

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on June 27, 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, President McAdam. Commissioner Mescher was not in attendance this evening. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egfske, and staff Anthony Morelli, Carrie Dellamano, Christine Aguirre, Josephine Wimunc, Lisa Dian, Colleen Ganzer, Marie Piotrowski, Kelly Kearns and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Commissioner McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – No visitors this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS - Lisa Dian recognized Tammy Johnson for her service and accomplishments since 1992 serving as a Dance Instructor at the Lemont Park District. Tammy was not in attendance this evening. Marie Piotrowski presented the nomination for the Values In Action Award for Kelly Kearns. Kelly was nominated for stepping up and going above and beyond in her Fun Squad role. Kelly has quickly become a leader to Fun Squad staff. She is always picking up extra shifts and checking to see what event prep she can do to ensure the event is at its best.

BOARD BUSINESS –

President's Comments – President McAdam commented that staff has been working very hard and that the Board appreciates all of the hard work and the week of activities leading up to the July 3rd event. President McAdam thanked Commissioner Scarlati for filling in at the Veterans Tribute on Thursday evening. He also mentioned he would be attending the Danish Cemetery Rededication at 3 p.m. on July 3rd in addition to the Lemont Park District Independence Day Extravaganza that begins at 4 p.m.

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Wagner congratulated the aquatics staff on a great audit. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that in talking to people, more people are enjoying the pool and our facilities and everyone says how great our facilities are.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of May 2023 Treasurer's Report
- C.3 – Approval of June 2023 Payables in the amount of \$514,389.92

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

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

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval of the Lemont Park District Board Member Orientation Manual

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Lemont Park District Board Member Orientation Manual , with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

E.2 – Approval of PayTrac Credit Card Processor Agreement with Vermont Systems

President McAdam thanked the staff for all of the work that was put into this. He also thanked Colleen Ganzer for laying out the memo so that it was easy for all to follow.

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the PayTrac Credit Card Processor Agreement with Vermont Systems, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

E.3 – Approval of Resolution #2023-4 Adopting the Amended Joint Agreement for SEASPAR

Commissioner Richmond congratulated Executive Director Louise Egofske on her new Vice President position on the SEASPAR Board. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned what a great agency SEASPAR is and he is happy to be more involved.

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approval Resolution #2023-4 adopting the Amended Joint Agreement for SEASPAR, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofske recognized staff for all their great work to kick off the summer. Everyone is doing a great job in preparing for the July 3rd event. She mentioned that she hoped the Board had a chance to review the Athens Park status. There will be a meeting on Thursday to finalize the plans and get ready to go out to bid. Executive Director Louise Egofske and Anthony Morelli will be attending an upcoming meeting this Thursday with the Lemont High School to explore the possibility of partnering on a turf field. Louise recognized Jason Khuen and his maintenance staff for all of the hard work they have done in helping with the Danish Cemetery. The rededication on July 3rd at 3 p.m. is now a community event and many groups are involved. Today, the Centennial Campus walking path was seal coated and the path will still be closed tomorrow. Commissioner Richmond asked about the last meeting we had regarding the capital campaign since Paul from Beyond Your Base was not in attendance. Louise mentioned that she met with Paul on June 19th to put all of the meeting notes together. There will be another meeting with Paul on July 10th, at which time we will talk more about adding a splash pad design to the language. At that time, we should also have more clarity for the turf field. Paul has also sent over some FAQ's about the campaign that Louise has reviewed and is requesting a few changes. Carrie will be reviewing these as well. The next step will be a video we can post on our website and social media. Commissioner Scarlati asked about the video and Louise said it will most likely consist of some testimonials from staff, board and community members. She mentioned that LaGrange Park provided a few different videos that they created in-house for their referendum. We could create a video tour of the current facilities and show what it would look like going forward. We will do something that will resonate with the community. President McAdam mentioned that we need a fine balance, the videos don't need to be long but they need to provide

updates. Louise mentioned that Westmont did a 13-minute video in-house that was nice and it is on YouTube if anyone would like to view.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Christine Aguirre mentioned that she received some information from PDRMA regarding the air quality index. There was discussion regarding how long the poor air quality is supposed to last and if we have had to cancel any programming due to the air quality. It was mentioned that we postponed the Movie in the Park to July 18th and have moved some programming indoors if the program was going to run longer than one hour. We are making accommodations for staff that are outdoors as needed.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – None

MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT – Carrie Dellamano reassured that we are monitoring the air quality and adjusting programming as necessary. She also reassured the Board that we are ready for Planet Fitness opening in town. They do not have an opening date yet but they are selling memberships. We will be educating the community about what we have and what we offer in comparison. Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that Anthony did contact Lockport and Woodridge and while they did lose some members initially, when people see the difference in value of what is offered, they will return.

FACILITIES REPORT – The fitness team met yesterday to talk about Planet Fitness opening in town and working on a plan of attack to show the community what we offer compared to what they offer. At the July Board Meeting, the fitness team will be presenting some information regarding fitness, class schedule growth, app information, etc. The Girl Scouts held their summer camp in the Large Grove last week with 170 girls, the highest number they have had. There were 84 campers overnight on Thursday. Lemont Baseball & Softball Club cancelled games for this evening due to the poor air quality. Their season will be complete by the end of the week. Anthony mentioned that he is keeping in contact with other communities regarding the fireworks and if anyone is going to cancel. We have been watering the plateau for the last 2 ½ weeks. As long as the Lemont Fire Department says we are ok, we will be able to continue with the fireworks. Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that the Lemont Park District has its own well, so we are not using community water for watering the fields.

FITNESS REPORT – Nothing to add.

AQUATICS REPORT – Nothing to add.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofski mentioned that Jason was on vacation this week. We are excited to add another full-time position in the Maintenance Department and Cody Small will start on Monday, July 3rd. Thank you to Lisa Dian for helping facilitate the new hire. Commissioner Richmond mentioned MWRD 2306 and asked if that property was part of their tour. Louise mentioned that is the 40 acres across the bridge. She also mentioned that Jason thought this could be another opportunity for an OSLAD grant. There is no rush on this but maybe we could apply in the future. Miracle Field will be the next big project and we hope to begin in August.

FINANCE REPORT – Josephine Wimunc recognized Colleen Ganzer for all of her hard work in putting together the new PayTrac information. She also recognized Eve at the Service Desk for help with a new printer and Jason for showing her the ropes with IT.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that we did have a posting for a Superintendent of Recreation and staff has been working hard on the interview process. We have selected an individual and hope to extend an offer soon.

NEW BUSINESS – There was discussion regarding the July 25th Board Meeting and moving to a different date. The meeting will be tentatively moved to Wednesday, July 19th. Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she will let everyone know for sure once it is confirmed.

President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will tentatively be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Centennial Community Center, 16028 127th Street, Lemont.

No need to move into Closed Session.


K.1. Action – Approval of Amended Employment Contract for Executive Director

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the Amended Employment Contract for Executive Director with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

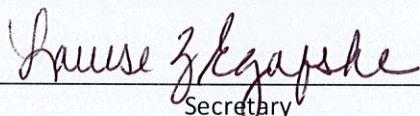
Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, Wagner, Richmond, McAdam
Nays - None

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



President



Secretary