

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER - President McAdam called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Present: McAdam, Wagner, Mescher, Scarlati. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske and staff – Dellamano, Morelli, Khuen, Carter, Dian, Bower, Ganzer and Dickman as recording secretary for the evening. Public in attendance were Lemont Police Chief Maton, Victoria Reynolds and Liz Thorson from Lewis University, Dawn Krawiec and Bethany Pastrana from SEASPAR. Commissioner Richmond arrived at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO THE AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE – In the packet - Lemont Area Historical Society Thank You, Lemont VFW Post 5819 Thank You, PDRMA Return Health Program Net Position Letter and Village of Lemont Thank You from Mayor's Drive for Charity.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARD RECOGNITION – Lisa Dian read the Values in Action nomination for Christopher McAdam. Christopher is the recipient of the October Values in Action Award. Tammy Johnson was recognized for 30 years of teaching dance at the Lemont Park District.

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

Lemont Police Department Chief Maton gave a presentation regarding the Safe-T Act and the current language and how this can affect the district when calling for assistance to address a situation or behavior. Executive Director expressed her appreciation for all of the hard work Chief Maton is doing and appreciate what his staff does for us.

Victoria Reynolds and Liz Thorson, a graduate student, from Lewis University gave a presentation on new and innovative communication and accessibility boards in playgrounds. AAC - Augmentative and Alternative Communication – which is a method of communication that supplements or replaces speech. Communication boards can be customized to the parks, schools, and public spaces for everyone to use. They would like to pilot this idea with the Lemont Park District for up to two spaces to start. The designs would take place in the summer of 2023 and would then be presented to us. Once approved, we would send to a contractor to manufacture and install. We want the boards to look like they have been a part of the park from the beginning. Executive Director Louise Egofske said this is a phenomenal idea

and this could really be something special and would be great partnership with Lewis University and SEASPAR. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that we could also put a pdf of the board on our website for parents to print and laminate for their children to use. Discussion took place regarding the presentation and options for the communication boards. The Board of Commissioners were in agreement that this was a great opportunity and thanked the presenters for their time and a great presentation. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that Victoria Reynolds is a part of Lemont community and thanked her for all of her support of the Lemont Park District.

President McAdam closed floor to public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA – The following items were presented to the board as consent:

3.1 Action – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2022

3.2 Action – Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2022

3.3 Action – Approval of September 2022 Treasurer’s Report

3.4 Action – Approval of October 2022 Payables

3.5 Action – Approval of Credentials Certificate – IAPD 2023 Delegates

3.6 Action – Approval of PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2023

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

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

Nays – None

BOARD BUSINESS –

President’s Comments – President McAdam thanked the staff for setting up both presentations this evening and that they were very information. President McAdam thanked Executive Director Louise Egofske for working with the Lemont Police Department.

Commissioner’s Comments – None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that staff member Faustino Fernandez lost his father this week and we all send thoughts and prayers to him and his family. Another staff member, Josh Rogowski, is getting married this Friday and we wish him all the best. Louise gave an update about her and Jason Khuen meeting with the Village of Lemont staff, engineers and architect regarding the bike pedestrian bridge. We will be working together on one drawing for the downtown park and the pedestrian bridge path on the south side of the canal. We can work on an Intergovernmental Agreement on the funding with the Village of Lemont so this can all become part of one construction project. Funding would be done separately but have one contractor. All items for the downtown park with the OSLAD grant needs to be completed by September 30, 2024. Louise and Jason will be meeting monthly with the Village regarding this project. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21st. Commissioner Richmond asked about the Distinguished Accreditation and conference.

Louise explained about the state conference and that the District would be recognized at the awards luncheon at the state conference.

5.1a. Update – Levy Ordinance #2022-6 – President McAdam thanked Executive Director Louise Egofske for putting this all together. No questions from any of the commissioners.

5.1b. Action – Approval of Resolution #2022-10 Determining Funds estimated to be raised by taxation for the 2022 Levy Year to be paid in 2023 in the amount of \$3,155,651.

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-10 determining funds estimated to be raised by taxation for the 2022 Levy Year to be paid in 2023 in the amount of \$3,155,651, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

Nays - None

5.1 c. RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that Christine Aguirre will be working on the Lemont Park District General Use Ordinance and presenting to the Board in January with revisions.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Nothing to report.

MARKETING AND RECREATION – Nothing to add. Commissioner Mescher asked about the NFC Fitness Court launch and suggested that we use a personal trainer to do a video to demonstrate the stations and send out via email if we are not having the official ribbon cutting until spring. Carrie Dellamano said we will do something and that we will put out information to the community. NFC has a video that we can use as well. Executive Director Louise Egofske said the ribbon cutting will include the Village of Lemont and the Lemont Park Foundation. Anthony Morelli mentioned that there is an app for the NFC fitness court that the community can download and utilize for workouts and demonstrations and that all information is on the court itself. Commissioner Mescher commented about Miguel Granados board report and that the numbers for athletics have been really good and that she hears good things about Miguel at least once a week. Also commented about the Esports program and that others are interested and waiting for the winter session. Carrie mentioned that this year and 2019 are very similar when compared. We are working with our contractors and building on what is in demand and if we need to add additional sessions we can.

FACILITIES – Anthony Morelli gave a reminder that November 8th is election day and precincts will be at the Centennial Community Center. There will be no preschool on election day.

FITNESS – Nothing to add.

AQUATICS – Nothing to add.

MAINTENANCE – Jason Khuen mentioned that the mezzanine is now installed at the Maintenance Facility and it was completed in one day. Jason mentioned that he is still working on the EV charging stations and the contract with our attorney. The board would like to keep moving the process along.

FINANCE – Colleen Ganzer submitted a grant opportunity with the American Rescue Plan in Will County yesterday for \$25,000. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she was not on the email that the Board members received. Louise also mentioned that there was a Will County Official at the Rotary meeting and they were talking about this grant.

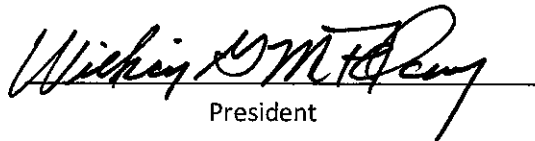
POLICY & PROCEDURES – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Executive Director Louise Egofske said the next board meeting will be held on November 8th. There will be no COW meeting on November 1st. On November 8th, a Budget Workshop will take place at 5:30 p.m. We will stop at 6 p.m. for the public hearing for the Levy, if needed, we will continue with the budget workshop. The monthly board meeting will follow the budget workshop and hearing.

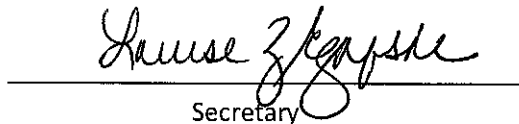
NEW BUSINESS – President McAdam mentioned that representative from SEASPAR, Dawn Krawiec and Bethany Pastrana were in attendance this evening. They were happy to be included in the meeting and are currently working on inclusion standards to share with all of their entities. It was mentioned that the SEASPAR Eagle program would like to go to five days beginning in June of 2023 at the Lemont Eagle's site of Safety Village.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



President



Secretary