

**Minutes of a Regular Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on November 11, 2025, 6:00 pm
Canal Center
55 Stephen Street Lemont, IL 60439**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Mike Scarlati called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Commissioners in attendance were Vice President McAdam, Commissioner Mescher, Commissioner Richmond, and Commissioner Wagner. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Louise Egofske, Christine Aguirre, Lisa Dian, Greg Hooper, Kyle Murray, Lauren Raspanti, Josephine Wimunc and Shannon Kazmierczak as Recording Secretary. Also in attendance were Jack Harris, Police Chief LoCoco, Commander Buczyna, Sergeant Kondrat, Officer Rankovich, and Eric LoCoco.

Absent was Board President, Bill McAdam.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice President Scarlati led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

COMMUNICATIONS

Included in correspondence was the PDRMA Starfish Aquatics Lifeguard Audit reimbursement and PDRMA Property/Casualty Program Mentorship renewal notification.

Jack Harris was recognized for exemplifying the District's core values by being given the Values in Action Award. Commended by Norma Tamayo, Lauren Raspanti, and Manager Jason Smith, Jack is noted for his helpfulness, courtesy, and strong work ethic.

Kayley Bilotta received recognition for five years of service as the Gymnastics and Ninja Coordinator. Her leadership and reliability have been highly regarded by both former Manager Kristy Lambrakis and current Manager Sarah DeWolf.

Janette Acton was honored for her dedicated service on the Lemont Park Foundation by Lauren Raspanti, where she enhanced fundraising efforts and expanded membership. Also receiving the Community Spotlight Award was the Lemont Police Department, recognized by Christine Aguirre, for exceptional communication and partnership with the District, providing unmatched support to our community initiatives. Executive Director Egofske expressed her gratitude to them, noting their partnership with the Park District is essential to their continued success.

CONSENT AGENDA

**D.1 – Approval of Minutes – October 28, 2025, Regular Board Meeting
 November 4, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes
 November 4, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

D.2 – Approval of October 2025 Treasurer's Report

D.3 – Approval of November 2025 Payables in the amount of \$585,324.60.

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

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

Nays – None

BOARD BUSINESS

President's Comments: None.

ACTION ITEMS

E. 1 - Approval of Administration Policy Addition - Park Memorial Program

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

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

E. 2 - Approval of Changes to Personnel Policy Manual After Review

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

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

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Louise Egofske reported that the recent Veterans Event was well attended, with approximately 80 participants. The event included representation from Commissioner Scarlati, Senator Curran, Mayor Egofske, and Congressman Foster.

Athens Park continues to be well utilized and enjoyed by the community.

The 2026 proposed budget is currently on display, and staff are working through year-end reviews, evaluations, and preparations for upcoming holiday events.

This past weekend's program registration proceeded smoothly with minimal issues reported.

Commissioner Richmond initiated discussion regarding construction planning for the CORE and Centennial Community Center (CCC). Executive Director Egofske provided updates on construction scheduling, noting that staff are working closely with the architects to coordinate a phased rollout that minimizes disruption.

Considerations include maintaining access to the pool and preschool areas, as well as balancing south-end construction during pool operations. Cost management and office displacement planning remain key focuses. Commissioner Scarlati inquired about the estimated construction start date and noted that work on the CORE is planned as the initial phase. The next steps include final plan approvals and permit applications.

Commissioner Richmond asked about project costs and current expectations. Executive Director Egofske confirmed that architectural expenses have been incorporated into the budget. She emphasized the goal of ensuring that the project delivered matches approved designs, with final specifications under review for splash pad equipment and facility features. Civil plans for Derby Farms Park were finalized last week, and the Centennial Campus remains on budget. Efforts are underway to repurpose furniture and fixtures where possible to support efficient use of funds while allocating resources for new spaces.

Commissioner Wagner commended the effort to identify cost-saving opportunities in furnishing but encouraged the District to take advantage of the renovation to ensure high-quality, lasting improvements.

Risk Management/Human Resources – None

Intergovernmental – None

Marketing & Community Engagement - L. Raspanti commented the weekends Winter Program registration was successful with 0 errors. Currently 88% of our residents registered online.

Recreation, Facilities & Fitness – G. Hooper mentioned the upgraded HD signals are working on the newly installed TVs. Commissioner Scarlati questioned if patrons were going to be able to listen to what is displayed on the TV via their Bluetooth devices. G. Hooper will look into this. The deck plates at indoor Centennial pool were also upgraded on 11/13/25.

Maintenance – Kyle Murray reported the surface of Gleneagle pickleball court is cracking. Still under warranty, this will be fixed in the spring.

Finance – J. Wimunc announced that Cook County will be mailing the 2nd installment of tax bills in November. The bill is due December 15.

Planning & Policy – Nothing to add.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Executive Director Egofske reported that a memorandum and presentation regarding the Beechen and Dill Copper Ridge West development were provided. Executive Director Egofske, along with staff members Kyle Murray and Christine Aguirre, met with the builder to review preliminary plans and discuss potential park site options. At this stage, discussions are preliminary, as the builder must first coordinate with the Fire Department regarding emergency access requirements.

The memorandum referenced existing nearby park sites and their proximity to the proposed development. Data indicates that a majority of buyers in previous Beechen and Dill developments are residents aged 55 and older. The Township has also been in communication with the builder, expressing interest in establishing a connection to the Woodland Sanctuary.

Commissioner Richmond inquired whether a park is being considered as part of the development. Executive Director Egofske noted that two parcels have been proposed, and this may present an opportunity to create a passive space that is well-suited and appealing to the demographic expected in the area.

Referendum-related projects were also addressed in the Executive Director's report.

NEW BUSINESS – Executive Director Egofske noted that the December 9th meeting the board will be voting on the proposed dates for the 2026 Board Schedule, so please check schedules prior to that vote. She also noted the December 2nd meeting will be the public hearing for Truth in Taxation.

THE NEXT LEMONT PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2025, AT THE LEMONT PARK DISTRICT CANAL CENTER, 55 STEPHEN STREET, LEMONT. THE NEXT LEMONT PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT THE LEMONT PARK DISTRICT CANAL CENTER, 55 STEPHEN STREET, LEMONT.

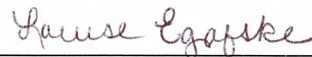
FINAL ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to adjourn with a second by Commissioner Mescher.
All ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM



President



Secretary

Updated 12.2.25 4:47 PM