

**Minutes of a Special Session of the
Board of Commissioners of the Lemont Park District
Held on January 27, 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, Kristy Lambrakis, Lorelei Mikos, Kyle Murray, Lauren Raspanti, Josephine Wimunc and Shannon Kazmierczak as Recording Secretary.

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA – Action Items 4&5 were moved to be discussed after Executive Session.

COMMUNICATIONS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS - None

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE -

- Girls Scouts Auction Thank You
- IAPD Annual Report and Confirmation of 2025 Membership
- IAPD Appointment of Commissioner Richmond to Joint Legislative Committee
- Legislative Breakfast at Carol Stream on March 6, Commissioner Richmond will be in attendance with Louise.
- RMR Results - 2025 PDRMA Risk Congrats to Christine and Committee
- Thank you from SEASPAR for Park District's attendance to Believe & Achieve Event

VALUES IN ACTION, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Kristy Lambrakis presented the Values in Action Award to Lorelei Mikos, a member of the Customer Service team, for demonstrating leadership, patience and commitment to supporting the team. She is a valued asset to the front desk team.

Executive Director Egofske recognized Christine Aguirre for her 10-Year Service Award. Recognition below:

Since joining the Lemont Park District 10 years ago, Christine has made a huge impact on the growth of District.

Initially hired as our new Aquatics Supervisor and Asst Risk Manager on January 11, 2016, she quickly acclimated herself to the agency and displayed her broad range of skills and experience standardizing the operating procedures of our largest program area while mentoring and training our indoor and outdoor aquatics department, which has the largest number of part time staff.

She quickly made a lasting impression and was promoted to the District's Risk Manager in June of 2018. Serving as the District's primary liaison to PDRMA, Christine is responsible for executing and overseeing our District's Risk Management Program, earning us exemplary results throughout our annual reviews and audits.

As the new Risk Manager, Christine took the initiative to work with our attorneys and resources to oversee and update our personnel, governance and administration manuals. She fully revised our General Use Ordinances along with our Emergency Management and Crisis Manuals. Christine's strong work ethic and dedication earned her a promotion in February 2022 to Risk and Personnel Manager and then later in August 2024 she earned the title of Director. The consolidation of these two areas under one leader contributes directly to standardizing our training and compliance to help protect the agency's staff, patrons, assets, and reputation. Ambitious and motivated, Christine is always willing to assist in supporting all departments to ensure success and favorable outcomes. On a given day, you can find Christine investigating and working through a severe weather event; a special event procedure; a parent concern; a code of conduct/behavior concern or regulatory compliance risk.

Always willing to pivot and take the lead in a new direction, she has contributed where needed. She can be found supporting the maintenance, aquatics, recreation and facilities departments during staff attrition ensuring continuity in operations and assisting staff. She has taken on a variety of reporting requirements such as our multiyear and quarterly OSLAD Grant reporting and taking the lead in the Decennial Efficiency Committee and Reporting requirements. She has taken an active role in the district's land acquisition and leasing arrangements as well as supporting the District's ADA initiatives.

Some of her career highlights include leading the staff through the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic requirements in 2020 and 2021. In 2023 her efforts resulted in the District receiving the Lemont Fire Protection District's Fire Leadership award and the District's 1st, IPRA Exceptional Workplace Award.

In 2024, she was responsible for securing a Citgo Safety Grant in the amount of \$20k to assist with safety initiatives including adding security cameras and a Lighting Detection System to support our new Athens Park buildout.

Along with these important initiatives and accolades, Christine is responsible for a strong partnership and reputation with our Lemont agencies including Lemont Police, Lemont Fire and Lemont Emergency Management during events and activities including our Quarryman Race, July 3rd and Sunset Soirees leading to safe and successful outcomes for all staff and participants involved.

Her strong relationships with the Fire and Police personnel have resulted in expedited attention during some of our unfortunate experiences of damage, vandalism, and behavioral issues resulting in minimum exposure and loss.

Christine continues to focus on professional development. She is NIMS (National Incident Management System) trained and is one of the District's AFO (Aquatics Facilities Operators) and she obtained her CPRP in 2022.

Thank you, Christine, for all you do to help make our District one of the strongest PDRMA members and all that you do to keep our staff, patrons and assets safe and mitigated from risk all while providing strong customer service and support.

Christine Aguirre presented the Community Spotlight recognition to Tom Ballard, posthumously.

Write up following:

I am honored to nominate Tom Ballard, Director of Lemont Management Agency for the Lemont Park District's Community Service Award in recognition of his exceptional commitment to safety and public service.

