

Minutes of a Regular Session of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on July 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.  
Centennial Community Center, 16028 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Lemont, IL 60439

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Scarlati called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Mescher. President McAdam joined the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Commissioner Wagner was not in attendance. Also in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofski, and staff Jason Khuen, Anthony Morelli, Carrie Dellamano, Christine Aguirre, Josephine Wimunc, Lisa Dian, Del Halter, Jen Saylor, Marie Piotrowski, Kathleen Campos and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary.

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

**CHANGE TO AGENDA** – Action Item E2 will be changed to: Approve the Position of Superintendent of Recreation

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – Jim Belden, Belden Energy Solutions was in attendance.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – SEASPAR fundraising event, Strike and Share, on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are a sponsor and providing a prize for this event.

**VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS** – Lisa Dian recognized Shaina Alegria and David Szperlak for 5 years of service at the Lemont Park District.

Janette Acton and Alyssa Zimmerman were presented with the Community Spotlight Award by Marie Piotrowski. Janette & Alyssa went above and beyond for their organization of the July 3 Beer Tent for the Lemont Park Foundation. They have spent countless hours of organizing, preparation, volunteer sign up, training, shopping and so much more, to make this fundraising event run as well as it did this year. We appreciate the time and effort that Janette & Alyssa put into the event. We appreciate you! Commissioner Mescher congratulated Janette and Alyssa for all of their hard work and organization.

Marie Piotrowski presented the award for the Values In Action Award for Kathleen Campos. Kathleen has been working as a Senior and Teen trip and event leader since February of this year. In just a few short months, she has exemplified everything that a leader should be! Kathleen always delivers excellent customer service on every trip and during every event, and always accommodates each patron on her trips as best as she possibly can. Kathleen also takes safety on all trips very seriously, and takes all proper safety measures at all times. It is very obvious how much our seniors appreciate her! She makes every trip a fun and memorable experience for them, and you can tell that she truly loves what she does.

Executive Director Louise Egofski presented the Values in Action Award for Jason Khuen. Recently Jason went above and beyond to assist the community leaders of the Danish Cemetery Refurbishment project. Over the last several months, Jason took steps to assist and deploy resources helping with landscaping and clearing, providing supplies and refurbishing excess amenities such as a stone bench and stone for the main sign. He was also active in assisting with the ceremony by setting up the audio for the rededication ceremony. Project leaders praised Jason and his team throughout the project.

Jason introduced Jim Belden from Belden Energy Solutions. Jim gave a presentation on a Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) system, financing options and financial incentives. Also gave details and projections for costs The CORE and Centennial Community Center as well as the economics of this project.

Anthony Morelli, Jen Saylor and Del Halter gave a presentation regarding various fitness updates. Some items presented were a snapshot of The CORE membership status, CORE and CORE-Fit age demographics, suggested Technogym replacement of 8 pieces of equipment in the free weight area, suggested Trackside Room improvements, fitness media/sound recommendation, the status of the cardio fitness equipment, monthly fitness class reporting, instructor analysis, Virtuagym app and member retention, CORE-Fit equipment organizing and bring back the CORE fitness launch as well as the CORE-Fit Fest in August and the CORE Train Station usage. An update was given on operations such as adding more customer service staff, open gym supervisors, retention, promotions and The CORE app's future for various uses such as personal training, assessment/orientations and surveys.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of June 2023 Treasurer's Report
- C.3 – Approval of July 2023 Payables in the amount of \$487,858.56

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, McAdam  
Nays – None

#### **BOARD BUSINESS –**

**President's Comments** – President McAdam commented on how great the Independence Day Extravaganza event was on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and he thanked staff for their work in putting the event together.

**Commissioners Comments** – Commissioner Scarlati agreed with President McAdam's comment about the Independence Day Extravaganza and what a great job staff did. Everyone at the event was very happy and having a great time.

#### **ACTION ITEMS –**

**E.1 – Approval of the replacement boiler order, option 2, and to authorize the purchase of replacement and installation of the Lochinvar Boiler with pump for the indoor pool in the amount of \$31, 598.00 from Bell HVAC**

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the replacement boiler order, option 2, and to authorize the purchase of replacement and installation of the Lochinvar Boiler with pump for the indoor pool in the amount of \$31, 598.00 from Bell HVAC , with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

**Roll Call** – Ayes – Commissioners Scarlati, Richmond, Mescher, McAdam  
Nays –

**E.2 – Approval the Position of Superintendent of Recreation, commencing on July 24, 2023, with a starting salary of \$80,00.00.**



Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the position of Superintendent of Recreation, commencing on July 24, 2023, with a starting base salary of \$80,000.00, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

