

Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on April 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont, IL 60439

CALL TO ORDER – President McAdam called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Mescher, President McAdam. Commissioner Wagner was not in attendance. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Anthony Morelli, Josephine Wimunc, Greg Hooper, Lauren Raspanti, Colleen Ganzer, Lisa Dian, Christine Aguirre, Kristy Lambrakis, Summer Towry, Debbie Counter, Norma Tomayo, Kelly Spadoni, Jameson Porritt and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Tom Porritt, Killian Porritt, Jenny Knitter were public in attendance. Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Attorney from Ancel Glink, was also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – Executive Director Louise Egofske stated that we will be removing action item number 2, Approval of 2024 Goals, from the agenda. We will bring it before the Board for approval at the May meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – No visitors to address the board.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS – Lisa Dian presented Jameson Porritt, Customer Service Representative, with the Values in Action Award. Jameson is an example of a great LPD front desk employee. He greets all members and guests with a smile. He is very observant and ensures everyone checks in. If someone forgets to check in, he does not hesitate to stop them to ask where they are going. He does this in a very polite way and shows empathy when needed. He is quick to answer phone calls and quick to assist people that stop at the front desk for help. He goes over and beyond to help members. If he is unsure, rather than guessing, he will ask the MOD or the desk person for help. He does not like to be idle, so he often asks to help the MOD or his peers. At close, he helps clean the gym, lock doors, shut off music, make announcements. It is so nice to work with someone that is such a good worker and that has such a positive attitude. I love having him at the service desk on my shifts. He is a wonderful addition to the front desk team.

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

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- C.2 – Approval of March 2024 Treasurer's Report
- C.3 – Approval of April 2024 Payables in the amount of \$358,614.39

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS –

President's Comments – President McAdam thanked everyone for putting together today's groundbreaking for Athens Park. Everything looked very professional and well done and appreciated the efforts made by all. President McAdam also commented on the friendliness of the customer service team.

Commissioners Comments – None

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1 – Approval of the updated Governance Policy 2-4, Park Naming Policy

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the updated Governance Policy 2-4, Park Naming Policy, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Executive Director, Louise Egofske added a thank you to the Finance Department for handling the annual audit, everything was seamless. We are currently waiting for a draft of the audit. Thank you to the staff, everyone is getting ready for spring/summer programs, opening the pool and making sure fields are ready to go.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Nothing to add.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she attended a meeting with village administrators. Some of the highlights are as follows. The Lemont Police Department has hired two new officers and are now at full staff. All officers are now wearing body cameras. There will be a new communication platform that will connect the Village, Township and Police in real-time and will help with emergency situations. We will be able to use this if needed in an event emergency situation. Marabella is expected to start renting to residents soon. Louise and Jerry also attended a meeting regarding a review of the City of Joliet water project and provided the Board with highlights from the meeting. She will pass along more information as it becomes available. The Township is getting ready to begin construction of their new addition to the property on Alba and then dispose of the property on Warner Avenue. There were 146 single family home permits in 2023 which was the most since 2019. The Lemont Fire District spoke about the referendum they will have on the ballot in November. Dr. Mary Ticknor will be retiring from Lemont High School after the next school year. Dr. Courtney Orzel will be returning to District 113a for the new school year.

MARKETING REPORT – Nothing to add.

RECREATION REPORT – Director of Recreation, Greg Hooper, mentioned added interviews were completed for the Program Manager position. An offer was extended to Rebecca Perkaus and she accepted. Rebecca comes to us with a lot of experience and will join the staff on May 13th.

FACILITIES, FITNESS, AND AQUATICS REPORT – Director of Facilities, Anthony Morelli, mentioned that Lemont Baseball & Softball Club had a very successful opening day on April 20th. They were appreciative that the North Field and Santos Field scoreboards were installed.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Nothing to add.

FINANCE REPORT – Director of Finance and Technology, Josephine Wimunc mentioned that the Wi-Fi equipment was changed out and should now be faster.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – Nothing to add.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – We will bring the 2024 Goals for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to add.

The next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on May 28, 2024, 6 p.m. at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

ADJORN TO CLOSED SESSION - Commissioner Mescher made a motion to adjourn to closed session, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati, for the items listed below at 6:18 p.m.

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

Those invited into closed session were Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Mescher, McAdam, Executive Director Louise Egofske and Attorney Keri-Lyn Krafthefer.

1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
2. 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 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meeting Act.
3. Discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation by or against the park district or an employee 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion, to resume the regular meeting, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION – Regular meeting resumed at 6:29 p.m.

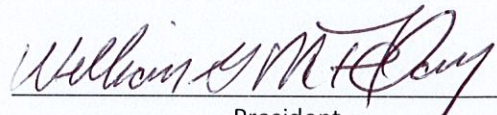
1. Action Item - Authorize the District’s Attorney, Ancel Glink, to settle pending tax rate objection cases for 2010-2014

Commissioner Richmond made a motion, to Authorize the District's Attorney, Ancel Glink, to settle pending tax rate objection cases for 2010-2014, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

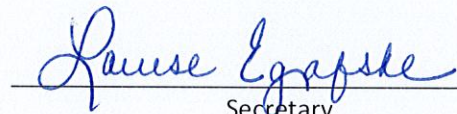
Roll Call – Ayes – Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Mescher and McAdam
Nays - None

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



President



Secretary