

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 8, 2011

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Comm. Bernas called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

Agenda Item #2 Roll Call

Comm. Bernas, Comm. Long, Comm. Karesh, Comm. Main, Comm. Smith, Ron Gunter, Director, Bob Fleck, Supt. of Parks and Planning, Kim Lojewski, Supt. of Recreation, Steve Golembiewski, Recreation Supervisor, Alice Krampits, Museum Curator and Senior Coord., Keith Johnson, Green Supt., Cindy Bump, Pre-school Director, Joel Hymen, Rec. Supervisor, Danny Tutskey, Rec. Supervisor, Bobbi Trifilio Admin. Asst., Craig Gremeber, Golf Course Co-Manager, Sharon Macak, Bookkeeper, Richard DeCleene, Chief Financial Officer, IMRF, Chris Svitak, and Bruce Barker, Holy Trinity Facilities Manager.

Agenda Item #3 Approval of the Minutes of the Reg. Board Meeting and Exec. Session of November 10, 2011.

Motion was made by Comm. Main and seconded by Comm. Long to approve the minutes of the Reg. Board Meeting and Executive Session of November 10, 2011.

Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item #4 Claims Ordinance

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Main to pay the December claims.

Roll Call Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent 0
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item # 5 IMRF Update – Richard DeCleene, Chief Financial Officer, IMRF

Mr. DeCleene attended the meeting to be able to answer any questions the Board had regarding the IMRF. The Commissioners asked several questions regarding retired employees' annuities and how IMRF is managing with the market being so volatile. They also discussed some of the new changes that will affect new hires as of January 1, 2012.

*Comm Karesh entered the meeting at 5:39pm
Discussion continued with questions about IMRF and their policies.

Agenda Item #6 Open Forum

- a. General Public
No one was present from the general public
- b. Written
No correspondence

Agenda Item #7 Unfinished Business

a. Holly Days Update

Danny reported that Holly Days began Nov. 20th with the Craft Show, tree decorating and the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. The parade took place on Friday Nov. 25th, Dec. 3rd, 10th and 17th are the Winter Splendor Nights on Saturdays. On December 10 we will be having the "Grinch Nite".

b. Community Center Improvements

Bob reported that the new ADA counter has been finished and the front railings will be finished tomorrow. Staff is working on keeping the building clean and giving it a facelift by sanding and refinishing the interior doors.

*Comm. Main left the meeting at 6:15 PM

Agenda Item # 8 New Business

a. 2012 Red, White and BBQ Request

Chris Svitak, Roger Dunn, Scott Johnson and Mark Link attended the meeting to present to the Board their proposal for 2012 BBQ Fest. Chris gave a brief history of the event, explained how the bad weather last year cost them a lot of their financial reserves. They would like to expand again this year and requested a little more space in the parking lot on the southeast corner of Ty Warner Park.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to allow the Red, White and BBQ to be held at Ty Warner Park.

Roll Call Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

They are also requesting free use of the park areas. Ron explained that the park needs to cover its cost for the use of the park and providing if free of charge would not be possible. After a discussion the Board agreed to charge \$250.00 per day or \$750.00 for the three day event. This amount will cover the park's expenses for clean up and etc. The Board feels this is an important event for Westmont and would like the Lions Club to be able to continue to host this event.

Motion was made by Comm. Karesh and seconded by Comm. Long to approve the Red, White and BBQ use Ty Warner Park for their event for \$750.00 for the three days of the event with an additional financial donation to the Park District if they are successful.

Roll Call Ayes 3 Nays 1 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

b. Concerts in the Park

i. Review of 2011

Alice explained in 2011 they moved the concerts to Friday from Wednesdays and it really did not help attendance. The Ravinia style was not very popular either. She feels that attendance has continued to decline over the years. She would like to move the concerts back to Wednesdays.

ii. 2012. Concerts Series

Alice requested the Board support the concerts for 2012 with a cost of \$6,000 for the five concerts. The suggested dates are: June 20th, June 27th, July 18th, July 25th and August 5th would be the final concert for the season. This would provide 8 weeks of entertainment 4th of July and movies in the park.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Long to approve supporting the 2012 Concerts in the Park for \$6,000 for the five concerts.

