

**Minutes of a Special Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on February 24, 2026, 6:00 pm
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 - Commissioners in attendance were President McAdam, Commissioner Mescher, Commissioner Richmond, Commissioner Scarlati, and Commissioner Wagner. Staff in attendance included Executive Director Louise Egofske, Christine Aguirre, Lisa Dian, Greg Hooper, Joseph Loburgio, Kyle Murray, Lauren Raspanti, David Thoren, Josephine Wimunc and Shannon Kazmierczak as Recording Secretary. Guests in attendance were Craig Meadows and Pat Callahan from Studio GC.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

COMMUNICATIONS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE -

- Thank You from the Family of Tom Ballard
- Invitation to the Mayor's Drive for Charity

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Parks Maintenance Manager, Joe Loburgio, recognized Parks Foreman, David Thoren with the Values in Action Award. Recognition below:

David has quickly demonstrated to both myself and Kyle right decision to make him a part of our Parks and Maintenance team as the Park Foreman in August of 2025. He consistently exhibits strong leadership, professionalism, attention to detail, and a clear commitment to excellence. David leads the maintenance crew daily with confidence and integrity. He provides constructive feedback when needed while also recognizing and praising staff for their efforts and accomplishments — fostering both accountability and morale within the team.

One of his most notable achievements to date was leading the maintenance crew in delivering a successful Frigid 5K event. When snowy conditions required a pivot from the original plan, David remained solution-focused and organized, ensuring the event ran safely and smoothly despite the challenges.

Thank you, David, for all you have done for our District in this short time, we look forward to seeing what you have to offer in the future.

Lisa Dian presented Tyler Woodworth in recognition of 5 years of Distinguished Service. His supervisor, Del Halter wrote a letter in honor of the occasion:

Tonight, we are proud to recognize someone whose dedication and steady commitment have made a meaningful impact on the Lemont Park District. Tyler has been with us for five years, and during that time he has consistently shown reliability, professionalism, and a true team-first attitude.

Whether it's stepping up when help is needed, taking initiative without being asked, or simply bringing a positive presence to each day, Tyler exemplifies what it means to serve our community with pride. His contributions, both big and small, help create a welcoming and well-run environment, for our members and guests.

Tyler, thank you for your hard work, your loyalty, and the energy you bring to the Lemont Park District. We are grateful to have you as part of the team and look forward to many more years working together.

Congratulations on your 5-year milestone!

Kyle Murray and Joe Loburgio presented on behalf of the Maintenance Department with updates for the Spring season. They included items regarding the Referendum Project, services used in the spring, new equipment for the department for capital improvements, future projects, staffing, athletic field preparation, as well as building and custodial Spring-cleaning projects.

Commissioner Scarlati asked whether there is geese remediation in progress. K. Murray responded that they are waiting for the right conditions to apply eco-friendly control product to help alleviate the situation.

CONSENT AGENDA -

- C.1. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
- C. 2. Approval of January 2026 Treasurer's Report**
- C. 3. Approval of February 2026 Payables in the amount of \$307,292.26.**

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS - President and Commissioner Comments President McAdam thanked the team that organized the Staff dinner during conference. Commissioner Richmond congratulated President McAdam on his lifetime achievement award during the conference awards luncheon.

ACTION ITEMS

- E. 1 Approval of Resolution 2026-1 to authorize the addition of the NPFA deferred compensation Plan as an employee benefit.**

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

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

- E. 2 Approval of OLSSON Roofing TIPS contract #230104 in the amount of \$59,325.00.**

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

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

E. 3 Approval of Resolution 2026-2 to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Lemont Park Foundation.

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

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

E. 4 Approval of Architectural Services proposal from Studio GC for Derby Park mechanical, restrooms and pavilion building in the amount of \$33,000.00.

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

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

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Egofske commented that planning is in place for the Athen's Park Ribbon cutting on Saturday April 25th. The Village is working with BNSF Railway on the Stephen Street bridge, installing reinforcements under the tracks to supplement the netting. Commissioner Scarlati asked if there was work being done on the crosswalk prior to the bridge entrance for safety. Executive Director mentioned that the crosswalk designs is part of the Village project with HR Green. Our architects will continue to work with them on the final design. Egofske also noted that the Maintenance team is working on further enhancement of the wetlands. The design was permitted and approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Typical establishment of new wetlands can be a multi-year process.

Commissioner Richmond commented on the recent influx of FOIA requests and Egofske briefly explained that emails can get filtered into spam folders due to our firewall and protections. Spam folders need to be viewed daily. Legislation is needed assist in these types tactics being used to bury the request.

Pat Callahan and Craig Meadows of Studio GC addressed the board on the referendum project bid results. The team noted the market and material driven costs, including the increase costs of labor, and decrease of available skilled laborers are reasons behind the increased costs. They provided a plan to move forward with shifting the scope of the plans, like the restrooms adjacent to the pool at the Centennial Community Center. They are also working on cost effective ways to meet the objectives of the projects as well as keeping with IDPH standards. Questions were asked by the board regarding future programming, impact, use and staff coverage.

Studio GC referenced some ideas for other scope reduction targets at Centennial and CORE and wanting to maintain the integrity of the District's promises to the public. The next steps are to develop revisions, meet with Henry Bros. and Park District, present to the board at March board meeting, redevelop a project schedule to meet operational and scope goals and objectives for projects.

Risk Management & Human Resources - Director of Risk Management and Human Resources updated that the last reimbursement has been sent from OSLAD.

Intergovernmental - None

Marketing & Community Engagement - Director of Marketing and Community Engagement, Lauren Raspanti reminded the Board that Saturday March 7th is the 12:30 pm line up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Commissioner Richmond noted that the 60th Anniversary throwback pictures up at The CORE are great!

Recreation & Facilities - Director of Recreation and Facilities, Greg Hooper that the Last Splash Swim Meet took place over the weekend of February 21st. Commissioner Wagner was there for a family event and commented on how well executed the event looked from his end.

Maintenance and Planning - None

Finance - None.

Policy & Procedure - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

THE NEXT LEMONT PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 24, 2026, AT 6 PM AT THE LEMONT PARK DISTRICT CANAL CENTER, 55 STEPHEN STREET, LEMONT.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - Commissioner Wager motioned adjourn to executive session under section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 7:16 pm. Commissioner Scarlati seconded the motion. Invited was Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, Mescher, President McAdam, Executive Director Egofske, and Shannon Kazmierczak

RECONVENED FOR ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - Regular meeting resumed at 7:31 PM.

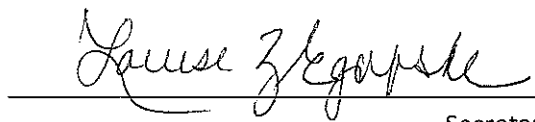
FINAL ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM



President



Secretary