

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on November 14, 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 6:03 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, Carrie Dellamano, Christine Aguirre, Lauren Raspanti, Lisa Dian, Colleen Ganzer, Dan Walker, Kyle Murray and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Jerry Hernandez, the new Director of Maintenance and Planning was in attendance. Public in attendance were Pat Callahan, Chris Malensek and two contractors from E.P. Doyle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – None to address the board.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS – Lisa Dian and Anthony Morelli presented the Values in Action Award to Dan Walker. Dan has been with the Park District for little over 4 months now and has shown such dedication and effort for his job and the District. Dan is a full-time building attendant and is constantly working at making our facilities the very best. The time and detail Dan shows to ensure our facilities are safe and clean couldn't possibly be measured, because even when he isn't working, he is thinking about ways he can assist in making improvements. Dan is the epitome of a team player by working late nights to early mornings to make sure every task is completed. He has stepped in and assisted other staff members and is a true team player!

Rachel Bickhaus was not in attendance but was recognized. Rachel is our Building Attendant Coordinator and leads the charge in making sure our facilities are prepared every day and for every activity. Rachel has been with the team for little more than 6 months and within that time she has already been promoted to the coordinator position. Our members are constantly complimenting her work, particularly the Aqua Aerobics participants! Just a couple weeks ago this was a note that was sent regarding Rachel's work ethic; "Whether she is cleaning the Women's locker room or performing other duties around The CORE, she excels in her duties. She is very personable, always willing to assist members if needed, and acknowledges that you are a member of The CORE, I felt the need to personally let you know how outstanding Rachel is in the performance of her duties."

Faustino Fernandez was not in attendance but was recognized. To round out our team we have Faustino Fernandez. Faustino has been with Lemont Park District for many years but just recently he transferred to become part of the Facilities Team. His passion and commitment to our agency can be seen with every clean floor, mirror, restroom, studio, etc. He is a constant professional and comes to work with a great attitude daily and is always ready to assist. Faustino will be the first person to point out things that need to be improved upon, but he not only speaks about these suggested improvements he follows through on them seeing that they are completed. We are extremely excited to have him as part of the Facilities Team.

We would like to thank this team for all that they do for our District.

Louise introduced Jerry Hernandez, the new Director of Maintenance and Planning. Jerry will begin his employment with the Lemont Park District on December 4, 2023. Louise also thanked Kyle Murray, Superintendent of Maintenance and Christine Aguirre, for stepping up and working on items since Jason has left and keeping up with projects as we continue to maneuver through the change. Louise also mentioned that Carrie Dellamano is leaving the district in the next few weeks and we thank her for all of her hard work through the years including opening The CORE in 2009 as well as all other projects that she has worked on. She will be missed and we wish her the best.

ATHENS PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – Chris Malensek provided a presentation for Athens Park regarding bidding overview, description and slides of alternates and the next steps to be taken. The project budget base bid was \$4.5M and \$5.2M with all alternates. There are additional costs that will be added to the project cost, such as playground equipment that has already been purchased, dog park items, picnic tables, garbage fees, etc. E.P. Doyle and Sons are here this evening representing the contractor. There was a discussion on the alternates. In the next month, we will decide on which alternates to proceed with. There was a discussion regarding change order costs and what we should build into the cost of the project. Approval of the Athens Park Contractor will take place at the December 12th board meeting. Construction is slated to begin in spring of 2024 and the target construction completion date is end of 2024. Tim Doyle spoke about this project and mentioned that there are still supply chain issues, we can always add alternates at a later date and that they will be flexible in working with us. They look forward to working with us on the Athens Park project. President McAdam thanked the representatives from E.P. Doyle for attending the meeting. The next step is to gather more information on alternates before the December meeting and share that with the board.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of October 2023 Treasurer's Report
- C.3 – Approval of November 2023 Payables in the amount of \$268,599.66

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 – President McAdam said we need to remember this date going forward, the Athens Park project has been a long time coming and now it is happening. The team and staff has been working so hard to get to this point and he feels confident that we will bring this great park to the community. Thank you to the team.

Commissioners Comments – Commissioner Scarlati echoed President McAdam's comments. He never thought this would be done in 2024, even if it get pushed into spring of 2025, with the majority done in 2024, this would be fantastic. Commissioner Richmond commented on what a good job the staff did with the Veterans Day celebration and all the attendees really enjoyed themselves. President McAdam mentioned the survey results we received last night at the community task force meeting and it showed that more than 50% of seniors go to those projects and events. He mentioned that we have involved the senior age group that they feel the value in what we do and enjoy being involved. Louise mentioned that

Pam did a fantastic job in making the event so special for the veterans. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that with all of the challenges the staff has faced, everything keeps going and he appreciates all of the staff pitching in and doing a great job. Commissioner Mescher mentioned that at the community task force meeting, it was so great to hear the survey data that shows our report card rate of 80% A & B, and it shows the trust the community has in the Lemont Park District.

