



**Westmont Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting**  
**Ronald J. Gunter Administrative Center**  
**55 E. Richmond St., Westmont, IL 60559**  
**April 25, 2024 6:00 pm**

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

President Karesh called the Meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Commissioners: Bill Belmonte, Mike Conneely, John Karesh, Karen Moffett, Sue Zapinski  
Staff Present: Bob Fleck, Executive Director, Joel Hymen, Supt. of Revenue Facilities & IT/Asst. Director, Luke Wyss, Supt. of Recreation, Rosy Fejzic, Finance Manager & Accountant, Lenore Farmer, Finance Assistant & HR, Alice Krampits, Senior & Special Events Coordinator, Rachel Buster-Dorsey, Athletics Coordinator

Agenda Item #3 Pledge of Allegiance

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #4 Public Comment

There was no one present from the general public.

Agenda Item #5 Presentation of Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Tentative Budget for Board Consideration

Before presenting the Tentative Budget, Bob requested Board feedback for the proposed switchgear project at Diane Main Park. He presented pictures of two difference options. Bob recently learned that the original proposed unit in an all-weather cabinet requires a one-year lead time. According to Bob, this would delay upcoming projects at Diane Main Park for preschool demolition and the All Wheels Skate Park. However, after consulting with electrical contractors, he learned that the components can be assembled in individual pieces and then revised by the electrical engineer. This would be the second option, which Bob explained we can get permitted and keep the current schedule of starting in August. The Board considered location for the switchgear and expressed concern about secure fencing or a shed to enclose it. Following discussion, the Board was in agreement to the second option, as it would not delay upcoming projects.

In addition, Bob shared pictures of the current landscaping in progress around Park Place.

1. Bob then began the budget discussion by reviewing the 2023 Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), totaling \$1,053,561,192, while also noting the 5% levy increase. He then reviewed capped and non-capped funds, totaling \$4,416,721. According to Bob, projected fund balances are very strong, however, we do need to exercise caution with how much is kept in surplus and carried forward in order to limit tax rate objections. A bar graph of the EAV dating back to 2013 along with a pie graph representing the FY 2024-2025 levy were then presented to the Board.

2. The budget narrative followed, in which Bob explained that reserves between Corporate and Recreation funds are nearly \$1.72 million and all funds combined are nearly

\$2.1 million. For the Board’s information, he then provided bullet point highlights per fund.

3. At this point, Bob then presented the Fiscal 2024/2025 Tentative Budget for the Board’s consideration. It was illustrated with a side-by-side comparison of the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Final Budget. Following a summary of the expenditures budget and receipts estimated for the fiscal year, Bob briefly reviewed each fund, including Corporate, Recreation, IMRF, Liability Insurance, Museum, Audit, Working Cash, Recreation for Handicapped, Capital Project, Social Security, Park Supervisors, Golf Course, Fitness Club, Capital Replacement, Debt Service and Alternate Bond.

4. The next topic was the Capital Fund, and Bob reviewed the listing of approved budgeted expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, along with Recreation Fund and Special Recreation Fund budgeted expenditures. He then provided two spreadsheets: Original Five Year Capital Plan 2022/2023 through 2026/2027 and Five Year Capital Plan 2024/2025 through 2028/2029.

Agenda Item #6 Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Capital Project Considerations

Bob began with his recommendations of available dollars by fund:

Capital	\$450,000
Recreation	\$100,000
<u>ADA</u>	<u>\$160,000</u>
Total	\$710,000

This was followed by FY 2024/2025 proposed capital project descriptions. Pictures of each project were presented and reviewed, with explanation and detail from staff and discussion from the Board. Of the proposed projects for Board consideration, there were two which the Board did not agree to for the upcoming fiscal year: Fitness Club lower level women’s locker room and Ty Warner Park west parking lot permeable paver lot. However, staff was advised to research grant opportunities.

The Board came to consensus on the following proposed capital projects:

<b>Capital Fund</b>	
iStrike Lightning Siren System at Ty Warner Park	7,200
Fitness Club Men’s Steam Room-Steam Generator	18,500
Fitness Club Men’s Upper Locker Room Shower Upgrade	13,000
Administrative Building Lower Level LED Lighting	4,500
Security Cameras	30,000
Painting of Twin Lakes Golf Clubhouse	13,000
Spray Park Bather Chairs	7,500
Diane Main Park-Field #2 Backstop Replacement	20,000
Interpretative Boards-Smith Woods, Diane Main, Ty Warner (7 total)	13,500
Snow Blower Attachment for Avant	8,200
In-ground Trampoline w/Synthetic Turf at Ty Warner Park Tot Lot	40,000
Diane Main Park-Move Field #1	125,000
Zip Line for Veterans Memorial Park	37,000
Fitness Club New Aluminum Bleachers for Gymnasium	8,500
Electric Vehicle Charger at Bellerive Park	17,000
Veterans Memorial Park-Pavilion Improvements	15,000
Park Place Trash Enclosure	30,000

Add Shade Covers on Fritz Werley Park Dugouts	15,000
Net on Hole #4 Twin Lakes Golf Club	25,000
Fitness Club Parking Lot	40,000

<b>Special Rec Fund</b>	
Fitness Club Men's Upper Locker Room Shower Upgrade	5,000
Fitness Club Parking Lot	140,000
ADA Recumbent Bike-Fitness Club	4,900
Spray Park Bather Chairs	7,400

Following Board consideration of proposed capital projects, Commissioner Belmonte suggested lowering the height of the drinking fountain at the Veterans Park Little League Field. Bob will address. In addition, Commissioner Belmonte suggested adding a port-o-let near the Veterans Park Little League Field and building an enclosure around it. He expressed concern about keeping the Community Center staffed only for restrooms during baseball games. The Board discussed, and President Karesh agreed that this may result in financial savings on staff wages. According to Bob, the District has always kept the WCC open and staffed during baseball games as a service, however, he will research costs. Finally, there was discussion about a new net system at the golf course hole #4 to protect shots from hole #8.

#### Agenda Item #7 Adjournment

Seeing no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Moffett and seconded by Commissioner Belmonte.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.