



VILLAGE BOARD

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Village of Westmont Board Minutes Joint Meeting with the Westmont Park Board SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gunter Called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gunter, Clerk Szymiski

Trustees:

Brady, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Absent: Barker

Park Board Commissioners:

Kareshl, Zapinski, Moffett, Conneely, Pecard

Park Staff:

Fleck, Macak, Hymen, Kleefisch, Farmer

Village Staff:

May, Parker

A quorum was present to transact business

Visitors - None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mayor Gunter reviewed the agenda/minutes from the last Village/Park Joint meeting in 2015; explaining that he would like to continue meeting periodically to discuss joint concerns.
- Meetings are being scheduled by the Village with other Westmont agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

- Westmont Park District/Village of Westmont Relationship
 - Mayor Gunter reviewed the relationship between the agencies. Historically there were some conflicts between the agencies and he recognizes that the Park District played a role in creating a good working relationship.
 - Park Board President Karesh agreed, stating that when agencies work together it benefits all the residents.
- Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Manager May presented a historical summary of the intergovernmental agreements between the Park and the Village.
 - Discussion of past agreements ensued.
 - Director Fleck reviewed the Open Space/Detention Agreement. This enables open space for the Park District while benefiting the community in serving as flood control.
- Digital Signage
 - Manager May explained that the two digital signs (library & fire) are regulated by the sign ordinance.
 - A third sign, to be placed on 63rd St near Bellerive Park, will be paid with funds from the sale of Westmont Drive.
 - Director Fleck stated that this will be a community sign.
- Annexations
 - Director Fleck stated that the Park District only annexes voluntarily, and that all were up to date.
 - Manager May reviewed the 63rd St area, involuntary annexations, and boundary agreements.
 - Mayor Gunter explained the water main and infrastructure costs for the Liberty Park area; incorporation could be decades away.
- Park Security
 - Mayor Gunter reviewed the Park Patrol Program that allows for enforcement of Park and Village Ordinances.
 - Director Fleck stated that the Westmont Police Department has been very supportive of the Park Patrol and ensuring that the parks are safe.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Discussion ensued regarding the benefit to the community of continuing a strong relationship between the Park District and the Village of Westmont.
- Mayor Gunter provided information on a future development at Willow Crest Golf Club on the back nine holes for an upscale rental property, mostly single family units with some townhomes. Reviewing the need for the open space to remain in the conservation easement.
 - Director Fleck explained that the first nine holes would be completely redesigned as an executive type course.
- The current financial state of both agencies was reviewed.
 - Director Fleck explained that the Park District planned for the worst case scenario at the start of the pandemic. While there have been some losses, especially the Fitness Club, the Park District was on solid financial footing.

- Director Parker reported that the Village had some losses in sales tax, the situation was better than expected and the Village was in a good financial place.
- Mayor Gunter stated that federal funds will allow for some infrastructure projects, water rates have not been raised, no restaurants have closed, and the car dealer sales have been good.
- General discussion ensued regarding the future grant opportunities, potential land acquisitions, and a possible downtown park.
- Mayor Gunter recognized both the Park Board and the Trustees for their involvement in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Boards did not adjourn to Executive Session.

ADJOURN

- ◆ Village of Westmont Corporate Authorities - Motion made Trustee Nero and seconded by Trustee Simovoich to adjourn.
 - All ayes
- ◆ Village of Westmont Park District Commissioners - Motion made Commissioner Zapinski and seconded by Commissioner Moffett to adjourn.
 - All ayes
- ◆ **Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.**

***Note: The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's Manager's, Clerk's, and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes referenced items please refer to the archival video copy of this meeting.*

**VILLAGE OF WESTMONT/WESTMONT PARK DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS (IGA'S)
As recorded 2021**

Long Term or In Perpetuity Agreements

- 1982 original Open Space/Detention Agreement, modified in 1998 transferring ownership of properties to the Park District per Village Ord. 12-112. Village maintains stormwater related responsibilities. Modified again in 2014 adding the south Wilmette (Robert Bernas Park) Pond per Village Ord. 14-147. Properties under this agreement include:

- Dallas St. detention
- Richmond St. detention
- Deer Creek detention I and II
- Muddy Waters Park/Pond
- Williams Cove park
- Rotary Park
- Blackhawk Park detention
- Robert Bernas Park Pond

This IGA will be updated and revised in the fall of 2021 or winter of 2022 to add greater detail and clarity to better define limits of responsibilities for both the Village and Park.

