

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on February 23, 2022
At Centennial Community Center and Virtual via GoToMeeting
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, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati, McAdam. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, recording secretary for this evening Carlene Dickman and staff – Carter, Morelli, Aguirre, Rizzo, Khuen, Piotrowski, Lambrakis, Bower, Dian, Raspanti, Lonnie Bass, Ashley Reilley. Ashley's mom was also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Commissioner McAdam

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS

CORRESPONDENCE – No written communications this month's packet.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION –

Pam Carter presented the following Guest Service Award.

Ashley Reilley received the Guest Service Award for always going above and beyond what is asked from her. She has only been with the Front Desk a short time but has stepped up as an MOD. If she is asked to work a shift that is not covered, she is always willing to help out. All of the Customers love her bubbly personality and willingness to help out. President Pepich thanked her for all she does and always having a smile on her face.

Lonnie Bass received the Guest Service Award for going above and beyond daily to make sure the Centennial Building looks its best. Handprints on a window, gone. Salt on the floor gone. Lonnie does not sit idle; he will find a nook or cranny that needs to be cleaned and cleans it. Out of toilet paper, need a cleanup, something fixed or replaced? Call Lonnie and he's there. Lonnie is also the handy man of all handy men. Lonnie, we thank you so much for all you do!!! President Pepich commented that one of the things people look at is cleanliness when they enter a facility and that sets the pace for their visit. President Pepich thanked Lonnie for all of his hard work in keeping the facility clean despite the outdoor elements.

Jason Khuen received a Guest Service Award for his outstanding team and leadership in maintenance and IT. Jason facilitated all aspects of the new phone system. From reaching contractors, training staff and after the installation checking with each staff member individually to make sure they understood the new features and were comfortable with the new phones. No matter what the issue or how busy Jason may be, he is always there ready to help and with a solution. He is always patient and understanding with staff. Jason thank you so much for all you do. You're amazing. President Pepich mentioned that Jason is a multi-faceted guy and does more than we have ever asked. Commissioner Scarlati and President Pepich appreciate all of his help with IT. Thanked Jason for being a part of the team that makes us who we are.

Commissioner McAdam received the Professional of the Year award for 2022 from IPRA at the annual conference. Commissioner McAdam was presented with a photo collage on behalf of the Guest Services and Staff, we would like to congratulate you on your award. Please accept this token of remembrance. We are so fortunate to have an industry leader as part of our District. President Pepich congratulated Bill for all of his accomplishments in his career and for his part on the LPD board. We are very fortunate to have him as part of the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President Pepich opened the floor to public comment. Christine introduced Lisa Dian, Human Resources Manager. Lisa is happy to be part of our team. 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 – January 26, 2022, and Special Meeting February 9, 2022
- 3.2 Action – Approval of January 2022 Treasurer’s Report
- 3.3 Action – Approval of February 2022 Payables
- 3.4 Action – Approval of 2022 District Goals and Objectives

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS –

President’s Comments – President Pepich thanked staff for all of their conference comments in packet, it looks like everyone learned quite a bit. The comments were very informative. President Pepich mentioned that he will not be present at the March 9th meeting. President Pepich mentioned that he has been sitting on Lemont Park Foundation board for over 2 years and it has been a good experience and very educational. He mentioned that staff has rotated being involved in the LPF board and he would like board members to rotate out as well. We share an interest with the LPF and it is key to have our involvement. The board members can let President Pepich know if someone is interested in joining the LPF board and he will work on a transition. It was mentioned that the email we sent out to all households helped with some interest in the Lemont Park Foundation.

Commissioner’s Comments – Commissioner McAdam let staff know that we do a great job. Commissioner McAdam challenged staff to think of new names for the Mom & Son Night and Daddy Daughter Date Night that would allow us to go with the changing times and add diversity so that all may be included. The programs are fantastic.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Louise Egofske has a place card to show IAPD events this year, in case any board members are interested in any of the golf outings, webinars, etc. The information is also on the IAPD's website as well. There was an enhanced report in the packet to provide detail on program registration line items and how we are doing in various recreational program areas. We did very well in January despite the Cook County mandate. All other areas are doing phenomenal. We are excited about the announcement yesterday regarding the masks and proof of vaccination requirements going away and are hoping to bring back some members who left with mandate. Staff is working on variety of communications that will be released tomorrow morning. Masks will be optional, and no vaccinations required. Staff is working on Distinguished Accreditation items that will need to be approved. Jason sent out environmental report card for review. The March 9th meeting will be Special Meeting to approve Distinguished Accreditation items. March 9th is also the day of legislative conference. Commissioner Scarlati asked if we could move that meeting. Louise said it will be ok to have the meeting that evening since the event will end early enough. A reminder that our audit field work begins on Monday, February 28th. Colleen and Cheri have been preparing documents. Louise may have jury duty on Monday in Markham. Will know on Sunday and let everyone know. No questions from the board.

RISK MANAGEMENT, AQUATICS AND ATHLETICS, HUMAN RESOURCES – Christine Aguirre added that Lisa has been onboarding new staff members and has been awesome at working through the processes and making things more efficient and easier for the staff. It's great to have Lisa onboard with us.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL - No updates.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – Executive Director Louise Egofske gave short update. Reminder that the St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 5th with a 1 p.m. lineup. Staff is working hard on getting the updated COVID information out in the a.m. Nice new cultural arts update - we will be offering theatre classes in April which will include Improv and Acting classes. The Quarryman Challenge has 313 runners as of today, in 2019 only had 202 runners at the same time. If we had to cap the run, it would probably be capped at 1,000 runners.

