

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
At Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER – President McAdam called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher, President McAdam. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, and staff Anthony Morelli, Jason Khuen, Christine Aguirre, Meaghan Bower, Colleen Ganzer, Lisa Dian, Lauren Raspanti and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Visitors in attendance were Larry Rizzo, Cindy Rizzo and Trent Mescher.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – Larry Rizzo and Cindy Rizzo presented a donation to the Executive Director, Louise Egofske, for the Lemont Park District Miracle Field improvements on behalf of the Danny Rizzo Memorial Fundraiser. It was with comfort and joy that they presented the donation for the Miracle Field improvements and thanked all those who were involved in the fundraiser of the event for their support. President McAdam thanked the Rizzo family for all they do for the community.

COMMUNICATIONS – In the packet – IAPD Letter congratulating the Lemont Park District on attaining Distinguished Accredited Agency status and a flyer for Senator Curran’s Traveling Office Hours at The CORE.

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS – Christine Aguirre read the nomination for the Values In Action Award for Lisa Dian. Lisa was nominated for going above and beyond in her job in Human Resources and for all of her hard work with the new PayCom System implementation. President McAdam thanked her for all she has done.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C.3 – Approval of January 2023 Treasurer’s Report
- C.4 – Approval of February 2023 Payables in the amount of \$192,688.07

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS –

President’s Comments – President McAdam wished everyone a Happy Spring. President McAdam thanked the Executive Director and staff for a great winter at the Lemont Park District. He mentioned that he has been spending more time at The CORE and can see how people really enjoy The CORE. He mentioned that there is always a steady stream of guests coming and going at The CORE.

Commissioners Comments – Nothing to add.

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval of Beyond Your Base contract for Strategic Planning Processes

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to the Beyond Your Base contract for Strategic Planning Purposes, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

E.2 – Approval to authorize staff to hire Hitchcock Design Group for conceptual design and 3D rendering of 131st & Derby property for \$31,000 and approval to authorize staff to hire WT Engineering for boundary and topographic survey for the 131st & Derby property for \$10,700

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to authorize staff to hire Hitchcock Design Group for conceptual design and 3D rendering of 131st & Derby property for \$31,000 and WT Engineering for boundary and topographic survey for the 131st & Derby property for \$10,700, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofske gave a reminder that the Legislative Breakfast will take place on March 17th. She will send a reminder and if the board would like to attend, please let her know.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Nothing to add. Commissioner Richmond commented on the DEI committee that is being put together and thinks this is great and good for Lemont. Christine Aguirre mentioned that we will be starting with statement that staff is working on and when it is complete, it will be presented to the board.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that we are continuing to work with the Village of Lemont on Athens Park. The annexation of Bambrick Park to Lemont will be coming soon. The Village is working on this and once finalized, they will ask us to annex Bambrick Park into Lemont. Commissioner Scarlati inquired about the Village meeting with IDOT that was held on February 23rd and Executive Director mentioned there are still committees reviewing the information and it should be approved after all reviews have taken place.

MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT – Lauren Raspanti mentioned that on Saturday, March 4th, the Lemont Park District will be participating in the Village of Lemont St. Patrick's Day parade. Lineup will take place on Front Street at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner Mescher asked if the Lemont Park Foundation was invited to participate and Lauren said yes and there were a few members joining us for the parade. The parade will take place after the Grand Opening of the NFC Fitness Court Ribbon Cutting which is taking place at 11 a.m.

FACILITIES REPORT – Anthony Morelli mentioned that this Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and March 5th, Gym-Kinetics will be hosting gymnastics meet at The CORE and there will be over 500 children participating over the two days. Gym-Kinetics will be providing their own equipment. There will be limited impact on fitness and we have moved recreational programming to Old Quarry Middle School.

Anthony recognized Meaghan Bower and Chris McAdam for having 46 of their 65 lifeguards from the 2022 season returning in 2023.

FITNESS REPORT – Nothing to add.

AQUATICS REPORT – Nothing to add.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Jason Khuen mentioned that the Santos Field lights have been adjusted and additional hoods have been added. Commissioner Richmond and Commissioner Mescher inquired if a water fountain/water bottle filling station was going to be added to the Gleneagles Park. Jason mentioned that there will be a plumbed line so that we can add a water fountain and showed the board a diagram of where the water fountain would be. There was discussion on the placement of the water fountain. There was also discussion regarding restrooms at the park. Jason mentioned that there would be two port-o-johns for use.

FINANCE REPORT – Nothing to add.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – Christine Aguirre mentioned that The CORE membership handbook has been updated and will be available by the end of the week.

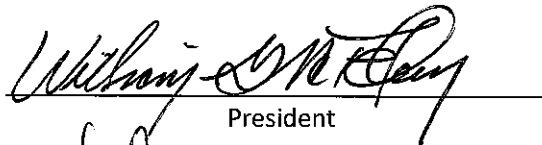
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she would like the March 14th meeting to be a workshop with a presentation on the capital improvements and the updates for Athens Park. This would show everyone the intricacies of the park. Since we are engaging Paul Hanley from Beyond Your Base for strategic capital planning, this would also help give the framework of what we have been talking about the last few years and how the public component is going to drive the public engagement process. We will be able to present the board with ranges of costs to help prioritize items for the public engagement process. The meeting on March 14th will begin at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Richmond asked if staff could put something together for the board to review prior to the meeting. Executive Director Louise Egofske said yes, we will put something together for review and we can always make adjustments closer to the meeting. Commissioner Scarlati asked if we had heard anything regarding the OSLAD application. As of today, staff had not heard anything yet.

NEW BUSINESS – None

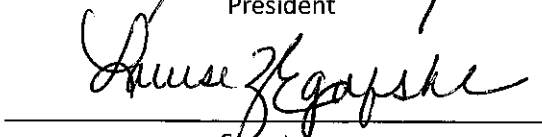
President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



President



Secretary