Roll Call Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

c. 2011-6 Tax Abatement Ordinance

Ron stated that we need to pass the 2011-6 Tax Abatement Ordinance.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve Tax Abatement Ordinance 2011-6.

Roll Call Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

d. 2011-7 Annexation Ordinance

Ron stated that the Board also needed to pass the annexation ordinance to annex the one new property that was annexed into the Village into the Park District.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Karesh to approve Annexation Ordinance 2011-7.

Roll Call Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

e. Request from Holy Trinity

Bruce Barker property manager for Holy Trinity School came to the meeting to make a request of the Board to allow the school children from Holy Trinity to use the gym at the Community Center for P.E. classes for the rest of this school year at no charge. He explained that Holy Trinity has been renting the gym for 35 years since the school doesn't have a gym of its own. The enrollment at the school has been down significantly due to the poor economy. Holy Trinity is making every effort to keep the school open but parents are concerned about the lack of P.E. classes for the children. The bottom line is that they do not have the money to rent the gym at this time. He stated that 66% of the students are Westmont residents. Ron provided a list of the requested times and a list of the times the gym is not in use by park district programs. Their use would come to 144 hours over the next 3 months. It is understood that if we required the gym for one of our programs they would be bumped. Comm. Smith feels that we need to separate church and state and that giving Holy Trinity free rent would lead to other requests from other groups for free use of the gym. The general consensus was that all we would be providing is some financial relief to a group that has been renting for years. After a discussion the Board decided to vote on the request.

Motion was made by Comm. Long and seconded by Comm. Karesh to waive the fee for use of the gym at the Community Center for Holy Trinity School for the rest of the school year.

Roll Call Ayes 3 Nays 1 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

f. HVAC Issue

1. Museum Furnace

Bob explained the furnace at the museum is 33 years old and on its last leg. It has a number of issues. He had 3 proposals to replace the furnace. Hearthstone Heating and Air had the lowest proposal at \$4,490.00 for a 93% 2 stage high efficiency furnace.

Motion was made by Comm. Smith to replace the furnace at the museum for \$4,490.00 by Hearthstone Heating and Air.

Roll Call Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried.

2. Dryathon

Bob told the Board that they needed to repair the Dryathon in the room that contains the whirlpool. It becomes tropical in the room without it. The repair was extensive and cost \$4,900. A new unit alone costs \$23,000.

g. Golf Course Update

Craig Grember updated the Board on the golf course. He reported the Golf course had a very good fall this year the weather was great and the rounds of golf were up. The fall promotions were 9 holes for 9 bucks 7 days a week and \$5.00 Monday through Friday noon to closing. Outings update for November both the Turkey shoot on the 12th and the frosty open on December 3rd were cancelled due to lack of interest, the good news is we have had a number of calls for the Chili open scheduled for January 14. Monday they closed for the season but will open up next week if the weather is as warm as is expected.

h. Fitness Club Update

Ron reported that Rick is very excited, 32 new members in December. Sixty one people are either new or renewed this month.

i. 2012 Monthly Board Meeting Dates

Monthly meeting dates for 2012 are:

January 12	May 10	September 13
February 9	June 14	October 11th
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	December 13

The Board agreed to those dates.

Agenda Item #9 Staff Reports

Steve reported that Polar Express had two trips and both were full, it went great with 125 participants on each trip. The Progressive Village Performing Network is preparing for their "Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Radio Performance," which will be held on Saturday, December 17. The performance will be held in the Admin building and will be free of charge. We will have two show times: 3:00PM and 5:00PM. Programs that will conclude this month include: Adult and Youth Dance, Horsemanship, Young Rembrandts.

Programs that will start this month include: Cool Science: Candy Science, Magic Class, Glitzy Girlz: jewelry Gift Boutique.

Joel; I have been working on a number of projects of the last month. I have been working with Steve and Danny preparing some of our Holly Days decorations at vets. We setup the inside decorations in the Holly Day's houses. I have also been working on our giving tree; we have about 70 gifts that are all going to be given to families in need. In a week or so I will begin sending out letters from Santa to everyone who dropped off a letter asking Santa a question. I also helped out at the parade where I helped with setup and take down. I was at the craft bazaar helping with concessions and take down of the event.

I was the building supervisor for our first season splendor Saturday night where we had a great turn out for the children's choir event.

