

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on November 10, 2021 Immediately following the
Make Your Park Planning Meeting for Briarcliffe Park at
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 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Present: Pepich, Mescher, Scarlati, McAdam. Commissioner Wagner was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, recording secretary for this evening Carlene Dickman and staff – Dellamano, Morelli, Aguirre, Carter, Rizzo, Khuen.

Also in attendance Cindy Rizzo, Greg Rizzo and Clare Pfothenhauer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Commissioner McAdam

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE – In the packet, SEASPAR For The Record November Newsletter, Lemont Historical Society Athens Marble Club Membership Renewal Thank You Letter, PDRMA Financial Reimbursement for 2021 Starfish Aquatics Lifeguard Audits, Lemont High School's CITGO Innovation Academy Thank You

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION – None

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

- a. Rizzo Family Presentation of Check for Miracle Field Improvements – Pam Carter invited the Rizzo family to come forward. On behalf of the Danny Rizzo Scholarship Fund, the Rizzo family and Clare Pfothenhauer and all those who supported this year's event, Larry Rizzo and family presented a check for \$10,000 for improvements to be made at the Lemont Park District Miracle Field. President Pepich mentioned that the Rizzo family has done so much for the Lemont Park District and has left us with so many good memories. The Miracle Field is a key field for us and is used very often. President Pepich thanked them for all that they have done and we greatly appreciate it.

President Pepich also mentioned that last Sunday Ron Zabilka, one of our staff members and a frequent morning visitor to The CORE, passed away. The Board and staff extend condolences to his family. Also gave information on the services for Ron.

President Pepich and the staff and Board wish another staff member a speedy recovery.

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 – October 27, 2021

3.2 Action – Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - November 3, 2021

3.3 Action – Approval of October 2021 Treasurer’s Report

3.4 Action – Approval of November Payables

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

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

Nays - None

BOARD BUSINESS –

President’s Comments – President Pepich reminded the Board that the Veterans Lunch is this Friday November 12th at The CORE.

Commissioner’s Comments – None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Executive Director’s Report – Gave new dates for items to be held in Springfield in 2022: Legislative Reception will be held on March 8, 2022; Parks Day will be held on March 8, 2022; Legislative Conference will be held on March 9, 2022. Louise did receive a phone call from Jason Anselment stating he had conversations with the DCEO and they have no additional guidance on masks or changes to the policy at this time. Louise wanted to say thank you to all staff for all they do despite staff shortages. Commented that the new LJWC Playground is great and being utilized each day. Registration for winter programming began this past Saturday, November 6th, had a minor technology issue but all was fixed quickly. Strong registration numbers for winter programming are coming in.

5.1a Update – Levy Ordinance #2021-5 – Proposed Estimated Lemont Park District Levy for 2021, payable in 2022 – No comments from commissioners.

5.1b Action – Approval of Resolution #2021-8 Determining Funds Estimated for 2021 Levy
President Pepich made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-8 Determining Funds Estimated for 2021 Levy in the amount of 2,964,936, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – No updates.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – One brief update regarding the naming for the Downtown Lemont Park. The information for the Downtown Lemont Park was sent out via email and posted on social media. Received feedback about naming the park after a former employee. Discussion on the feedback that we received on social media. Carrie put together FAQ's to clarify and came up with the five top questions that have been asked. The FAQ's were handed out to the Board and reviewed. Discussion on the lease of the land for the downtown park. We will put the FAQ's on Transparency Page of website for all to see. Once we announce the name of the new park, we will send out a comprehensive email to all.

RISK MANAGEMENT, AQUATICS AND ATHLETICS – No updates.

FACILITIES – Fall ball is officially done and soccer season is complete. Anthony thanked the Team for their efforts for this past weekend, especially with all that took place in a few days – winter program registration, Pack the Pantry Food Drive, Tik-Tok Mixer and the Indoor Triathlon.

FITNESS – None

MAINTENANCE – Larry gave an update concerning the LJWC Playground at Centennial Park. The playground was reviewed by WT Engineering for ADA compliance and some sidewalk sections did not meet compliance by just under 1% - should be at 5% and we were at 5.4 or 5.5%. The contractor removed the affected areas and replaced the concrete to achieve the full ADA compliance. Hoping to have it all completed by Friday. One slide piece came in on Tuesday and the second piece should be here by Thursday or Friday. When they are both here, the slide pieces will be added. An additional panel was added to the current slide at the bottom for safety. Bambrick Park final inspection by Will County took place and approved. All permitting will be closed out. Kettering Park review of construction drawings took place and will move forward with submitting plans to permitting with the Village for early next year. Jason asked the Board to bring their LPD machines to him on December 1st so that all can be updated with the new IT support group information.

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES –

5.6a. Update – Tentative Budget & Appropriation ordinance #2021-6 – The Tentative Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2021-6 of the Lemont Park District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, will be placed on display at the Centennial Community Center and CORE Fitness & Aquatic Center and on the Lemont Park District website. The document will be placed in the above locations beginning November 11, 2021 until the board approves the ordinance at the December 15, 2021 regular meeting. A public hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

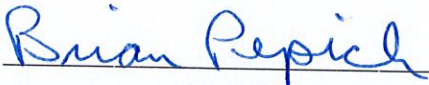
POLICY & PROCEDURE – Christine mentioned that some staff attended the legal symposium, and the information will help us to double-check items and updated policies as needed. Necessary changes will be suggested to the Board by the end of the first quarter of 2022. Staff will also be attending Conference in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mentioned that a homeowner on McCarthy Road by Northview Park currently has a private well and the Village would like them to tap into the Village water. An easement for the village water supply just south of the walking path, north of their backyard going east to Fourth Street. An agreement for this should not be an issue since it would only affect turf.

NEW BUSINESS – Louise reminded the Board that the December 1st meeting will be a Special Meeting and will announce the GO bond, public hearing will take place and issue the bond in February 2022. At the December 1st meeting, we will also adopt the Levy. December 15th meeting will have a public hearing for the B&A Ordinance and approve the B&A Ordinance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



President



Secretary