

Lemont Park District
Decennial Committee on Efficiency Meeting
September 12, 2023
Safety Village, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60439

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – President McAdam called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Mescher, President McAdam, and committee members Mike Leonard and Jenny Knitter. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Carrie Dellamano, Anthony Morelli, Jason Khuen, Josephine Wimunc, Christine Aguirre, Greg Hooper, Meaghan Bower and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Pat Callahan and Kris Malensek from Studio GC were also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

INTRODUCTION – PURPOSE AND SCHEDULE – Executive Director Louise Egofske welcomed the committee members and thanked them for joining us this evening. Thank you to Christine Aguirre for preparing the materials for the evening.

Christine Aguirre said that the purpose of this committee is to study local governmental units and how well we work with each other along with statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, intergovernmental agreements and more. The Lemont Park District does a great job in working with other local agencies and we can certainly highlight what we do well. Tonight is the kick-off meeting, the second meeting will be held on November 7th and the last meeting on November 14th. Each committee will need to provide a report to the administrative office of the county board in each county in which we are located – Cook, Will and DuPage. We will also provide a report to IAPD.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – The IAPD had provided a template for our reports and Christine was able to drop in quite a few items and statistics. We have almost a full page of connections with other agencies for shared equipment and resources. We will also show our use of volunteers, youth employment and our partnership with the Lemont Park Foundation. A few items highlighted by Christine were our working relationship with the Village of Lemont for the Sunset Soiree events and the July 3rd event. Another great item to showcase our agency collaboration in town is the Lemontster Days events. For those who don't know, the agencies meet quarterly so that they can plan their events, collaborate and not duplicate services. Another item to note is other benefits that recreation provides such as bringing in more trees, increase home values. This is something that is hard to measure but the NPRA did a great job of breaking down those statistics that we could include in our report.

Commissioner Richmond asked if our due date is this November? Christine said no, we have 18 months to complete the process from the start time but with all that the Lemont Park District has going on, we thought it would be more beneficial to complete the process and submit our report sooner than later. He also asked about the efficiency of other government agencies. Christine addressed that in the next slide.

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT REPORT OF THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY – The next slide included a few report discussion points such as the inefficiency of other governments, unfunded mandates, increased transparency, opportunities for other intergovernmental agreements and opportunities for savings such as energy efficiency projects and joint purchasing. We would like the committee to think about these items and send your questions/concerns/ideas to us. Some ideas to consider are other governmental agencies we work with for projects – such as Athens Park. We can highlight the timelines we work with.

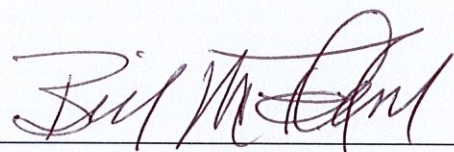
Discussion ensued regarding several ways we could address local and state inefficiency and transparency through the report.

Further discussion was had regarding the next steps and proposed timeline of the report. Executive Director Louise Egofske addressed the resident committee members, Mike Leonard and Jenny Knitter, and said if they see something we can do better or have any suggestions, please send that to us so we can look into it further. There was discussion regarding the inefficiencies of other local government agencies. We already highlight what we do well and some items may be out of our control for other areas. We can take this section out if we don't have anything to include. Louise mentioned that larger communities have duplicated services but maybe we can start a conversation about a few things we have identified and future opportunities for increased efficiency with everyone – such as the IDOT permits. We do need to be careful about how we state this and be as positive as we can with local governments. Commissioner McAdam thanked everyone and asked if there were any additional questions. Commissioner McAdam and Commissioner Scarlati said great job on putting this together.

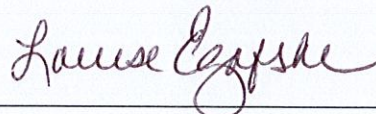
OTHER BUSINESS – None

NEXT MEETING OF THE DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON EFFICIENCY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023, 6 P.M. AT SAFETY VILLAGE

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



President



Secretary