

Minutes of a Regular Session of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on April 25, 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher, President McAdam. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, and staff Jason Khuen, Anthony Morelli, Christine Aguirre, Pam Carter, Lisa Dian, Kristy Lambrakis, Lauren Raspanti, Marie Piotrowski, Kelly Spadoni, Kayley Bilotta, Sydney Bilotta and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Visitors attending were Janet, Todd & Miranda Gierman, Michelle & Veronica Gil and Suhail, Abida and Maryam Ali.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Commissioner McAdam

**CHANGE TO AGENDA** – None

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – President McAdam acknowledged the visitors. Asked if anyone wanted to address the board. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – In the packet – Letter for 2021 GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Excellence in Financial Reporting.

**VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS** - Lisa Dian read the nomination for the Values In Action Award for Kelly Spadoni, a MOD at The CORE. Kelly was nominated for going above and beyond in her job by always being very responsible, responsive to our members and guests, as well as her job knowledge. Kelly is always willing to help train new staff members and pitch in where needed. Thank you Kelly for all you do!

Pam Carter and staff presented members of the Lemont Park District gymnastics team with Certificates of Achievement for their outstanding performance and achievement at the IPDGC State Meet on April 15, 2023. The team received some of the highest scores and achievements at the event. Those recognized were Anna Warchol, Riley Husarik, Veronica Gil, Maryam Ali, Ellie Bergeson, Miranda Gierman, Cali Santori, Alana Davey, along with their coaches Sydney Bilotta and Kayley Bilotta. Veronica, Miranda, Maryam were in attendance to receive their certificates. President McAdam congratulated the girls and their parents for all of their hard work and dedication to the program.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C.3 – Approval of March 2023 Treasurer’s Report
- C.4 – Approval of April 2023 Payables in the amount of \$330,007.56
- C.5 – Approval of the 2022 Lemont Park District Annual Report

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

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

## **BOARD BUSINESS –**

**President's Comments** – Thank you for inviting the gymnastics team, it was great to celebrate their achievements.

**Commissioners Comments** – Commissioner Wagner shared a story from last week regarding a family he knows from Downers Grove that was at our baseball fields for a baseball game when storms approached. The parents emphasized to Commissioner Wagner how welcoming the staff at the Lemont Park District were when they had to move indoors to wait for the storm to pass.

## **ACTION ITEMS –**

### **E.1 – Approval for the naming of Derby Farm Park for the property located at 131<sup>st</sup> and Derby Road**

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the naming of Derby Farm Park for property located at 131<sup>st</sup> and Derby Road , with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

### **E.2 – Approval for the naming of the Canal Center Founded by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club as Safety Village**

Commissioner Scarlati asked about the meeting with the LJWC and what their thoughts were. Executive Director Louise Egofske said the LJWC was excited about the sign and were asking questions about the programming that takes place at Safety Village. The LJWC may also be interested in helping with other options for the area in back of the building.

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the naming of the Canal Center Founded by the Lemont Junior Woman's Club as Safety Village, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

### **E.3 – Approval to authorize staff to execute a new 3-year agreement with Republic Services for waste disposal services**

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to authorize staff to execute a new 3-year agreement with Republic Services for waste disposal services, 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 mentioned that the newly elected board members will need to be seated in May as well as vote for the officers. This will take place at the May 23, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting. We received a draft form of the audit and we will bring that for approval at the May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as well. Last week Executive Director Louise Egofske attended the Lemont Agency luncheon where each agency gave updates on projects and planning. There is a new Lemont Township Administrator, Mario Mollo. Glenn Pasiewicz is still at the Township but has taken on a new role. The Heritage Corridor Business Alliance is looking for a new Executive Director since the departure of Dan Mulka. Working on preparing for the first task force community engagement meeting which is taking place on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30 p.m. at The CORE. The second meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Centennial Community Center. We have received a good response and positive

feedback from the community members and have great representation from various demographics. There was discussion regarding the public notice and information that was in the Executive Director's report for a variance request submitted to the Village of Lemont by Ozinga. Reminder that the Legislative Conference in Springfield is Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT** – Nothing to add.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL** – None

**MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT** – Executive Director Louise Egofske recognized Marie Piotrowski for winning the SSPRPA Young Professional of the Year at the SSPRPA luncheon on April 13, 2023.

**FACILITIES REPORT** – Anthony Morelli added that we did send a letter to local legislators regarding the wage increase for lifeguards. There was a great turnout for the Lemont Baseball & Softball Club for opening day on Saturday, April 15, 2023. There are 575 children in the program this year. Anthony was able to speak to those in attendance about the renovations that will be taking place at Miracle Field.

**FITNESS REPORT** – Commissioner Mescher mentioned that she liked the bar graph from the CORE app analytics. We just need to keep in mind that the rooms are different sizes and the capacity may be lower in some rooms, but that doesn't make the class any less popular and attended.

Commissioner Scarlati mentioned that there are people who have never played pickleball but would like to learn how to play. He asked if we have thought about having instructional classes for pickleball. Commissioner Mescher mentioned that there are children/youth that are also interested in this program. Anthony Morelli mentioned that he would speak with Carrie Dellamano about adding in these types of programs. Lauren Raspanti mentioned that there are 587 runners signed up for the Quarryman Challenge, which is 10 more than this time last year. Registration online ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AQUATICS REPORT** – Nothing to add.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Jason Khuen mentioned crosswalk was striped and signs from public works are in and will be put up within the next week at Kettering Park. Jason was notified of a Nicor vault remediation project taking place on the Athens Park property. He will pass more information along as it becomes available.

**FINANCE REPORT** – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that interviews for a new financial staff member are taking place and that we are getting close to hiring.

**POLICY & PROCEDURE** – Christine Aguirre mentioned that we are working on the Local Government Efficiency Committee and will be starting the process later this year. Commissioner McAdam will need to appoint two people from the public to be on this committee. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned the Mike Leonard, Executive Director at Channahon Park District and Jennifer Knitter, Director of Parks, Planning and Development at Woodridge Park District, both Lemont residents, have already offered to be on the committee. Executive Director Louise Egofske will reach out and invite Mike Leonard and Jennifer Knitter to be on the committee. The committee will only need to meet 3-4 times during the next year. Christine Aguirre mentioned that we do need to pass a resolution for forming a committee on local government efficiency and we will bring this for approval at the May 23, 2023 meeting. The information needs to be filed by mid-June.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 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 Richmond. All Ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

  
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