- 1991 Cech/Dixon Property Agreements – 50% equal interest ownership after the purchase open space more commonly known as Twin Lakes Woods plus 4 acres transferred to the Park District which became the Twin Lakes Golf Course Maintenance Yard.
- 1996 agreement and easement for the purposes of a Water Tower on Bellerive Park.
- 1989 Park District Maintenance Garage Lease Agreement at 55 E. Burlington St. (expired 2018)
- Village Landscape Architect/Superintendent of Parks and Planning. Status of this position is pending per the re-organization of the Park District to be included in the sharing of staff, equipment and services between the agencies. Landscape Architect services may be recorded and compensated on a project by project basis simultaneously adding Village mechanic services for the benefit of the Park District. Park District would pay for all direct costs of parts and materials. (expired 2016)
- Extension of residential, commercial and industrial waste hauling service franchise agreement to the Park District per Village Ord. 13-215. Services include waste hauling

and portable restrooms for all special events. This agreement has been in effect for over 25 years.

- 2012 Mowing/Maintenance Agreement, amended 2015 and 2021. Park District maintenance crews are responsible for the weekly and seasonal landscape maintenance of Village parcels for an agreed upon lump sum.
- 2018 Fritz Werley Park/FMC Natatorium Agreement. Both parties collaborated to bring FMC Natatorium to Westmont and to acquire the parcel at 418 N. Warwick Ave. with the assistance of an IDNR acquisition to expand Fritz Werley Park and to provide additional stormwater detention for the community. Eventually, open space detention parcels on Warwick Ave. will be added to the open space/detention IGA.
- 2021 Village extends fleet mechanic services to the Park District at its new public works facility. Formal IGA pending.

Single Action Agreements

- Vacation of Willow Oak R.O.W. for the contiguous consolidation of two parcels to create Ty Warner Park per Village Ord. 98-79.
- Funding of ornamental perimeter street lighting at Ty Warner Park per Village Ord. 99-147 in 1999.
- \$140,000 funding contribution of the Bellerive Skate Park at the request of residents in 2001.
- Village assists Park District with the demolition of the off street parking and the creation of a residential parkway with sidewalk at its new Quincy St. Maintenance Facility in 2017.
- Park District to provide space at Wilderness Park to serve as new home for the FOP bronze eagle and time capsule from Mary Egan Plaza in 2021.
- Park and Village contribute to the installation of the Jimmy Robinson Purple Heart memorial and refurbishing of the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park May 2021.

Miscellaneous unofficial agreements and shared services

- Revenue sharing during the 1980's
- Park District use fuel pumps and purchase of fuel at the Village's Public Works facility.
- Stockpiling of snow at Bellerive Park from the CBD.
- Removal and storage of water meters by the Water Department Form Park District outdoor seasonal facilities.
- Extension of special Village employee membership rate at the Fitness Club.
- Extension of Village golf rates at Twin Lakes Golf Course.
- Extension of resident rates at the Natatorium for Village staff.

- Village invited Park District into its health insurance pool at a time when it was difficult to obtain group coverage for the Park District.
- Police Department training, support and enforcement of Park District ordinances on behalf of the Park District's Park Patrol Program.
- Fire Department First Aid/CPR/AED training for all Park District staff.
- Designation of the Community Center as a disaster relief facility in the event of a community emergency.
- Inclusion of the Community Center on the Village's ComEd franchise agreement to receive exempt electric service because of its designation as a disaster relief facility.
- Shared employee positions: Communications, Horticulturist, Landscape Architect (No shared employees since 2016).
- Sharing of equipment for maintenance and construction related activities.
- Sharing of personnel for expertise and training purposes.
- Hotel/motel grant funding for special events.
- Cooperative efforts for the planning and execution of special events and parades for the enjoyment of Westmont residents:
 - 4th of July
 - Holly Days
 - Memorial Day Parade
 - Veterans Day Ceremony
 - 9/11 Ceremony