

**Westchester Park District
Committee Meeting
June 13, 2016
Minutes**

Committee Meeting called to order at 7:14.

Appointment of Temporary Secretary: By unanimous consent Steven Adams was appointed Temporary Secretary of the Board.

Roll Call: Secretary Pro Tem Adams called the roll: All Commissioners were present. Also in attendance were Executive Director Gary Kasanders and Finance Director David Brink and attorney Steve Adams.

Pledge: President Busa led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence to the Board: There was no correspondence to the Board. President Busa advised that he had responded to a resident regarding a bench in Camberly Park near the Gazebo or in the shade elsewhere. President Busa asked ED Kasanders to investigate. ED Kasanders advised that it could be done with additional funds out of capital projects.

Public Comments: None

Finance Committee: Finance Director Brink summarized the amount of the expense vouchers and reported on certain details in the financial statements. He advised that the Capital Projects Statement will be updated monthly; he reported the current revenues and expenses by fund.

Finance Director Brink also discussed the operating statement.

ED Kasanders reported on the Dog Park proposal. He talked to the Village manager regarding the dog park and asked if the Village would be willing to bring in water. He advised we are not at the point we thought we would be at with regard to Village approvals. Gary is going to attend the June 28, 2016 Village board meeting to discuss the project. Commissioner Christopher advised we don't need to meet with the Village to discuss our project. Joe talked to a couple of trustees who said "no" to water but everyone else was fine. Joe asked who would be preparing the IGA.

President Busa suggested that the dog park advocates should go to the village meeting. Commissioner Gordon stated he was surprised that the Village is not more supportive.

Commissioner Gordon suggested that if the advocacy group got 2/3^{ds} of the way there on its fundraising the Park District should commit to financial participation.

ED Kasanders stated dog parks typically break-even; most make a couple thousand dollars per year.

President Busa stated it was the general consensus of the Board that the support group will raise all the funds to pay for a "bare bones" dog park. The Park District will assist by placing an advertising board "thermometer" in the community to show the group's fund raising progress. ED Kasanders will go to the

meeting to address any concerns the Village may have with the 10%. There was consensus that the dog park advocates need to be more aggressive in their fund raising activities.

Attorney Adams reported on the Prevailing Wage Ordinance and advised that units of local government were relying on July 2015 rates in this year's ordinance due the IDOL's failure to update the rates. Attorney Adams further advised that if the IDOL updates the rates mid-year, the new rates are automatically adopted by the Park District per language contained in the ordinance, as required by law.

Attorney Adams summarized the proposed amendment to the US Cellular Lease at Community Park, which has been assigned to Vertical Bridge. The Vertical Bridge Amendment contains the terms and conditions negotiated by staff and Vertical Bridge. A separate fiber optic easement will also be granted as part of this agreement.

The Commissioners discussed the status of the new budget. There were no questions remaining after last week's discussion.

Policy Committee: No report.

Building and Grounds Committee:

The Commissioners discussed weed control and the Primary School fields. Commissioner Christopher advised that everyone is working on weed control issue; warning tracks weed control is being re-done.

The Camberly Park bench request was discussed further. ED Kasanders estimated the cost to purchase and install each bench at Camberly Park was \$750. There was consensus to have ED Kasanders to purchase two benches for Camberly Park and install them.

The Commissioners discussed whether Primary School fields should be kept. The Commissioners agreed to undertake a comprehensive review of all fields and all leases at the August meeting. The matter will be placed on the agenda for August.

Commissioner Gordon raised the issue of the bollards at the end of Gladstone Avenue that were apparently damaged by the Village's snow plowing trucks. ED Kasanders advised he is in discussions with the Village about this at present.

ED Kasanders reported on cameras at Gladstone issue; ED Kasanders assembled numbers from Musco and gave them to the Village in February. We wanted it done by our installer to prevent it voiding our warranty. Village has been holding the cameras but has not acted. Tomorrow night the Village board will be asked again to authorize staff to proceed.

Recreation Committee:

Commissioner Gordon stated that today starts the Park District's busy season. Please be patient with staff. The Park staff has been busy at the pool. ~~We have had one incidence where staff had to stop letting people in.~~ The Commissioners discussed adding signage at the turnstile. Commissioner Gordon advised that "Movie in the Park Night" will be this Thursday. Two events are scheduled in July, two in August and one in September. Hoedown at the pool was discussed. ED Kasanders advised he is disappointed with the

village regarding the two-day "mini festival." Gary gave them many options. They did not book anything. The Chamber meeting is tomorrow.

Marketing Committee: No report.

Director's Report: Village sued by SBA. The Commissioners engaged in a general discussion regarding cell tower already located on public property including park district owned property.

Attorney's Report: No report, other than SBA has filed suit against the Village.

President's Report: No report.

Adjournment: Commissioner Christopher moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Cavanaugh. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven B. Adams
Acting Secretary

Steven M Busa, President
7/11/16

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