We are fully using our new registration system at the community center and will be getting more comfortable with it as time goes on. The ladies in the office have begun using it and seem to be taking to it well after some very informative training.

Keith reported that the ice skating rinks will not be frozen for awhile especially if it warms up next week. They are of course weather dependent.

Kim reported Current Fitness Club Specials are: Winter College Special: December 1 – January 31; \$50/resident, \$60/non-resident. Students must present a transcript to verify full-time status of 12 credit hours or more. December Specials; 5 personal training sessions for \$150 (a \$35 savings) 3 or 6 month memberships available at resident rates; 3 months for \$81 and 6 months for \$162. De'Montae Bailey, a student with the District 99 Transition Program, began work at The Fitness Club on December 1. He will be working at The Club as maintenance/janitorial staff on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm and continuing work at the Admin. Building on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm. I attended the IPRA Professional Development School November 13 – 16 in Decatur, IL. We attended sessions during the day, and were involved with 'homerooms', which was a mix of first year, second year and graduate students from different agencies brought together for small group discussion. Thank you to the Board and Ron for allowing me the opportunity to attend PDS; I hope to return next year to complete the second year of the school. My involvement with the Health & Wellness Committee's Race to the Flag continues. We have been meeting to discuss the 2012 race which will be held on Sunday, May 27 and again raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospitals. I have been working on promotional pieces for Holly Days, and assisting Danny where needed with the tasks for that festival. The winter/spring program guides were delivered the weekend of November 12 and 13. Resident registration begins was postponed one week and will begin on Monday, December 5. Non-resident registration begins on December 12. We will be using the new RecTrac software for the winter/spring season, which is why we delayed the registrations one week; we needed some additional training and preparation time before actively using the system.

Alice reported that things are winding down with the Senior Programs. Thirty-eight went on a casino trip today; the next two programs are filled. Breakfast for Santa has 70 people with a wait list and Lunch with Santa is also filled with 71. Friday at the museum had 95 visitors which is up from last year. The Historical Society donated \$500 toward the mules to pull the wagon on Saturday Night.

Danny reported Holly Days started on November 20. We have 59 trees sponsored and decorated. Decorating Day and our Holly Days Food Drive began at 12 pm and concluded at 3 pm. Our major sponsors this year were The Merchants of St. James Crossing, Safeway Insurance, Westmont Rotary, Lions Club, The Center for Dance and Clarendon Hills Bank. The Holly Days Opening Ceremony was held on November 25. Step off was at 6:45 pm. The Fire Department served hot chocolate at Westmont Centre and Chestnuts were given out on the front lawn of the Westmont Centre. Reindeer were available for families to take pictures as well. Following the parade Santa visited kids at the Westmont Centre. This coming Saturday is our Season Splendor Grinch Night, beginning at 5 pm! Bidy Basketball concluded its 3rd week of play. Holiday Break begins December 19 where play will be stopped until January. Gems softball had their first Early Bird Registration on December 3. Early Registration will be held on December 10, 9 am-12 pm, January 5, 6 pm-8 pm, January 12, 6 pm-8 pm

Cindy told the Board The three "Family Fun Nights" held last month at the preschool was all well attended. Many of the children and parents alike came dressed in their cozy pajamas and all seemed very pleased with the "Thankful Activities" that were offered during each event. The annual bake sale proceeds were \$460.00, which will be used toward the purchase of some new educational materials for

preschool. Many thanks to all of those who came by to support the fundraiser. Throughout the month of December, the students will be exploring shapes and their properties. The four-year-old students are in the process of creating a “Shape Up” cookbook and the three-year-olds created a beautiful shape frame to hold their first day at preschool picture. These creations will go home to parents as a surprise gift for the holiday. All other early children programs are going well. Outside of that, she is preparing materials for the “Grinch Whobilation Night, which is this Saturday, December 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Linden Room so I hope to see you there.

Bob told the Board that the Lions Club is cooking for Breakfast with Santa. Crew is still working outside on baseball fields etc. Park Patrol is only on the truck and they are in charge of turning of the lights at night.

Ken Kubiesa had another hip replacement.

Agenda Item #10 Adjournment

Motion was made by Comm. Smith and seconded by Comm. Karesh to adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1
Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.