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval of Truth and Taxation Law Resolution #2023-7 Determining Funds Estimated to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2023 to be paid in 2024 in the amount of \$3,340,800

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Truth and Taxation Law Resolution #2023-7 Determining Funds Estimated to be Raised by Taxation for the Year 2023 to be paid in 2024, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

Nays – None

E.2 – Approval of Resolution #2023-9 Authorizing Tentative Form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024 for public inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on same

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to Resolution #2023-9 authorizing Tentative form of Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2024 for public inspection and setting forth date for public hearing on same, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

Nays – None

E.3 – Approval of Renewal of Tivity Health (Healthways) Provider Agreement

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the renewal of Tivity Health (Healthways) Provider Agreement, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

Nays – None

E.4 – Approval of Option 2 Small Pool Heater Replacement from Bell Heating and Cooling, cost not to exceed \$25,850.00

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Option 2 Small Pool Heater Replacement from Bell Heating and Cooling, cost not to exceed \$25,850.00, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

Nays – None

E.5 – Approval of Budget Amendment for Salary Addition of Superintendent of Recreation

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the budget amendment for Salary Addition of Superintendent of Recreation, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

Nays - None

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she is attending the Connemara HOA meeting on December 4th and will give an update on the referendum campaign. She has already attended a Lemont Junior Woman's Club meeting and a Rotary meeting. She will be going to a District 113a meeting as well. Louise mentioned that last night we held the 3rd community task force meeting and Paul Hanley provided some survey results and Jim Hobart provided information for the hybrid polls. Louise provided an overview of the presentation from last evening. We will ask the

board for approval at the December 12, 2023 meeting to put the referendum question on the ballot in March 2024. President McAdam asked Pat Callahan about his thoughts with the survey numbers and Pat mentioned that he thought our numbers looked good. He was happy we did the hybrid poll as that can show a lot of what the people really think when speaking to someone.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Christine Aguirre mentioned that on Monday, November 13th, they did an semi-annual staff training. It was an amazing opportunity for staff. There were approximately 86 staff members in attendance. SEASPAR provided an inclusion training. The Lemont Fire Department provided a training as well.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – None

MARKETING AND RECREATION REPORT – Greg Hooper mentioned that Sarah DeWolf will be the new Recreation Supervisor to fill the open position and Sarah will start on Monday, November 20th.

FACILITIES REPORT – Anthony Morelli mentioned that he spoke with District 113a personnel about our possible plans to move the tennis courts to the north side of 127th Street and how this would affect them. They said that they would cater more to pickleball programming in their classes instead of tennis. Anthony mentioned that the Lemont Park Foundation is funding the installation of a new scoreboard at Santos Field and the Santos Family has committed to fund the scoreboard on that field. We hope to have it installed by next spring before opening day. Anthony provided an update on the credit card conversion and thanked the team for working diligently on this. He also thanked Kristy Lambrakis for putting together the new Tivity Agreement and mentioned that she worked hard to negotiate the terms of the agreement. The fields are officially closed for the season.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Nothing to add. Executive Director Louise Egofske thanked Kyle Murray for stepping up in the last few weeks and doing a great job.

FINANCE REPORT – Information is in BoardPaq and let Josephine know if you have any questions.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

UPDATE – Board Meeting Schedule for FY 2024 – Louise mentioned that we will reserve dates for the Committee of the Whole meetings in 2024 and will have them as needed. Please take note of the November and December dates as they are different from the normal schedule.

UPDATE – Public Hearing for BINA and Truth and Taxation on December 12, 2023 – The memo is in the packet. The public hearing for the 2024 BINA General Obligation Bond Issuance, not to exceed \$700,000, for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, will take place at the December 12th meeting. We will also host a public meeting for the Truth in Taxation at the December 12th meeting. A public notice will be posted in the December 1st issue of the Suburban Life newspaper for the BINA and the Truth in Taxation hearings.

UPDATE – Public Hearing for Budget and Appropriation on December 19, 2023 – This will take place on December 19th. The meeting on December 19th will be a short meeting with the public hearing for the

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. After the hearing, we can then approve the budget for FY 2024. The tentative budget will be on display for 30 days before the hearing and approval.

President McAdam stated that the next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 6 p.m., at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to adjourn to closed session, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati, at 7:26 p.m. for the item listed below.

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

The following were invited into Closed Session: Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, Mescher, McAdam and staff Executive Director Louise Egofske.

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in park, recreational or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational or educational setting or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:39 p.m.

RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Approval of Recommended Attorney as the Appointed Firm for the Lemont Park District Legal Services

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the recommended attorney, Ancel Glink, as the appointed firm for the Lemont Park District Legal Services, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

No further discussion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



President



Secretary