

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on July 27, 2022
At Centennial Community Center
16028 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER - President McAdam called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Present: McAdam, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati. Staff in attendance – Executive Director Louise Egofske, Carrie Dellamano, Jason Khuen, Christine Aguirre, Anthony Morelli, Lauren Hanson, Kristy Lambrakis, Lisa Dian, Colleen Ganzer, Del Halter, Marie Piotrowski, Meaghan Bower, Tyler Woodworth, Kayley Bilotta, and Carlene Dickman as Recording Secretary for the evening. Erin and Luke Richmond were public attendees along with members of Tyler Woodworth’s family.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – Executive Director Louise Egofske requested to eliminate 4.6 from the consent agenda, Approval of #2022-4 Authorizing the new location and revised meeting schedule for the remainder of 2022, due to the cruise nights being held in Downtown Lemont through the month of August making it difficult to park at Safety Village. A revised schedule will be presented at the August meeting for the remainder of the year.

BOARD BUSINESS

President’s Comments – President McAdam asked to proceed with the other business and will make a statement after the Customer Service Award.

2.1a. – Oath of Office – Executive Director Louise Egofske administered the Oath of Office to Steve Richmond

Commissioner’s Comments –

COMMUNICATIONS

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION – Pam Carter presented Guest Service Awards to Kayley Bilotta, Ninja Coordinator and Tyler Woodworth, CORE Fitness Desk, for going above and beyond in their jobs. President McAdam congratulated them on a job well done.

CORRESPONDENCE – Thank you from the Molitor Family for expression of sympathy and an additional Thank You from the Molitor’s for the July 3rd event.

Commissioner McAdam mentioned there were some social media posts and asked Executive Director Egofske for an update. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that the posts refer to the 2016 50th Anniversary

party and a basketball incident that took place in 2017 that were written up in the press. Executive Director mentioned that the district spent about \$3,500 for supplies for the party that were used for other 50th Anniversary events throughout the year, such as the decade display boards and items. All other costs for the party were paid for through sponsorships. The 50th Anniversary Party was invite only, however, it was for Commissioners that had previously served on the Board to thank them for their contributions to the park district. President McAdam mentioned that all those who were there, had served on the board with no payment. Executive Director Louise Egofske and President McAdam also mentioned that the district hosted many other anniversary events throughout the year for the public and all these events were free for all in attendance, including an expanded July 3rd event with free carnival rides and games. In December 2017, an incident occurred at The CORE when a parent hired a private trainer for a child who held an Open Gym membership. The district did not hire the person, who was a CORE Member. When we learned of the incident, the person's CORE Membership was terminated, and the person was banned from the park district. A press release about the incident was sent out at that time. Executive Director Louise Egofske addressed the comments in the social media post about the FOIA requests. Since Louise Egofske became the Executive Director in April of 2010, all FOIA requests have been answered. Sometimes, it does take some back and forth for clarification of what is exactly requested, but all have been responded to. Executive Director Louise Egofske has a file of all requests received, they are all logged and have been responded to. Most FOIA requests are about construction bid results. Executive Director Louise Egofske is not the only FOIA Officer in the District. All requests are sent to her, however, Carrie Dellamano and Christine Aguirre, are also FOIA Officers in case the Executive Director is out of the office. There were a few FOIA requests in 2021 from Sam Rizzo, a former basketball contractor, and he was contacted for further clarification as to what records he was requesting. After a period of going back and forth, his request was responded to. His request was not received through the standard process of an email directly to the Executive Director. The request came through a 3rd party. The request looked like it was generated on June 7, 2021, but did not arrive to us until July 12, 2021. President McAdam mentioned that we have five days to respond from the time the request is received. There was discussion with the Board as to how to handle the social media posts and if anyone has reached out to the park district for comments. No staff or board members have received any questions and no emails have been received through the Information Emails. The Board agreed to put out a public statement regarding the inaccuracies in the post and to invite any concerned community members to attend a Board meeting so their questions can be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – President McAdam opened the floor to public comment. President McAdam closed the floor to public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – The following items were presented to the board as consent, without 4.6:

- 4.1 Action – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – June 22, 2022, and Special Meeting July 13, 2022
- 4.2 Action – Approval of June 2022 Treasurer's Report
- 4.3 Action – Approval of July 2022 Payables
- 4.4 Action – Approval of Updated Organizational Chart
- 4.5 Action – Approval of Updated Municipal Directory
- 4.6 Action – Approval of Resolution #2022-4 Authorizing the New Location & Revised Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of 2022

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, without 4.6, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

ACTION ITEMS-

5.1 Action – Approve Bond Ordinance #2022-3, An Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022A, of the Lemont Park District, Cook, DuPage, Will Counties, Illinois, of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the Rolling Meadows Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve Bond Ordinance #2022-3, with a second by Commissioner Richmond

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Executive Director's Report – Added that there is a closing day set for purchase of property on August 16th.

