# Minutes of a Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District Held on August 26, 2025, 6:00 pm 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** - Commissioners in attendance were President McAdam, Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, Commissioner Mescher, and Commissioner Wagner. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Louise Egofske, Christine Aguirre, Lisa Dian, Greg Hooper, Kyle Murray, Lauren Raspanti, Bill Waligorski, and Shannon Kazmierczak as Recording Secretary. Also in attendance was Tess Abbasi-Weidler, owner of Folklore Coffee and her family members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - President McAdam led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** – No changes.

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

#### COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you letter from the Tauer Family regarding the installation of their memorial tree, as well as a press release from Lemont Township announcing their plans for youth services was recognized. The Values in Action Award was presented on behalf of Rebecca Ladner to Paige Terrazas, Day Camp Coordinator, who was unable to attend by Lisa Dian. Lisa presented a 5-year Distinguished Service Award to Bill Waligorski on behalf of Del Halter, and Shannon Kazmierczak presented Tess Abbasi Wiedler, owner of Folklore Coffee with the Community Spotlight Award, for her recent Social Media Campaign about Parks in the Community.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- D.1 Approval of Minutes July 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
- D.2 Approval of July 2025 Treasurer's Report
- D.3 Approval of August 2025 Payables in the amount of \$603,428.71.

Commissioner Wagner made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Scarlati.

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

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

**President's Comments:** President McAdam commended the staff for doing an amazing job this Summer having the Park District provide activities and recreation to the community. Commissioner Scarlati and Richmond agreed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

E. 1 - Approval of 3-year renewal contract for payroll processing services with Paycom

Commissioner Mescher made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Richmond.

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

Marketing & Community Engagement – L. Raspanti updated that The Lemont Park Foundation raffle is currently at 397 ticket sales. The drawings begin on September 1 at 9:30 am with daily drawings throughout the rest of the month. She also commented on the new clean look of the program guide designed by Aileen Morales, Marketing Specialist.

Intergovernmental – Executive Director Egofske reported on the recent all-agency meeting hosted by the Village. The Village announced the appointment of a new Police Chief, Jason LaCoco. A new salt storage facility is being constructed at the site of the new water tower. Gleneagles continues to experience a steady flow of new permit activity.

School District 113A is reporting its highest enrollment to date. The District is addressing both resident and non-resident enrollment. The library at Central School is currently being used as a classroom. Township updates included the appointment of new Board Member Rich Wilk and a report that the parking lot at Alba will be completed by the end of September. The Township is also assessing activity tax implications and exploring new youth programming with further coordination planned with agency staff.

District 210 has finished interior remodeling on the second and third floors of its facility. Egofske also mentioned the Lemont High School Educational Foundation's (LHSEF) upcoming Taste of Lemont fundraiser event on Saturday, September  $6^{th}$ .

Library updates include live bird feed programming and a fundraiser planned for the Fall. The Fire Department is anticipating a design presentation in October for upcoming improvements. Plans include a "Tot Lot" in a location that would align with the back of the library. An active shooter drill is being planned and will include participation from Park District staff C. Aguirre.

**Recreation, Facilities & Fitness** – G. Hooper noted the new Athletic Program Manager, Luke Weismann, began on Monday, August 25, just in time for leagues to start the first week of September. Also noted was Lemont Park District Preschool Academy beginning the same week and the installation of the new TVs in the Fitness center.

**Maintenance** – K. Murray welcomed two new employees, Jesse Hernandez and David Thoren, both full-time who are both fitting in with the team; the department is looking to fill one more full-time employee. L. Egofske noted that the department was budgeted for 6 full-time outside employees - currently at 5 with a recent voluntary resignation.

**Finance** – L. Egofske reported in J. Wimunc's absence that the budget is moving along, with capital requests and payroll being finalized. There is a fund balance of \$60k from Quarryman Race activities earmarked for recreation downtown. Commissioner Richmond asked about the budget for design for Covington North Park. Egofske stated that the current park replacement schedule is being evaluated and may experience delays while other projects are being completed.

**Planning & Policy – Nothing to report at this time.** 

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS –** Derby Farms Park Update

Executive Director Egofske provided an update on the progress at Derby Farm Park. The initial proposed layout included 165 parking spaces, a playground, splash pad, and a picnic and restroom structure. However, project modifications have been necessary due to updated MWRD ordinances, easement requirements related to the Village bike path, traffic light easements, and the Grand Prairie Water

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM

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