Tom became the most unexpected mentor of my career. He showed us every day what it means to show up - the power of being there, maybe even when you didn't know you needed him there.

He would just show up, or answer a call, to offer his knowledge and presence, helping however he could for whatever situation or event was going on in that moment. Tom took the time to teach, anyone willing, about his passions: drones and HAM radios, the who's who of emergency supply management for pretty much all of the northern Illinois counties, and the National Weather Service – who he had on speed dial and was on a first name basis with.

He is the rock, a foundation of sorts, that towns like Lemont thrive off of – doing so much behind the scenes work to make sure our community is safe in ways many don't even notice. He will be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA -

- C.1 – Approval of Minutes - December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting**
- C.2 - Approval of Minutes - January 13, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes**
- C.3 – Approval of December 2025 Treasurer's Report**
- C.4 – Approval of January 2026 Payables in the amount of \$819,189.01.**
- C.5 - Approval of Open Meetings Act Officers - Egofske, Aguirre, Kazmierczak**
- C.6 - Approval of Freedom of Information Act Officers - Egofske, Aguirre**
- C.& - Approval of Municipal Directory for 2026**

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

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

BOARD BUSINESS - None

ACTION ITEMS

- E. 1 Appointment of Selected Services – Executive Director, Board Secretary, SEASPAR Board Member, Attorney, Auditor, Financial Advisor, ADA Compliance Officer, Newspaper of Record, Underwriter.**

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

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

- E. 2 Approval of Ordinance 2026-3 Surplus Items**

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

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

- E. 3 Approval of Administrative Policy - Volunteer Policy Review**

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. 6 Approval to transition to BS&A Cloud pending attorney review of the contract

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

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

E. 7 Approval to Authorize purchase of TinyMobileRobot Pro X under Capital Expenditures for Maintenance Department for 2026.

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

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

STAFF & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Report: Executive Director Egofske updated the board on Copper Ridge West concept which is the second phase of Beechen and Dill development. The developers reported that they reduced total number of dwellings from 190 to 169. There is a potential for one small park located near the front entrance of the township area rather than the two areas, or a larger space in the center. A revised concept will be presented to Village Planning and Zoning committee. The best opportunity for us would be to make it more of a passive park. There will be a follow-up in the next 60 days.

Executive Director Egofske shared news of the proposed TIF District that was presented by the Village located at Maley and Main, a primarily Industrial area with no residential opportunities, making it low risk impact on the Park District.

President McAdam asked about the Rectrac migration that took place on January 27th, and Lauren Raspanti noted that it went well.

Risk Management & Human Resources - None

Intergovernmental - None

Marketing & Community Engagement - Director of Marketing and Community Engagement, Lauren Raspanti informed the Board that Saturday, April 25th at 10 am will be the Grand Opening of Athens Park. The Board was assured that there will be plenty of candy at the March 7th St. Patrick's Parade. Raspanti also noted that she will be presenting at IPRA Conference on Thursday, and it was highlighted that President McAdam will be presenting at IPRA on Friday.

Recreation & Facilities - Director of Recreation and Facilities Greg Hooper reported that the new Aquatic Manager, Brett Sprague started on January 27th. Commissioner Richmond asked about the TVs on the treadmills in the Fitness area are not in sync with the number and the data of channel interested in. Commissioner Mescher asked about the update and replacement plan of the treadmills. President McAdam requested that if the TV in the free weight area is not being replaced, if the mounting bracket could be removed. Hooper noted he would find answers to all those questions.

Maintenance and Planning - Director of Maintenance and Planning, Kyle Murray updated the board that Cody Small, Athletics Field Specialist resigned and that the search for his replacement has begun.

Finance - Director of Finance, Josephine Wimunc informed the board that the Cook Country taxes were coming in slowly but surely.

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 Scarlati motioned adjourn to executive session under section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act at 6:53 pm. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. Invited was Commissioners Richmond, Scarlati, Wagner, Mescher, President McAdam, Executive Director Egofske, Kyle Murray and Shannon Kazmierczak

RECONVENED FOR ACTION ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - Regular meeting resumed at 7:02 PM.

K.1 Approval authorization to purchase Derby Farms Splash Pad Equipment by Water Odyssey, The Fountain People

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

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

K.2 Approval to purchase Derby Farms Playground Equipment from Burke

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

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

K.3 Seeking a motion that the need for confidentiality no longer exists for certain Executive Session minutes and shall be made available for public inspection.

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

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

K.4 Seeking a motion that the need for confidentiality exists to all or part of all other closed session minutes.

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

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


FINAL ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM



President



Secretary

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