

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
At Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher. President McAdam and Commissioner Scarlati were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofski, and staff Carrie Dellamano, Anthony Morelli, Jason Khuen, Christine Aguirre, Marie Piotrowski, Colleen Ganzer and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Visitors were Emma Amberg and her parents Colleen and Howie Amberg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner Wagner

CHANGE TO AGENDA – None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – **No public comment.** Emma, Colleen and Howie Amberg.

COMMUNICATIONS – In the packet – IAPD Letters to Member Agencies Highlighting 2022 and the IAPD Annual Report, Ellie Strong Fundraiser Thank You Letter.

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS – Christine Aguirre read the nomination for the Values In Action Award for Emma Amberg. Emma was nominated for going above and beyond in her job as part of our Fun Squad. Marie was also recognized for filling in for Lauren while she was out on maternity leave. Marie ran all of the events in addition to her regular job. Commissioner Wagner thanked them both for all they do.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2022 Regular Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2023 Special Meeting
- C.3 – Approval of December 2022 Treasurer's Report
- C.4 – Approval of January 2023 Payables in the amount of \$506,927.26
- C.5 – Approval of Open Meetings Act Officers – Egofski, Dellamano, Aguirre
- C.6 – Approval of Freedom of Information Act Officers – Egofski, Dellamano, Aguirre
- C.7 – Approval of Municipal Directory for 2023

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

BOARD BUSINESS –

President's Comments – Commissioner Wagner mentioned that he followed up with President McAdam and there was nothing to add.

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Mescher mentioned that she attended a Lemont Park Foundation Meeting and that the Foundation wished that we were able to offer a skating opportunity. The Foundation mentioned that if we ever consider a skating opportunity, they would like to be involved

in this and to keep the ideas coming for further involvement. The Foundation would also like to be able to advertise the group at our events.

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval General Use Ordinances.

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the revised Lemont Park District General Use Ordinances as presented, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Richmond, Mescher, Wagner

Nays – None

E.2 – Approval to authorize staff to execute a new Access Audit and Transition Plan from WT Group for a total cost of \$39,483.50.

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to authorize staff to execute a new Access Audit and Transition Plan from WT Group for a total cost of \$39,483.50, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Richmond, Mescher, Wagner

Nays - None

Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that this was in the budget for 2023 and the amount is within the budgeted amount. This hasn't been completed since 2010. We need to be up-to-date on our compliance and are excited to get started with this.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofski highlighted the Athens Park update. Things are moving along nicely. The Village staff is included in the weekly update meetings for coordination of projects. It is nice to have all involved parties working together. She also mentioned that the walls of the railroad bridge are subject to repair this summer by the Village, it is not structural but more cosmetic.

Mentioned that SEASPAR has a unique opportunity to welcome their 13th member, the Village of Willowbrook. The Lemont Park District was the 12th member. The Village of Willowbrook should be participating sometime in 2024 as they need to give notice to their current provider. Willowbrook is close to Lemont and may bring in more participation to the Eagles program. The agreement will be forthcoming later this year. Commissioner Wagner asked if we have started on communications regarding Athens Park. Carrie Dellamano spoke about the final drawing and putting together a PowerPoint that we can put online and on social media later this spring. The PowerPoint will also include information regarding the OSLAD grant. Louise Egofski also mentioned that she and Jason Khuen had a productive meeting with residents near the Centennial Park Santos Field to address the concerns about the lighting. Jason Khuen will be taking the lead to address the concerns and a resolution will be coming in March.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Nothing to add.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Nothing to add.

MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT – Nothing to add.

FACILITIES REPORT – Anthony Morelli mentioned that the meeting with the Lemont Junior Woman’s Club regarding the Lending Closet was successful. They will be working on a partnership in the next few months. Commissioner Richmond mentioned that the gym lighting looks great. Anthony Morelli mentioned that the pickleball players are liking the lights much better and that we have seen a larger non-resident crowd lately. The CORE Member numbers look good this month. There will be a comparison of the 2021 and 2022 CORE Member numbers in the next board report. LJWC meeting was successful with attendees present and online. Working on a partnership in the next few months. Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that we are working on installing a dimmer on the lights for certain events and programs.

FITNESS REPORT –

AQUATICS REPORT – Anthony Morelli mentioned that there was a Master’s Swim Meet this past weekend and it was the largest one yet that we hosted.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Jason Khuen will be working with Lead Electric to readjust the photometrics to keep the light off of the east property line. Commissioner Richmond asked for clarification regarding the communication boards for Athens Park, Hilltop Park and Centennial Park. Jason Khuen gave an explanation of the projects.

FINANCE REPORT – Colleen Ganzer had nothing to add. Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that Colleen is starting the audit process. Also mentioned the draft financial results and year-end operating results were favorable. Cook County property taxes for 2022 have been nearly all collected.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – Christine mentioned that she spoke with Police Chief Maton regarding our General Use Ordinances and he was happy with them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that she is going to attend the March Lemont Junior Woman’s Club meeting to give an update on the naming of Safety Village.

NEW BUSINESS – None

Commissioner Wagner stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

No need to move into closed session.

K.1 - 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 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 Wagner, Mescher, Richmond
Nays – None

K.2 - Seeking a motion that the need for confidentiality exists to all or part of all other closed session minutes.

Commissioner Mescher made a motion that the need for confidentiality exists to all or part of all other closed session minutes.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



President



Secretary