

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Canal Center, 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 Egofski, and staff Anthony Morelli, Josephine Wimunc, Greg Hooper, Lauren Raspanti, Kyle Murray, Kristy Lambrakis, Colleen Ganzer, Lynn Kwasigroch and Christine Aguirre as recording secretary. Public in attendance was John Kwasigroch and Ken Novak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – No changes.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

COMMUNICATIONS – In the packet – PDRMA Return of Health Program Excess Net Position, Lemont VFW Post 5819 Golf Outing Thank You and PDRMA Financial Reimbursement for 2023 Starfish Aquatics Lifeguard Audits

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS – presented the Values in Action Award to Lynn Kwasigroch. Lynn has been working with us since May at the front desk. She is definitely a team player. She has taken on extra shifts since she has gone on her own. She gets along well with all of our members and different personalities. She has won over the pickleball members. Lynn comes to work with a smile on her face and is glad to always be here. I think she knows everyone who walks through the door. Lynn takes her job to heart and always worries if she is doing something right or wrong. She is very passionate about the work that she does.

Ken Novak was presented with the Community Spotlight Award. Ken, a lifelong Lemonter, has dedicated himself tirelessly to the Village of Lemont. Ken is an example of civic responsibility and volunteerism shown through his work with the Lemont Lions Club, SD 113A Board of Education, and Lemont Area Historical Society. As a 31-year employee of the Lemont Park District, Ken retired in 2013 but Ken's heart and love for Lemont and the Lemont Park District meant he couldn't stay away too long. Ken has been an active member of the District's Safety Committee for many years. His vast knowledge, keen eye and mentorship has helped the Committee grow and flourish. As Ken is retiring from the Safety Committee, we would like to wish him much health and relaxation and thank him so very much for being a part of our committee.

PRESENTATION – IDEA Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) – Lauren Raspanti

Board Questions/Comments:

General comments from the Board included how initiatives like these are just a part of everyday culture now. Commissioner Richmond asked about creating some kind of icon or logo to go along with the statement to include marketing materials and social media.

Commissioner Wagner mentioned how great this is and how it will assist staff in working through everyday interactions with each other and the public.

Commissioner Richmond also mentioned how employees are looking for these types of policies and initiatives when interviewing.

Executive Director Egofske thanked staff for working on this initiative.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of September 2023 Treasurer’s Report
- C.3 – Approval of October 2023 Payables in the amount of \$418,273.63

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

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Scarlati, Richmond, Mescher, McAdam

Nays – None

BOARD BUSINESS –

President’s Comments – Does not have anything to comment on at this time.

Commissioners Comments – Did not have anything to comment on at this time.

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval of PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2024

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2024, with a second by Commissioner Richmond .

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Mescher, Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, McAdam

Nays – None

E.2 – Approval of Credentials Certificate – IAPD 2024 Delegates

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Credentials Certificate for the IAPD 2024 Delegates, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Richmond, Mescher, Scarlati, McAdam

Nays – None

E.3 – Approval of Resolution #2023-8 Authorizing the Marble Landing Subdivision Land Dedication Agreement

Commissioner Richmond asked a question regarding wetlands on the property to be acquired. Discussion regarding the wetland on the property and potential impacts were discussed.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-8 Authorizing the Marble Landing Subdivision Land Dedication Agreement, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Richmond, Mescher, Scarlati, McAdam

Nays – None

E.4 – Approval of the Miracle Field Project Bid Rejection

Discussion regarding timeline of the new bid and the different amenities needed vs. wanted. Due to OSLAD we need to go back out to bid in January 2024 to ensure we finish the project on time within the guidelines of the grant payment requirements.

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the Miracle Field Project Bid Rejection, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

E.5 – Approval of the Updated Refund Policy

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the approval of the updated refund policy, 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

Thanked Commissioner Richmond and staff for attending the attending the Fire Protection District Open House and accepting the award.

Thanked Commissioners Scarlati and Richmond for attending the Trick or Treat Trail and helping answer questions from the public and making themselves available.

Review of the public meetings relating to potential future capital plans and topics that came out of the public meetings was discussed. Next meeting is October 25, 2023, at 7:30pm at the Centennial Community Center. Overall, we have been monitoring social media. Some phone calls/emails from the public with suggestions and recommendations have come in but all comments have been positive. We have regularly been keeping the public informed and educated with what we have been working on regarding the campaign. Louise will be scheduling and attending HOA and organization groups to present to them the information. A survey regarding a potential referendum has been mailed out to the residents of Lemont. Additional surveys via phone and text will begin at random the week of October 30, 2023. Feedback overall has been very quiet.