RISK MANAGEMENT, AQUATICS AND ATHLETICS, HUMAN RESOURCES – Nothing to add

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Commissioner Mescher asked if anyone else received an email communication from the Lemont High School regarding planning for updating facilities and wondering if they are planning for a referendum in the future. Executive Director Louise Egofske asked if the Board had received information about the School District 113a ribbon cutting for Central School. She thought this would be a good opportunity for the Board to attend and show support. The Ribbon Cutting is on August 11th at 6 p.m.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – Carrie Dellamano spoke about the Keepataw Days Parade taking place on Labor Day weekend. She mentioned that we notified the committee that we will not provide a float or group this year. She explained to the Board that the parade is the Sunday after the Sunday Soiree that we are partnering with the Village of Lemont and many full-time staff members will be working that event due to part time staff going back to school. Other groups such as foundation and such can walk if they would like to. The Lemont Park District will provide a sponsorship for the parade. Carrie thanked the Board and Executive Director Louise Egofske for their support.

FACILITIES – Anthony Morelli mentioned that he will be meeting with the new Athletic Director at Old Quarry. The Fitness Team has been researching app opportunities that our members could use for group x reservations and lap lane reservations. Morelli also thanked the team for their hard work on July 3rd, each year the event seems to get bigger and better. The collaboration with the local agencies gets better all the time.

FITNESS – Nothing to add

AQUATICS – Reminder that the outdoor pool season ends on August 14th. We may try to continue to offer lap swim if we have staff available. Staff is already leaving to go back to school.

MAINTENANCE – Kettering Park asphalt was poured today, and we are hoping to open the park this Friday minus plantings. Briarcliffe Park should be opening the following week on Friday. Grand openings/ribbon cuttings will be held in October. Commissioner Richmond commented that the COMED grant looked like a great opportunity and asked if there were any more opportunities for items like this. Jason explained what areas will be converted with this grant and what has already been done. We must complete this project to apply for another grant.

6.5a. Action – Approval of LEAD Electric Inc. to install ComEd energy grant as proposed

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve LEAD Electric Inc. to purchase and install LED lighting as part of a ComEd energy grant, with a second by Commissioner Richmond

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

Nays – None

6.5b. Action – Approval of 2022 ADA Transition Plan Update

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the 2022 ADA Transition Plan Update with a second by Commissioner Mescher

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

Nays – None

6.5c. Action – Approval of Surplus Property Ordinance #2022-4

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the Ordinance #2202-4 with a second by Commissioner Wagner

Roll Call - Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, McAdam, Mescher, Richmond, Wagner

Nays – None

FINANCE – Nothing to add

POLICY & PROCEDURE –

6.7a. Action – Approval of the Lemont Park District Administrative Policy Manual

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Lemont Park District Administrative Policy Manual, as presented, with a second by Commissioner Richmond

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

Nays – None

6.7b. Action – Approval of the Lemont Park District Board Personnel Policy Manual

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the Lemont Park District Personnel Policy Manual, as presented, with a second by Commissioner Richmond

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

Nays – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Anthony Morelli mentioned that we have received an email from Distinguished Accreditation mentor and that we are approved for review. We are working on scheduling a date for the final review.

NEW BUSINESS – Carrie Dellamano spoke about the email that she sent to the Board this afternoon and asked if anyone had any questions. There was discussion regarding the filming of an independent film, Departing Seniors, at the Lemont Park District Centennial Campus Small/Large Grove and The CORE Indoor Pool. Commissioner Mescher mentioned an email she received regarding grant opportunities from IAPD for trails, bicycles, etc., and thought this may be an opportunity near the pedestrian bridge or bicycle facility. Would be nice if we could add a drinking fountain by the pedestrian bridge. Discussion took place about this and future OSLAD grant opportunities.

No need to move into executive session.

10.1 Action – Seeking a motion that the need for confidentiality no longer exists for certain Executive Session minutes and shall be made available for public inspection

Commissioner Wagner made a motion, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati that the need for confidentiality no longer exists for certain Executive Session minutes and shall be made available for public inspection.

Roll Call - Ayes – Commissioners Richmond, Wagner, McAdam, Mescher, Scarlati

Nays – None

10.2 Action – Seeking a motion that the need for confidentiality exists as to all or part of all other closed session minutes

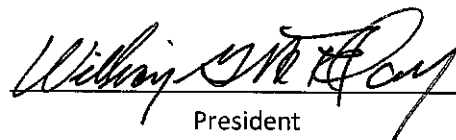
Commissioner Wagner made a motion that the need for confidentiality exists as to all or part of all other closed session minutes, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati

Roll Call - Ayes – Commissioners McAdam, Richmond, Wager, Mescher, Scarlati


Nays – None

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



President



Secretary