



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of the Special Meeting  
Administrative/Senior Center  
55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559  
August 24, 2016, 4:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Main called the Special Board Meeting to order at 4:07 pm.

Agenda Item # 2 Roll Call

Present: Comm. Flynn, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Long, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith  
Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Ron Gunter, Consultant

Agenda Item #3 New Business – Grants

Director Fleck began with an update of the clarified PARC and OSLAD Grant deadline as shared by Kathy Barker of the DNR grant staff, from an August 22 phone call. The DNR, per the State of Illinois General Assembly, is adhering to the original project deadline of June 30, 2017. Beyond that date, no guarantees could be made on the funding. The re-appropriation of funds after June 30, 2017 is up to the General Assembly and influenced by the State's ability to pass a budget.

The risks of pursuing a PARC grant and building at Ty Warner Park were discussed at length. There could be a massive financial burden if the State is unwilling to re-appropriate funds. The Westmont Park District could not execute the project in the short time allotted.

The OSLAD Grant is full steam ahead. \$200,000 will be provided by the State after a grant agreement has been executed. The District could absorb the second \$200,000 if not reimbursed by the state.

The Board decided they were not ready to reject the PARC Grant. Director Fleck was tasked with the mandate of fighting for answers and guarantees from the DNR, State, Governor's office, and anyone involved.

Staff will report back in September.

Agenda Item #4 Adjournment

Seeing no further business, a motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to adjourn the Special Meeting.

Ayes: Comm. Smith, Comm. Long, Comm. Flynn, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Main

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.