

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on February 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
At the Centennial Community Center
16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Vice President McAdam at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Commissioner McAdam, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher, Commissioner Scarlati. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Aguirre, Morelli, Rizzo, Khuen and Carrie Dellamano as recording secretary for the evening. Attorney Carl Buck was in attendance.

ABSENT - Commissioner Pepich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Carrie Dellamano

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – Louise stated we do not have any changes to the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Public Comment – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

3.1 Update – District Park Projects – Rizzo gave an update regarding the MWRD Downtown Park property stating District Staff is meeting with Studio GC bi-monthly regarding the status of the project and the necessary remediation process. Egofske stated that the board will be receiving regular written updates regarding project progress. Rizzo gave an update regarding the National Fitness Court (NFC) project stating that the District is making progress with IDOT and is hoping to have the required documentation to move forward with the project soon. NFC is aware that the District is awaiting final approval and the agreement from IDOT. Khuen gave an update regarding Briarcliffe and Kettering Park bids were received, and staff will be asking for approval for both projects at the next board meeting at the end of the month.

3.2 Update – 2021 & 2022 District Goals and Objectives – Egofske gave a brief update regarding that Staff will be asking for approval at the next board meeting for this document.

3.3 Update – Recognition Policy Update – Egofske stated that this will be a supplement to one of the District personnel policies. This gives staff more direction and keeps things consistent such as recognizing retirement, loss of a loved one, etc. Staff will be asking for approval for this personnel policy update.

3.4 Update – Issuance of Taxable G.O. Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022 – Rolling Meadows Park District purchased the bonds and the closing will take place on February place on Feb. 25th. These funds will be used for Capital expenditures in 2022.

OLD BUSINESS –

Egofske provided an update regarding COVID mandates stating that currently we do not have any changes to our mandates as we are following the Cook County Mandate. Cook County is due to make a

statement regarding the updates for the mask and vaccination mandates. Buck gave a summary regarding the details and laws as it relates to County, State, Township, School Districts, etc. Annual Conference update was given by Egofske stating that was a very informative weekend and staff learned a great deal. Congratulations to Commissioner McAdam for being named the Professional of the Year and the Lemont Park District Marketing Department for earning 2nd place in the Agency Showcase awards for the Hindsight is 20/21.

NEW BUSINESS –

Rizzo gave an update regarding a vehicle accident in the maintenance department. A newer staff member was involved in an accident in a District truck while plowing during the snowstorm the first week in February. Accident reports were filed and a proposal for repairs was received. The damage has resulted in \$7,000 and the insurance deductible is \$5,000. There was discussion regarding the state of the weather and how the conditions were very unfortunate. Egofske stated that the staff did a great job during the snow removal.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following, with a second by Commissioner Wagner at 6:50 p.m.:

6.1 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

6.2 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 counsel for the public body determine its validity, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

6.3 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, McAdam, Wagner, and Mescher and Executive Director Louise Egofske, Larry Rizzo and Jason Khuen.

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

Nays – None

Regular meeting resumed at 7:06 pm

ACTION ITEMS –

7.1 Action – Motion to approve due diligence findings and proceed with purchasing the property located at 16015 W. 127th St. in Lemont for the sum of \$520,000.00.

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve Due Diligence for Land Acquisition, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

A discussion took place. Vice President McAdam stated that President Pepich was unable to attend the meeting to attend to family matters and he had expressed concerns from a safety standpoint based on the location. Attorney Buck reported that the District entered a purchase contract in March of 2021 and had extended due diligence and have cleared those obstacles and will proceed with closing.

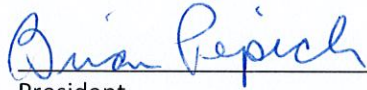
Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, Mescher, Wagner and McAdam

Nays – None


Motion carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



President



Secretary