FACILITIES – Anthony Morelli said they held an in-service for customer service, MOD's and the fitness desk staff regarding the mandates being lifted and the dealing of what we have heard from school districts regarding mask shaming and that we have a procedure in case we need it. The district will have an overhaul on signage and will have minimal signage moving forward. Thanked all of the staff from us as a team for all that they have had to deal with. District 113a and 210 have agreed to let us use their facilities in case of inclement weather for the Quarryman Challenge – will have the use of Central School, Old Quarry School and the Lemont High School Field House. The field allocation meeting took place and meeting with John Young at LHS tomorrow to see if we can use their fields again until Bambrick A field is ready. We are seeing a return to normal with rentals, many seeking out the Centennial Pavilion with the new playground. Congratulations to Meaghan for being named Sectional Coach of the year for LHS swim and they are going to State on Friday.

FITNESS – Anthony Morelli said that staff is working on a plan in hopes that the memberships we lost due to mandates will return. We are offering a March promo with no enrollment fee and a new t-shirt.

Staff is also excited about new Cable Crossover, which will offer more stations for members to workout. This is still on track to mid-March install. The Indoor Triathlon will be held next Sunday, March 6th. Lemont Baseball & Softball Club parade is back this year on April 23rd. Commissioner Scarlati asked about recruiting lifeguards. Anthony mentioned that staff is working with PDRMA to work through different options. No lifeguard on duty is the correct term we could use along with a deck attendant to make sure the appropriate age guests are utilizing the pool. Lindsay from PDRMA will be out on Monday to see what we can do. Meaghan has a few new hires in training as well. Staff is hoping to have the pool open again for full hours in the very near future.

MAINTENANCE – Larry Rizzo gave a few updates. The Copper Ridge development land dedication is moving forward, and park/land construction drawings should be completed by Friday and will complete all documents to finalize the agreement with Beechen & Dill on this project by March 1st. Depending on how quickly the building of new homes takes place, we hope to break ground on this park in spring or fall of 2023. Regarding the NFC Fitness Court, we had additional communication from IDOT and received the property use agreement which we are reviewing and sent to Carl Buck for review. This would be a 5-year agreement and we would have to renew which is a disadvantage. Checking into scheduled maintenance on the bridge and what type of work would be done that would need access to the property. The MWRD, Athens Park, weekly meeting is tomorrow with Jason Barry and George Schaefer from the Village and their environmental attorney, along our attorney Carl Buck, Louise, me and Studio GC. Hoping to break ground on the Athens Park this July.

Jason Khuen gave an update on Kettering - just received phase one environmental study today. All documents were sent to Attorney Carl Buck for review, and we are waiting on a closing date. There are a few memos in packet for playground purchases. Received confirmation that the playgrounds are in the warehouses and ready to ship.

5.5a. Action – Approval of Bid recommendation for the Kettering Park Playground

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the bid recommendation for E. Hoffman for the Kettering Park Renovation Project Base Bid in the amount of \$202,945 with an approval of Alternates “1&2” for \$101,210; for a grand total of \$304,155, with a second by President Pepich

ROLL CALL – Ayes – Commissioners Mescher, Wagner, Pepich, McAdam, Scarlati

Nays - None

5.5b Action – Approval of Bid recommendation for Briarcliffe Park Playground

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the bid recommendation for D&J Landscape for the Briarcliffe Park Renovation Project Base Bid in the amount of \$270,504 with an approval for Alternate “1” for a reduction of (\$2,132.50) for a grand total of \$268,371.50, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

ROLL CALL – Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Pepich, McAdam, Scarlati, Mescher

Nays - None

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES – No updates.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – No updates.

5.7a Action – Approval of the Updated Lemont Park District Personnel Policy Manual Section 4-12
Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the updated Lemont Park District Personnel Manual, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

5.8a Action – Approval of the Updated Lemont Park District Governance Manual Section 3-15
Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the updated Lemont Park District Governance Manual, with a second by President Pepich.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Jason Khuen put gave a packet to the Board for review. The first few pages were from DirtRoad Carbon Solutions Group. We were approached about putting in an EV charging station at The CORE. They would pull the electric line and put in EV charger, maintain the station at no cost to us. Looking at and wants feedback. DirtRoad buys the electric and they charge to use the machines. These are fast chargers. \$7 car charged completely. Will provide monthly service for a flat fee can be an option. Could start with four stations and move up to 8 stations. This could help put us as a lead facility. Jason is also working with the Village of Lemont to possibly put one in downtown Lemont. President Pepich confirmed that the majority of the board is ok with this. This is just initial information and will continue to do more research since future is electric cars and will help to stay as green as possible.

The back half of the packet was for solar power he is exploring for The CORE. Some items included were the time it takes, 20 weeks to put in solar power, showing panel layout at Oak Brook Park District, and a rundown of energy costs for The CORE. The company is putting together a mock-up for CORE. If this is something we want, it could make us a silver Leed facility. Would need to make sure the roof can handle this structurally. Could cost about 1 million but we could get some incentives. In 27 years, we could not pay for power at The CORE. We could do this with referendum and CCC remodel. President Pepich and the other commissioners thought this was a good idea but concerned about costs as the technology is constantly changing. On cloudy days it will not pull power, this is a just a supplement. There are plenty of options to explore, purchasing and leasing. Jason will continue to look into this to make sure we are ahead of the curve. Commissioner Wagner thanked Jason for his forward thinking.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSSION – President Pepich made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the following, with a second by Commissioner Wagner at 7:30 p.m., for the following.

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)

8.2 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 to determine its validity, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

The following were invited into the session: Board Commissioners Scarlati, Mescher, Wagner, McAdam, Pepich. Also invited were staff Executive Director Louise Egofske, Larry Rizzo, Jason Khuen, Christine Aguirre

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

Nays - None

RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

Regular meeting resumed at 8.46 p.m. No additional items were discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.



President



Secretary