

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2016 7:30 P.M.
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

Call to Order

President Busa called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: President Busa, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Cavanaugh, Christopher. Also Present: Executive Director; Gary Kasanders, Finance Director; Attorney; Steve Adams, and Board Secretary; Lauralee Conway
Attorney Adams arrived at 7:34

Public Comments

None

President Busa requested to move agenda item #1 to #2 until Attorney Adams arrives. The Commissioners agreed.

1. Discussion regarding real estate for sale and development of real estate.

Commissioner Martin and Commissioner Cavanaugh met with a firm to discuss the property for sale, the sale price and the additional property for sale. The firm has a large amount of data to share with the Park District, or options to customize a plan for the Park District. The firm will create a financial report and share with the Board prior to the next Committee Meeting. Commissioner Martin requested more time to plan for the project so the Board can create a plan together and involve the Community to incorporate a strong vision and future plan. Commissioner Busa Martin agreed that the project will not be ready for the April, 2017 election, because of the amount of work needed to create a conceptual plan.

2. Westchester Park District v. Meyers, et al. 14 CH 6571: Ordinance Approving Settlement and Release Agreements and Related Findings.

Attorney Adams reported to the Board on the 13 defendants who are residents on Balmoral. Of the thirteen (13) owners, there are nine(9) settlement agreements. One (1) resident is willing to sign, but has not yet returned the agreement to Attorney Adams. Out of the ten (10) who are purchasing, four (4) will be purchasing in installments. Three (3) have agreed to complete a quitclaim deed and return the property in dispute to the Park District. Attorney Adams requested the defendants appear in court.

Motion by: Martin

Seconded by: Christopher

Roll Call Vote: Gordon, Cavanaugh, Christopher, Busa, Martin

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. Discussion regarding methods to generate new revenues for the Park District.

Mr. Kasanders presented a report of initial ideas in which to increase revenues for the Park District. The Board of Commissioners reviewed the following concepts and ideas:

- Field Usage fees
- Advertising in the Park and buildings
- Wednesday usage of Mayfair fields
- Establish a foundation
- Pool rates
- Fitness Center Fees
- Convenience Fees
- School Rental Fees
- Flea Market
- Marketing the Soccer Field

Revise policy on staff and board free programs

4. New Business
5. Old Business
6. Motion to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 9:46 P.M.
All in favor, Motion Carried.

Approved by:


President, Steven Busa


Board Secretary, Laurelee Conway

11/14/16
Date