Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on March 25, 2025, 6 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. Staff in attendance were Executive Director Louise Egofske, Lauren Raspanti, Lisa Dian, Greg Hooper, Josephine Wimunc, Kyle Murray, Aileen Morales, Joseph Loburgio, Cassie O'Malley, Bob O'Malley, and Christine Aguirre as recording secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by President McAdam

CHANGE TO AGENDA – L. Egofske requested the Fitness Presentation (C.4.) be moved from this month to next month. President McAdam agreed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS –

COMMUNICATIONS –

- Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS –
Values In Action – Cassie O'Malley, Nominated By: Rebecca Ladner

I nominate Cassie O'Malley for Values in Action. Although Cassie is part of the Customer Service team, we truly think of her as part of the Preschool team because of her support and dedication. She consistently goes above and beyond to assist in any way she can, making a significant impact on our program.

One of Cassie's strongest qualities is her exceptional communication skills. Whether she is interacting with parents, teachers, or staff, she ensures that all communication is clear, timely, and effective. Her proactive approach fosters strong relationships and keeps everyone informed, contributing to a well-connected and supportive environment.

Beyond her skills and dedication, Cassie brings an upbeat and positive attitude to every situation. Her enthusiasm and energy create a welcoming atmosphere that uplifts both staff and families. She leads by example, demonstrating a commitment to teamwork, professionalism, and excellence. Cassie truly represents the values of our organization, and we are grateful for all she does.

Additionally, Cassie's supervisor Kristy Lambrakis stated: Cassie is a fantastic team player and a positive influence in the Customer Service Department! Her willingness to help with extra projects, her sunny disposition, and the way she connects with the pre-school children are all qualities that contribute to a great work environment.

L. Egofske stated that Cassie does a great job and thanked Bob O'Malley who also works for us and does a great job.

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

C.1 – Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

C.2 – Approval of February 2025 Treasurer's Report
C.3 – Approval of March 2025 Payables in the amount of $420,993.25

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS –
President's Comments – President McAdam discussed a potential day change to the regularly scheduled board meetings. The board and staff agreed that Wednesdays will work. Commissioner Richmond mentioned the car show is on Wednesdays and asked if there are concerns with parking/traffic with the car show. Further discussion regarding the changing the day and potential parking issues/solutions was had.

Commissioners Comments – No other commissioner's comments.

ACTION ITEMS –

E.1. - Approval of the 2025 Master Plan Goals

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve the 2025 Master Plan Goals, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

Commissioner Richmond stated that he is always impressed by the quality and quantity of the annual goals.

E.2. Approval of updates to the Personnel Policy Manual Paid Leave and Vacation Policies

Commissioner Mescher made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy Manual Paid Leave and Vacation Policies, with a second by Commissioner Richmond .

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

E.3. Approval of renaming Miracle Field to Field 32

Commissioner Scarlati made a motion to approve renaming Miracle Field to Field 32, with a second by Commissioner Richmond.

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

E.4. Approval of Surplus Ordinance #2025-2 authorizing the disposal of certain surplus personal property

Commissioner Richmond made a motion to approve the Surplus Ordinance #2025-2 authorizing the disposal of certain surplus personal property, with a second by Commissioner Mescher.

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS –

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT –

L. Egofske stated that Studio GC will be at the April Board Meeting to update the board regarding the referendum projects. L. Egofske and Joe Brusseau are trying to coordinate a date to give an update on the Derby Farms project.

L. Egofske stated that staff has been working diligently on various capital projects.

L. Egofske thanked all of the staff working with K. Lambrakis and C. Aguirre on various facility operational tasks.

Commissioner Scarlati asked for an update regarding Athens Park. Egofske updated that EP Doyle has not mobilized the construction team for the season yet. She indicated that K. Murray has been working with various contractors to continue working on what can be done. Egofske updated the board on the status of the village project of the Stephen Street viaduct. All agree that a meeting between the park district and village regarding the project needs to be had.

Commissioner Richmond asked about the standing water onsite – from the bridge it seems like a lot but asked if that is going to be the normal. K. Murray indicated that there will be plantings in certain areas that will hold the soils and use the water so there will not be flooded as it seems now. EP Doyle will be working on seeded and reseeding the native plant areas. L. Egofske provided a status on what is left for EP Doyle to complete. Further discussion regarding the street opening was had.

President McAdam asked that if both architects are to be on the schedule for April, that the board send staff any questions prior to the meeting.

L. Egofske asked the board for feedback regarding the Gleneagles Park Grand Opening. President McAdam asked if staff could send a poll to the board to help coordinate dates. Commissioner Mescher asked if this was the park we were trying to get a water fountain at. K. Murray and L. Egofske gave an update on the status of the water fountain. Commissioner Mescher asked how developed the Gleneagles subdivision is. Egofske stated that approximately 115 of the 400 permits are occupied. Further discussion related to the park was had.

RISK MANAGEMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Staff had nothing to add to their report.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – There was a candidate forum held on March 19, that the District was not informed of. Commissioners Richmond and Scarlati were contacted regarding the event night before. Discussion relating to the intention and execution of the event was had.

MARKETING REPORT – L. Raspanti introduce new Marketing Coordinator, Aileen Morales. A. Morales stated that she is excited to be here. President McAdam asked what brought A. Morales to Lemont. Alieen stated that she was excited to work more on print materials. Discussion regarding digital marketing was had. President McAdam requested staff look into doing a L. Egofske stated that Aileen helped the Bloomingdale Park District get their mobile RecTrac registration application launched.

L. Raspanti updated the board on Quarryman registrations.

RECREATION REPORT – Staff had nothing to add to their report.

FACILITIES, FITNESS, AND AQUATICS REPORT – G. Hooper gave an update regarding Spring Swim Team Clinic. Commissioner Mescher asked how registration for the Indoor Tri was going.

C. Aguirre stated Mosquito Squad will be parking in the Bambrick Park Parking lot from April 1st through September.

C. Aguirre gave an update on the User Group Allocation Meeting which was held on March 3rd. A status of discussions relating to the use and fees for Field 32 between LBSC/Lightning and staff was given. Dialogue regarding field use and fees relating to the user groups was had.

L. Egofske indicated that staff will be working on a Master Plan for baseball/softball.

L. Raspanti reminded everyone about the grand re-opening of Field 32 will be on Saturday, April 12.

MAINTENANCE REPORT – Staff had nothing to add to their report.

Commissioner Richmond inquired about the bees in the pool area from last summer. Commissioner Scarlati asked if they asked if they found the hive. K. Murray updated the commissioners on the status of the bees and the new exterminator.

FINANCE REPORT – Staff had nothing to add to their report.

POLICY & PROCEDURE – Staff had nothing to add to their report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

The next Lemont Park District Board Meeting will be held on April 23, 2025, at the Lemont Park District Canal Center, 55 Stephen Street, Lemont.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

William J McAloon

President

Louise Egofske

Secretary