pepich made a motion to approve the Telephone Agreement with LogMeIn/GoToMeeting, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

5.1b Action – Approval of Agreement with ExcalTech for IT Services

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the agreement with ExcalTech for IT Services, with a second by Commissioner Wagner

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

5.1c Action – Approval of Resolution #2021-8 Authorizing the Copper Ridge Development Agreement between the Lemont Park District and Teton Development LLC

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Resolution #2021-8 Authorizing the Approval of the Copper Ridge Development Agreement between the Lemont Park District and Teton Development LLC, with a second by President Pepich.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL** – President Pepich mentioned to Anthony to check on the fireworks for 2022. Melrose Pyrotechnics was bought out. 2022 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our 3-year agreement. President Pepich spoke with the Township and the Village of Lemont Mayor and we are set for next year's fees. Need to make contact with fireworks company to make sure we are good for next July.

**MARKETING AND RECREATION** – Carrie mentioned that a postcard for the Briarcliffe Make Your Park meeting was sent out today to the neighbors closest to the park and banners will be placed at the park as well. Will continue to prepare and tweak the presentation. Downtown Lemont Park naming initiative continues. Sent a trial run survey to staff for feedback and it was a tie between Athens Park and Stephens Street Park. After speaking with a few other staff, there was one vote for Heritage Bridge Park. Letter was sent to Village and they did have a discussion and in favor with names we picked. The Village shared the names with the Downtown Business Group and the Heritage Commission. Louise mentioned that what resonates with everyone is the history behind the names. The three names, Athens Park, Stephens Street Park and Heritage Bridge Park will be presented to the public. The survey will launch on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone can participate in the survey, it will be unique to IP address and/or email. Carrie will keep track and speak about the results at the next Board Meeting.

**RISK MANAGEMENT, AQUATICS AND ATHLETICS** – Christine mentioned that the Lemont Dolphins participated in their first USA Swim Meet last weekend. This was the first meet since February of 2019. The team was excited to be back in that level of competition and it was a nice kick-off to the season.

Discussion regarding the incidents that took place in the Eagle Crest subdivision last week why we were not notified. Christine will be looking into it. Also mentioned to update some of the program percentages that are reported on each month.

**FACILITIES** – Anthony mentioned that we are officially into the basketball season with our Rookie Rec Hoops and LAC. LAC is back with over 108 participants. District 113a has opened its doors to other user groups. We have solidified space for our programs. With our Intergovernmental Agreement with District 113a, we have first choice of space after District 113a programs and before they open it up to other groups. The fall soccer season ended on 10/23. A survey was launched to parents and coaches for feedback. So far lots of positive feedback. Thank you to Miguel for stepping up to referee all of the U10 and U12 games for the last few weeks. The Girl Scouts have reached out regarding space for their Trunk or Treat event this Friday in case of inclement weather. There was some discussion regarding the mask mandates, positivity rate and where we could be headed.

**FITNESS** – Del is working on an indoor triathlon for the fall, which is new this year. There are currently 41 participants registered. We will offer another indoor tri in March. Equipment will be spaced in gymnasium again like it was last November. Discussion about masks for indoor tri.

**MAINTENANCE** – Larry gave an update regarding Bambrick Park. Staff has been monitoring the fields with all of the rain and the draining is excellent. Have a few spaces to update just a bit. Grass is growing, field has been aerated and overseeded, grass is coming in thick. There are a couple of items on the punch list and hope to have them completed next week. The project turned out very well and plans to have it closed out within the next two weeks.

LJWC Playground at Centennial Park update – no status or updates on missing parts. Going day by day until they can confirm that status of the slide parts. Parts are coming from Missouri, but the company is not providing any information on when the parts will be manufactured or shipped. Park grand opening this evening was fantastic. Blocking off the top of the slide worked out fine. Larry spoke about the leaks from the rain at the Centennial Community Center. The roofing contractor and Craig Meadows came out Tuesday to investigate and determined what the problem was with the flashing and caulking and the problems have been fixed. President Pepich asked about a leak at The CORE. Larry mentioned that they did identify where the leak was and will be able to repair ourselves. Repairs will be made soon.

**FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES** – No questions. President Pepich thanked Louise for the matrix for the 2021 Levy and 2022 Budget Timeline.

**POLICY & PROCEDURE** – Christine mentioned that supervisors participated in a harassment training. Supervisors will then train their part-time staff by the end of the year. Legal Symposium is coming up next week and Conference is in January.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

6.1 Update – Downtown Park Naming – update was giving under Marketing update.

**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 7:42 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)

The following were Invited into executive session: Commissioners Mescher, Wagner, McAdam, Scarlati, Pepich and staff Executive Director Louise Egofske, Rizzo, Khuen and Carl Buck, Attorney.

ROLL CALL – Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, Pepich, Mescher, Wagner, McAdam  
Nays – None

Regular meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m. No items were discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



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