#### **STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Executive Director Louise Egofski thanked the fitness department for an excellent presentation and she is excited about all of the new items on the horizon. She also thanked the staff for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event, this was the best ever and every year the event gets better and better. She commented that she has heard fantastic reviews from everyone she talked to. It was great to have extra police on site this year and mingling with the crowd. Louise mentioned that she hoped the Board had a chance to look at some of the program information which shows how busy we are with our summer programming especially gymnastics and day camp. We are continuing to work on the public engagement process and putting together a timeline and will be introducing some public information pieces. We are also working on a public engagement meeting for the ADA Transition Plan with WT Engineering and SEASPAR. The meeting will be held at the Centennial Community Center on September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8 p.m. We are currently working on an IGA with District 113a and hope to have a draft in August for review. After working together for over 10 years, our Attorney, Carl Buck, has taken a new position with the Village of Mokena, however, he will still be working with us through mid-August. We will be working together for RFP for a new attorney and the interview process. Louise suggested the cancellation of the August 8<sup>th</sup> COW meeting since we do not have a lot of info to discuss. We will then meet on August 22<sup>d</sup> for the regular Board Meeting. The Board of Commissioners were in agreement with the cancellation of the August 8<sup>th</sup> COW meeting. We will have full September and October meetings. The November and December meeting schedules will be a little different than the normal schedule. Commissioner Richmond asked when the efficiency meeting will take place. Louise mentioned that we will work on having a meeting after one of our board meetings. President McAdam asked if we could consider having the efficiency meeting at 6 p.m. and we could have the board meeting immediately following, and hopefully begin in September.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL** – Nothing to add.

**MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT** – Carrie Dellamano thanked the board for their support. Staffing is at record numbers. Registration for fall programming is coming up. We have been surpassing previous numbers this year. There is another Sunset Soiree tomorrow. Commissioner Richmond commented to keep up the good work. Commissioner Scarlati commented that the soirees are great.

**FACILITIES REPORT** – Anthony Morelli wanted to add that the fall Memory Maker registration process will include FlippingBook for the first time. Anthony mentioned that he and Executive Director Louise Egofski met with John Young and the District 210 finance person regarding a collaborative effort on a turf field and things are heading in the right direction. Anthony and Jason will walk the property next week and put together some preliminary figures. The current LHS field already has lights at the facility and there was talk about possible conversion to LED. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Louise will have more details about field use and what an agreement may look like. Now that we are talking about the possibility of a splash pad at Derby Farms, we cannot use the same dollar amount for the turf field project and we may have to do the project in phases. Commissioner Richmond asked about extending the deadline for the

NFL Flag Football League. Carrie Dellamano said the registration deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup> so we still have some time. We have picked up approximately 10 more players just recently.

**FITNESS REPORT** – Nothing to add.

**AQUATICS REPORT** – Nothing to add other than swim lessons and private swim lessons are going well.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Jason Khuen mentioned that he spoke with Anthony Morelli regarding some improvements to the North Field at the Quad. The Maintenance Crew is almost done with the project and is going a great job. Some of the sod that was removed for the warning track will be used in other places such as The CORE Train Station and a few other areas around the campus.

**FINANCE REPORT** – Josephine Wimunc gave an updated on investments. Also working on a new credit card processor and everything is going well. Colleen Ganzer is taking the lead and we should begin using the new processor next week. We will still have the old processor in place for the next few months as well. Josephine mentioned that it is budget season and she is working with staff on the 2024 budgets.

**POLICY & PROCEDURE** – Nothing to add.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Jason Khuen provided an update on the Derby Farms amenities for a possible splash pad and showed a new rendering of the site which includes restrooms, storage, and concessions and pump room. Louise asked about the concession area and if this was needed. It was mentioned that other groups could use the concession stand as well. Maybe it doesn't need to be as large as once thought and if it is not used, it can be turned into storage. Jason also showed system options for a splash pad such as water use with recirculation and water to waste. Jason gave highlights of recirculating over water to waste options. He also spoke about the operations of the splash pad. Executive Director Louise Egofski asked that the recirculating system be added to the bid information. President McAdam and the Commissioners were in agreement that the capital project should include a splash pad. Commissioner Richmond asked about winterizing a splash pad and Jason explained the process and time involved. Heating the water would be an additional cost.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – No need for closed session.

**K.1. Action – 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 Richmond made a motion that the need for confidentiality no longer exists for certain Executive Session minutes and shall be made available for public inspection, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

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

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion that the need for confidentiality exists as to all or part of all other closed session minutes, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

  
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