

Minutes of a Regular Session of the  
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District  
Held on October 22, 2024, 6 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. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Anthony Morelli, Jerry Hernandez, Lauren Raspanti, Lisa Dian, Greg Hooper, Josephine Wimunc, Christine Aguirre, Shannon Kazmierczak, Raymond Scribano, Norma Tamayo and Carlene Dickman as recording secretary. Elyse Briyla and Beth Kerns from the Lemont Public Library were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by President McAdam

**CHANGE TO AGENDA** – Action Item F2 – Should be 2025 Delegates not 2024 Delegates.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS** – at 6:02 on October 22, 2024, President McAdam opened the public hearing regarding the intent to sell General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds. The Lemont Park District is holding a hearing regarding the intent to sell General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$730,000.

The purpose of the bonds is to finance large capital projects approved in the capital improvement plan. These projects include improvement and upgrades to park sites and facilities along with the purchase of various recreational and maintenance equipment.

As required by state statute, notice of the public hearing was published in the Lemont Suburban Life.

President McAdam opened the floor to public comment. There were no public comments. No written comments were received. No questions or comments from the Board.

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to close the public hearing for the General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati. The hearing closed at 6:03 p.m.

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** – No visitors to address the board.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Rich Niziolek Scholarship Golf Outing Thank You and Thank You from Jason Smith Family.

**VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS** –  
Lisa Dian presented Norma Tamayo with the Values In Action Award for the month of October. Below is Norma's nomination from Kristy Lambrakis.

I would like to nominate Norma Tamayo for the Values IN action award. Norma has been an invaluable member of our team for the past 8 years, consistently demonstrating versatility and dedication in her role. She is always willing to lend a hand, regardless of the task at hand. Norma plays a crucial role in helping new employees with setting up filters for RecTrac,

showcasing her patience and expertise. Norma goes above and beyond to foster a positive work environment. She organizes dinner outings for the staff a few times a year, which greatly enhances team camaraderie. Furthermore, Norma is instrumental in planning and helping organize a Holiday party at the end of the year. Norma's thoughtfulness and commitment to her colleagues make her a standout member of our team, and she truly deserves recognition for her outstanding contributions.

Lauren Raspanti presented Beth Kerns and Elyse Bryla with a Community Spotlight Award. Below is the nomination.

I would like to nominate Beth Kerns and Elyse Bryla from the Lemont Public Library to recognize them for their partnership to make the Trunk or Treat such a success this year at Harvest Fest. Elyse and Beth were eager to jump in and partner with the park district when the idea of combining the events was brought up. They were willing to take the lead on organizing and contacting all the agencies and businesses to participate in the trunk or treat and secured 29 groups to attend. Their organization and management of this truly made such a special touch to the event. We truly enjoy being partners with them and thank them for their hard work.

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

D.1 – Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2024, Board Meeting

D.2 – Approval of September 2024 Treasurer's Report

D.3 – Approval of October 2024 Payables in the amount of \$2,458,361.85

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

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

**BOARD BUSINESS –**

**President's Comments** – No comments.

**Commissioners Comments** – No comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**F1. Approval of PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2025**

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the PDRMA Healthcare Plan Selection and Contribution Schedule for 2025, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

Ayes – Commissioners Mescher, Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, McAdam  
Nays - None

**F2. Approval of Credentials Certificate – IAPD 2025 Delegates**

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Credentials Certificate for the IAPD 2025 Delegates, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

**F3. Approval of the Truth in Taxation Law Resolution 2024-1 Determining Funds Estimated to be Raised by Taxation in the Year 2024**

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the Truth in Taxation Law Resolution #2024-1 Determining Funds Estimated to be Raised by Taxation in the Year 2024 in the amount of \$3,494,400, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

**F4. Approval of Agreement with ExcalTech for IT Services**

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the Agreement with ExcalTech for IT Services for 36 months at an average cost of \$7,600 per month depending on the amount of users, with a second by Commissioner Wagner.

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

**F5. Approval of Surplus Ordinance 2024-5 Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Surplus Personal Property**

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to Surplus Ordinance 2024-5 Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Surplus Personal Property, with a second by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

**F6. Approval of the recommended updated language for Chapter 5 and Section 4.7 of the General Use Ordinance**

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the recommended updated language for Chapter 5 and Section 4.7 of the General Use Ordinance, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

Ayes – Commissioners Wagner, Richmond, Mescher, Scarlati, McAdam  
Nays - None

There was discussion regarding some of the language and signage for bikes/ebikes allowed on pathways and speed restrictions. Needs to be simple and easy to understand and follow. It was also recommended that riders use an audible alert to notify runners/walkers on the path that they are approaching and going to pass. Some of the ordinance language presented will be updated per discussion items.

**STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Executive Director, Louise Egofske mentioned that tomorrow evening she and Jerry will be participating in the Village of Lemont's transition plan meeting. Matt Corso from

SEASPAR will also be participating. On Monday, Louise received an email update from Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison regarding that the mandatory paid leave ordinance is still being discussed. The Lemont Park District is still exempt from the ordinance until January and then in January, we are expected to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Morrison is trying to keep park districts and school districts exempt. We are taking the approach that we will be ready for this in 2025 and have budgeted accordingly for this unfunded mandate. Jerry and Louise met with Joe Brusseau regarding Derby Farms Park and they are preparing civil drawings to connect water to our park. In December, we will bring a proposal for the full park design. We are hoping to go out to bid for the project in late spring. Staff have been involved with steering committee with Studio GC to finalize construction plans for the referendum projects. We will present the information at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting before we move ahead with final drawings. We have been talking about concepts and operations and want to show the board before we finalize. It was mentioned that there have not been any new developments from the Grand Prairie project. Heard that the route may change and move to 135<sup>th</sup> but nothing is definite. There has been no information regarding the traffic study at 131<sup>st</sup> and Derby. We will continue with permitting for the park at this point. There was a discussion regarding the traffic light or roundabout at 131<sup>st</sup> and Derby. Commissioner Scarlati asked that the construction of the tennis and pickleball improvements start next year as people can see the project is underway.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL** – Executive Director Louise Egofske mentioned that she is working on a few things with the Village of Lemont and the possible sharing of some resources. Some possible items are collaborating with garbage pick-ups at Athens Park and working on adding more grindings to Industrial Drive. Regarding the bridge construction on Stephen Street, trees have been cleared from the area and work is proceeding.

**MARKETING REPORT** – Nothing to add.

**RECREATION REPORT** – Director of Recreation, Greg Hooper introduced Raymond Scribano to the board. Raymond is the new Aquatics Manager. Raymond has been with us for three weeks and has been doing a great job so far. Commissioner Mescher mentioned that a lot of people are excited to have Raymond staff after his involvement with our programs over the years.

**FACILITIES, FITNESS, AND AQUATICS REPORT** – Director of Facilities, Anthony Morelli mentioned that Comcast has replaced all tv boxes at The CORE and we should see a difference in the service for our members. We still plan to continue our preventive maintenance on our cardio equipment. Our hope is to replace the cardio equipment in 2026 timing it with our CORE construction projects. Anthony mentioned that he has been visiting other districts to see what types of improvements they have made to their current or new facilities. It was also nice to speak with the other district's staff as to what they like and dislike to help us as we plan for our updated facilities. He will present his findings to the Administrative Team tomorrow morning.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT** – Director of Maintenance and Planning, Jerry Hernandez mentioned that Athens and Field 32 are coming along well. Jerry provided an updated on Gleneagles Park. Depending on the weather, the parkways will be finished this season. The asphalt grading was fixed in multiple spots. There is still a little left to do with the putting greens. We will hold a grand opening next spring.

**FINANCE REPORT** – Director of Finance and IT, Josephine Wimunc, mentioned that she attended a two-day cyber security training. She picked up a few ideas that we can roll out to the staff. We will also do a

few basic training courses for staff in the next year. Commissioner Wagner asked if there were phishing exercises included. Josephine mentioned that ExcalTech offers a new option for phishing training that we can have staff do next year.

**POLICY & PROCEDURE** – Christine mentioned that we are continuing to work on sections for the Administrative Manual and succession plans. We hope to bring a few updates to the board next month. We are also working on policies regarding pesticides and cyber security policies.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Update – Truth in Taxation Public Hearing on December 3, 2024 Board Meeting. Studio GC will be here as well to present some preliminary plans for construction. Commissioner Scarlati will zoom into the meeting.
2. Update – Budget Workshop on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., with a Special Meeting immediately following the workshop.

**The next Lemont Park District Special Meeting will be held on November 5, 2024, at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont. The next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on November 12, 2024, at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.**

**ADJORN TO CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED** – Commissioner Wagner made a motion to adjourn to closed session, with a second by Commissioner Richmond for the items listed below at 6:45 p.m. for the items listed below.

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

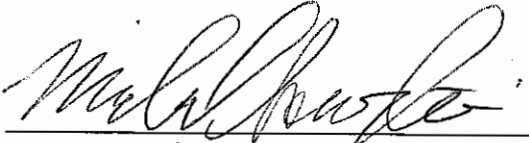
Those invited into closed session were Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, Mescher, McAdam, Greg Hooper, Christine Aguirre and Executive Director Louise Egofske.


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.

Regular meeting resumed at 7:03 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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