

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on December 1, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
At the Centennial Community Center  
16028 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, IL 60439

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by President Pepich at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Commissioners Present: President Pepich, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher, Commissioner McAdam, Commissioner Scarlati. Also in attendance were Executive Director Egofske and staff Rizzo, Aguirre, Morelli, Khuen, and Carrie Dellamano as recording secretary for the evening.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Jason Khuen

**CHANGES TO 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 6:32 p.m. for its 2021 taxes payable in 2022. Truth and Taxation hearings are only required by state law for requests in excess of 1.50% 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 6:34 p.m.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Levy Ordinance #2021-5, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati. Egofske commented that the notice appeared in the paper on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nays – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – President Pepich opened the floor to public comment. Pepich thanked all staff for their efforts for the Veteran's Day luncheon stating it was a great experience and many people expressed that they liked it being on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the following day. He also mentioned that Matt Friscia, member of the Lemont Park Foundation for over 8 years, was recognized as the Lemont Park District

Volunteer of the year by the Heritage Corridor Business Alliance as part of the Lemont Best of the Best Awards program for 2021. He thanked the Business Alliance for honoring Matt. President Pepich closed the floor to public comment.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS – UPDATES**

Pay Grade Structure Increase – Egofske gave an update on the pay grade structure stating that this is something that is revisited each year so inflationary adjustments are made annually if necessary. The part-time adjustments reflect the minimum wage increase that will go in affect at the beginning of the new year. She stated that this will be requested for approval at the December Board Meeting. President Pepich confirmed that everyone is moving towards the midpoint in the pay scales. Egofske confirmed this and that some positions may be re-evaluated based on job responsibilities. She included that the district uses a variety of resources regarding salary structure research to make sure that the District is within competitive salary ranges.

Approval of Resolution #2021-10 Board Meeting Schedule FY 2022 – Egofske stated that at the next Board Meeting staff will be asking for approval for the 2022 Board Meeting Schedule. She inquired if there is any interest in moving or adjusting the schedule to change it to earlier in the month or location. Commissioner Pepich said it was wise to keep the meeting in the community center and that the same weeks/times/locations currently would be fine in 2022.

Public Hearing for BINA – Egofske stated that at the next Board meeting staff will announce that the District is intending to sell our annual General Obligation bonds. We will be posting that in the paper this Friday. We do not close on that transaction until February.

Public Hearing for Approval of Ordinance #2021-6 Budget & Appropriation FY 2022 – Egofske stated that the public hearing notice will be published in this Friday's paper. The preliminary budget has been posted on the website and at both buildings. We have not had any questions on the document.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Update on Downtown Park Naming Campaign – Dellamano led a discussion regarding the survey results of the Downtown Lemont Park Survey. The results indicated that 694 people participated in the survey. 30% selected Athens Park, 30% selected Heritage Bridge Park and 39% selected Stephen Street Park. Dellamano asked the Board of Commissioners to each weigh in on their final choice out of the three names. At the December 15<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting, the Commissioners are hoping to approve the final name for the Downtown Park.

Rizzo had updates including the Centennial LJWC park had some concrete revisions done under warranty and the slide parts came in and were installed. The public has been very receptive to the park. Rizzo had some updates on Bambrick Park – the change order for the updates totaled \$20,000. He stated, "We are still discussing some final repairs that are needed for the fencing in the dugouts. We are hoping to finalize the payout sometime next week and we will be closing out that project."

Rizzo's gave updates on Kettering Park stating "We have submitted the construction plans to the village and were waiting on approval. We are looking to conduct public bid in February. We are discussing the options of the cash payment from M & I homes for the water and requirement under the Planned Unit Development (PUD). Once we receive these details we may make a recommendation to the board for a payout vs. installing water and sanitary."

Rizzo stated that the Water Easement agreement that was sent to us on McCarthy property was sent to Attorney Buck for approval.

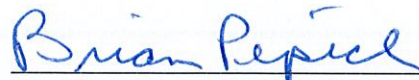
Khuen stated that we have the final design for Briarcliffe Park we will have that at the next board meeting. Also, please drop off your laptops at the front desk at The CORE so we can have those updated.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – President Pepich asked if anyone felt the need to adjourn to Executive Session and no one did.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:57p.m.

  
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