

***Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
of the Westchester Park District, Cook County, Illinois.  
Held at the Community Center, 10201 Bond Street, Westchester, IL.***

**Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

- I. **Call to Order:** President Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M
- II. **Roll Call:** Roll call was taken and present were President Gordon, Commissioner Busa, Commissioner Casey, Commissioner Christopher and Commissioner Luciano. Also present were Executive Director of Parks and Recreation, Gary Kasanders; Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Jim Burg, Attorney Adams and Lauralee Conway, Board Secretary .
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Correspondence to the Board:**  
None.
- V. **Public Comments:**  
Residents Mr. Battersby, Mr. Okoniewski and Mr. & Mrs. Meyers were in attendance and asked for permission to discuss concerns they had to the Board. Mr. Battersby asked if the Board had any updates on the survey of the property. Mrs. Meyers explained to the Board they were under the impression the vacated property was deeded to the land owners. Mr. Okoniewski asked why the residents were not notified prior to the surveys. President Gordon explained the Board had no knowledge the surveys were taking place or going to be accessing and residents properties because the surveyors did not contact the Park District. Attorney Adams reported the Board has to obtain legal surveys and they are in the process of researching the vacated property. The Park District is trying to figure how the lots on Balmoral were divided. The Board has to continue to research the alley that was vacated in 1977. The Board is looking at the truth, facts and legality and wishes for the best outcome for the residents.
- VI. **Agenda Items:**
- **Review of minutes of the review of the December 2, 2013 Committee meeting and the December 9<sup>th</sup> Committee, Executive Session, and Board meetings.**  
Commissioner Christopher requested the Committee Meeting minutes of December 9, 2013 under Finance be corrected to Ordinance No. 20113-9 to 2013-9. Commissioner Christopher also requested the vote be corrected from abstain to “*Nay*” under his vote on the minutes under motion to approve the amendments to policy 2214 Mayfair Banquet Facilities.
  - **Finance:**
    - a) **Review of expense vouchers for the month of December 2013 in the amount of 241,714.79.**  
– There were no comments or discussion.
    - b) **Financial Reports** – There were no comments or discussion.

c) **Capital Improvements Statement.** – There were no comments or discussion.

- **Staff Reports:**

Commissioner Casey distributed a new copy of the Mayfair Banquets report with new totals on the report for review. Commissioner Luciano discussed the seal coating on the hardwood floors at the Mayfair Banquet. Mr. Tomisz reported that he has been in contact with the product manufacture and is currently working on resolving the issue. The contractors and Mr. Burg will contact the supplier and inquire on any defects to the product and report back to the Board with their findings.

**VII. Director's Report:**

- **Citizens Advisory Board**

Mr. Kasanders advised the Board that he has been in contact with the five advisory board members and have given them dates and is anticipating a date for their first meeting. The meeting should be held within the next two weeks. The first item on the agenda will be recruiting two additional members to serve on the advisory board.

- **Staff Vacancies**

The Park District currently has two staff vacancies, the maintenance department and the building director for Mayfair Banquet facility. Mr. Kasanders will report to the Board in February on the progress of filling the vacancies.

**VIII. President's Report:**

President Gordon reported the Park District has ordered the proper signs required by law for the conceal and carry law. President Gordon also reported all the holiday parties went very well and it's wonderful to watch everyone enjoy themselves during the holiday season.

**IX. Attorney's Report:**

Attorney Adams reported the sign requirement for the conceal and carry law has passed.

**X. President's Comments:**

President Gordon explained the Board is looking for the best results for the residents of the vacated alley, but they have to do the proper research and survey work in order to come to a conclusion of the vacated alley.

**XI. New Business:**

None.

**XII. Old Business:**

None.


**XIII. Motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting.**

**Motion by Commissioner Busa** to adjourn the Committee meeting, at 7:32 P.M. **Seconded by Commissioner Casey.**



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Derek Gordon, Board President



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Lauralee Conway, Board Secretary