Coordinating a variety of tasks with Jason's departure. All maintenance goals and daily tasks are still being worked on or managed.

Commissioner Scarlati asked about the solar initiatives and requested that they still be an overall priority of the department. Executive Director Egofske explained that our consultant is preparing materials for a future presentation.

Commissioner Richmond would like us to ask potential candidates for the Director of Maintenance and Planning position about their solar/energy efficiency experience. He commented on how past Director of Maintenance and Planning, Jason Khuen, was great at searching out opportunities for the District to take advantage of.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Executive Director, Louise Egofske stated that we have applicants at this time for the Director of Maintenance and Planning.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Director of Facilities, Anthony Morelli, stated that School District 113A Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lemont Park District will be signing off on this at their board meeting this month.

MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT – Superintendent of Recreation, Greg Hooper, stated that he has been interviewing candidates for the Rec Supervisor and will be making an offer in the next week. He mentioned we have started the Scared to the CORE, Dare to be Fit promotion.

Hooper stated, and Raspanti clarified, that senior programming would be highlighted on the back of the mailer announcing the registration dates quarterly. Hooper stated that the seniors typically do not register or do much on-line and by highlighting programs specific to them would help advertise the programming in a way seniors would appreciate.

Hooper updated the Board on the Fox 32 News Story featuring our Flag Football program that will be airing on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

Commissioner Richmond asked when the indoor triathlon is. Special Events Manager and Marketing Relations staff, Lauren Raspanti, indicated that it is scheduled for March 10, 2024.

FACILITIES, FITNESS, AND AQUATICS REPORT – Director of Facilities, Anthony Morelli, stated that staff are working to add back the on-line option to update the credit card information. He stated that approximately 55% of members have already updated their information and that patrons have been feeling very welcome and warm at the smiling service desk.

Morelli stated that he and Raspanti met with a video marketing firm this week. Staff will be working to introduce video marketing promotions in 2024. The goal is to highlight what we do best.

Installed the score board from the LJWC. All use will be from your phone. OQMS was excited as we included their logo on the board at their home field.

President McAdam mentioned that Tyler at the Fitness Desk does a great job. Morelli agreed that Tyler has been a great asset to the fitness desk staff.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Nothing to add to the board report.

Egofske thanked Kyle for keeping the maintenance team together, focused and on-task.

FINANCE REPORT – Director of Finance and Technology, Josephin Wimunc, mentioned that the budget will be presented at the Budget Workshop. Wimunc informed the Board she went to the IAPD Software Symposium and was able to bring back some pertinent and timely information regarding some of the current software we utilize and programs we have been looking into.

Commissioner Richmond mentioned the graphics included in the day camp report were helpful. President McAdam echoed the comment. Egofske pointed out the last question of the survey on the day camp report asked, "What was your camper's favorite day camp activity?" The overwhelming favorite was swimming. Egofske indicated it is important to note this as the campers use the outdoor pool up to 3 times a week and we may have to make future repairs to the facility.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – Aguirre updated the Board on the Village of Lemont’s status regarding e-bike ordinances. Further discussion regarding e-bikes was had.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Update for the Connemara Park Design/Budget – Discussed some of the differences from the original plan to new plan. Egofske indicated that we will be going out to bid in January. Egofske stated that Khuen shared the updated plans individually with the residents who came to the Make Your Park Meeting. The feedback returned was positive. Further discussion included a timeline for the updated bid and preparation needed to gain the appropriate approvals to ensure we capture the 2023 pricing.

President McAdam and Commissioner Scarlati both had comments regarding how this is a great example of how well the Make Your Park process works.

NEW BUSINESS – Update for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing: Egofske explained updated timeline of the required finance meetings for budget purposes. Confirmed the meeting dates and tentative agenda items:

- 11/14 – 5pm budget workshop and announce the estimated levy at that time, request a resolution to put the budget on display
- 12/12 – Approve the levy, public meeting for the Truth and Taxation Meeting
- 12/19 – Approve the budget

President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

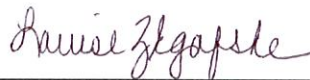
Reminder on the Public Meeting for the campaign meeting tomorrow 6:30pm in the 1,2,3 Room at CCC.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



President



Secretary