

WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Westchester Community Center
10201 Bond Street, Westchester, IL 60154

- I. **Call to Order**
President *BUSA* called the Westchester Park District Committee meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

- II. **Roll Call** was taken by President Busa. Present: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Christopher. Also present: Executive Director, Gary Kasanders; Board Secretary, Lauralee Conway and Attorney, Andrew Paine. Commissioner Martin arrived at 7:15 P.M.

- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. **Public Comments**
Village of Westchester Trustee, Carl Celestino introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners. Trustee Celestino offered his services if needed to the Westchester Park District and expressed how important it is to have an open communication with the Park District.

- V. **Minutes to be reviewed:**
May 4, 2015 – Committee Meeting
May 4, 2015 – Special Board Meeting
May 11, 2015 – Committee Meeting
May 11, 2015 – Board Meeting
May 11, 2015 – Closed Session

- VI. **Committee Reports**
 - a) Staff Reports
 - b) Review of the expense vouchers for the month of May 2015 in the amount of \$ 203,187.02. – President Bus reported the expense vouchers; there were no questions or concerns.
 - c) Capital Improvements Statement – Commissioner Christopher reported 20 out of 36 trees are close to the Parks daily operational equipment and are top priority for removal. Commissioner Christopher recommended \$ 24,000 be dedicated for immediate removal of the infected trees. All Commissioners agreed to add a line item to the budget for \$ 24,000.00 – tree/stump removal.
 - d) Review of the proposed draft budget – Commissioner Busa met with Mr. Kasanders and Commissioner Martin and discussed/reviewed the budget. Commissioner Busa asked if there were any questions on the budget. Commissioner Gordon questioned

the PTELL reduction. President Busa reported the tax levy is submitted in December and the final agency tax rate report is based on the PTELL reduced levy.

- e) Review of the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance – President Busa reported the Budget will be voted on in final draft at the next meeting in July, 2015. There were no questions or comments.
- f) Review of the Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance – President Busa reported the prevailing wage must be adopted every year. There were no questions, or comments.

VII. Directors Report

- a) Engineers review of the water slide. Mr. Kasanders reported the on the water slide stairs, the report was clean and the Park District was given the approval to open and use the pool this summer. A portion of the slide was worked on and waxed, the slide is safe and is in great shape for this summer.
- b) MWRD documents for release of the agreement between the Westchester Park District and the Water Reclamation District. – Mr. Kasanders shared the consent to surrender and release dated September 20, 2001. The Commissioner's agreed not to terminate the lease and discuss at a future date.
- c) Discussion regarding the proposed agreement for Digital Advertising displays at both buildings – Mr. Kasanders shared the proposal for Partnership for REACH 50" digital information center. The exclusive opportunity is being offered to a limited number of facilities in each region. Commissioner Christopher asked Mr. Kasanders to research security issues knowing they are requesting Internet access and how the advertising works for the different Park District locations.
- d) Conference call with Representative Welch. – Mr. Kasanders reported Representative Welch explained tort reform, property tax freeze, wage reform and several other Park District issues that are still being discussed in Springfield.

VIII. Presidents Report – Commissioner Christopher had a meeting at Mayfair with the softball organization regarding the fields. The meeting went very well and the open communication was very positive. Commissioner Christopher will continue communicating with the organizations and report at the next board meeting. President Busa and Mr. Kasanders scheduled a meeting for June 10, 2015 with the School District regarding the property for sale.

IX. New Business - None

- X. Old Business** – Mr. Kasanders distributed a letter from W-T Engineering regarding the Mayfair generator. Nicor will need to install a new gas line in from a different gas main. The new design and gas line would cost \$ 15,000 and W-T is willing to pay \$5,000 of the additional costs. Discussion was had on how to move forward. The Commissioners agreed the maximum amount the Park District is willing to pay will be \$10,000.00 and anything above that cost will be W-T Engineering's responsibility.

XI. Motion by Commissioner Christopher at 8:16 P.M. to enter into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Martin under;

(5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body" and;

(5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) "Deliberation Concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees." and;

(5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) "The selection of a person to fill a public office" and;

(5ILCS 120/2(c)(6) "The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body." And;

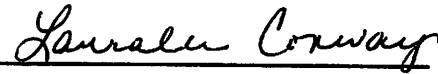
(5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) "Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent."

XII. Motion to adjourn the Committee meeting

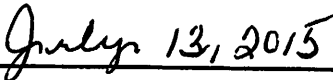
Commissioner Christopher moved to adjourn the Committee meeting at 11:22P.M. All in favor, motion carried.



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Lauralee Conway, Board Secretary



Date