

Lemont Park District
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Held on April 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
At the Centennial Community Center
16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

The Board of Commissioners attended the Annual Sexual Harassment Training at 6 p.m. with Lorien Schoenstedt from the Law Firm of Rathburn, Cservenyak & Kozol. Training adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The Committee of the Whole Meeting was called to order by President Pepich at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL – President Pepich, Commissioner McAdam, Commissioner Mescher, Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Scarlati was not in attendance this evening. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Dellamano, Aguirre, Morelli, Khuen, Carter, Bower, Halter, Lambrakis, Ganzer, Piotrowski, Raspanti, Rogowski, Rizzo, Saylor and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary for the evening.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Commissioner Mescher

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS -

Public Comment – Opened floor to public comment. President Pepich wished everyone a Happy Easter. President Pepich closed the floor to public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS –

3.1 Update – 2021 Lemont Park District Annual Report – Carrie Dellamano gave an update that the report was in the BoardPaq for this week. The report showcases our new and existing programs, financials and basically everything we do for the community and gives a sneak peek at next year. The report also summarizes operations for 2021. President Pepich thought it was just right and an easy-to-read document, a thorough snapshot of where the District is. Carrie Dellamano thanked everyone in the room who helped put the information together for the report.

3.2 Update – Centennial Campus Safety Updates – Field Naming Signs and Speed Tables – Christine Aguirre talked about adding additional speed table on the main drive just north of playground. It will be a point of slowing down prior to playground since there are so many children in the area. The new speed table will be installed within the next few days. We will also have flashing lights to put on crosswalk signage to draw more attention to people crossing in those areas. Carrie Dellamano mentioned that additional signage will be added to Centennial Campus for our fields. This will also help increase safety and people will know where to go for their programs. She also mentioned that they are asking User Groups/Contractors to have a fan flag or other type of identifier to guide participants to their programs. We are hoping signage will be in place by the end of the summer. Signage is being produced along with signage for Kettering Park and Copper Ridge. Commissioner Wagner asked if the signs would have arrows pointing or if they are just location signs. Carrie Dellamano said that we currently have

wayfinding signs with arrows so the new field signage will only be location signage. We are working on a map to put on our website and give to the Service Desk to help direct guests/participants to the proper locations.

3.3 Update – Long Term Planning Progress Presentation by Staff – Executive Director Louise Egofske, Christine Aguirre, Carrie Dellamano, Anthony Morelli and Jason Khuen gave a presentation to update the Board on the long-term planning progress for the District. This presentation included what we have done with facility study committee, parks and facilities survey in 2019, facility meetings that took place in 2020 and 2021 and what we will focus on in future meetings as well as strategies for Service Area improvements. President Pepich said the District needs to accommodate the growth of the community and the District, and the presentation was very well thought out. The presentation will be put into BoardPaq tomorrow for everyone to reference.

OLD BUSINESS – Larry Rizzo gave an update on Athens Park, MWRD property. Executive Director Louise Egofske and Jason Khuen are still meeting every Thursday morning with Studio GC to discuss the project. Progress is moving along and hope to break ground in July. Regarding the NFC Fitness Court, IDOT did approve the permit for use of the property. The construction plan is being reviewed by IDOT's permitting department and we are hoping for the construction permit in next few months. The Briarcliffe Park renovation is now scheduled to begin towards the beginning of May due to weather. EV contracts are with Carl Buck, Attorney, for review.

NEW BUSINESS – Christine mentioned Anthony was approached by a company for permission to utilize the Bambrick Park parking lot from May to September to park employee cars. There would be approximately 25-30 cars per day in the south parking lot and it will not impact activities during the day. We had provided CITGO Refinery with this same opportunity in the past. Working on a contract with Mosquito Squad, for the parking agreement. For use of the lot, they will make a donation to the Lemont Park Foundation.

Executive Director Louise Egofske asked the Board if the COW for May 11th could be moved to Tuesday, May 10th since Wednesday, May 11th is the SEASPAR Believe and Achieve Banquet that she and maybe other board members would be attending. All Board members agreed to move the meeting from Wednesday, May 11th to Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on April 27, 2022, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

Commissioner Pepich made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following with a second by Commissioner Wagner at 8:11 p.m.

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

The following were invited into Executive Session: Commissioners Pepich, McAdam, Wagner, Mescher and Executive Director Louise Egofske.

Roll Call: Ayes –Wagner, McAdam, Mescher, Pepich
Nays – None

RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



President



Secretary