

Joe Plankis
Doug Holtz
Jill Doyle
Bob Beaudry
Linda Naas
(Mike Steele-School board/non-voting member)

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (RDC) MINUTES

The Westfield Redevelopment Commission held a public meeting on July 17, 2023 at Westfield City Hall. Members in attendance were Joe Plankis, Doug Holtz, Bob Beaudry, Jill Doyle, and Mike Steele, the non-voting member representing Westfield-Washington Schools. Cam Starnes, legal counsel, Jeremy Lollar, Executive Director, and John Rogers were also in attendance. Due to inclement weather Linda Naas joined her fellow commissioners behind the dais at approximately 6:05 p.m. Marla Ailor, the Clerk Treasurer's representative to RDC, joined the meeting remotely.

Joe Plankis, President of the RDC, called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

After acknowledging the presence of a quorum, a change of the agenda was noted. The RDC Q2 Report by John Rogers was removed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Due to requested changes in the meeting minutes from the May meeting, approval was moved to the August meeting.

Claims Approval

Bob Beaudry expressed concern about handwritten notes on Taft invoices and a lack of detail. Jeremy Lollar explained [the accounting specialist in] the Clerk Treasurer's office writes the notes, and [the records manager] should provide the detail to the commissioners. The detail is also available to the commission members upon request.

There was a brief conversation about claims and fund 640 which is called Grand Park Sports Campus Operating Fund. RDC Executive Director, Jeremy Lollar, stated there is no separate legal line in 640 to which the claims might be attributed. Linda Naas questioned Mr. Lollar asking if, based on a previously agreed upon request, contact had been made with the City Council in order to add a legal line to 640. He stated he had not at that time. Joe Plankis asked that such a conversation occur in order to accommodate the request. Mr. Lollar explained for the time being that the services line be created and he would take the necessary steps with the Clerk Treasurer's office in order take care of it.

Mrs. Naas pointed out the RDC is over its approved May budget in a few of its appropriation lines. Mr. Lollar explained that the Clerk Treasurer's office will be adjusting the RDC's funds once the proper appropriation lines are established, and Mr. Lollar believes this will solve the problem.

Joe Plankis motioned to approve the claims as presented for payment. Doug Holtz seconded. Vote: Yes-3; No-2. Motion Carried.

Ratification of Grand Park User Agreements

Presented by Matt Trnian, Linda Naas made a motion to approve and ratify 29 June agreements and 14 July agreements, as well as the LST contract. The motion was seconded by Jill Doyle. Vote: Yes-5; No-0. Motion passed.

Grand Park 2nd Quarter Report

The full report, attached to the agenda, specifically draws out revenues and expenses. An increase in revenues in Q2 are attributed to hotel rebates from Site Search. After Mr. Trnian identified funds for investment, the Clerk Treasurer's office invested \$3,000,000 on behalf of Grand Park.

Mr. Trnian shared an "Event Tracker Snapshot" with the commissioners as well as news about a recent trip to Kansas City for a sports symposium. Refreshing the campus appearance with paint and paving has been "nice to do" as Colts camp approaches.

Grand Park and Mr. Trnian's team are coordinating events with Kayla Arnold and the staff of Westfield Welcome along with Hamilton County Tourism for the eclipse that will occur in April 2024.

Doug Holtz commented on the Event Tracker information and wondered how it helped the Grand Park staff. Mr. Holtz asked that Mr. Trnian explain tornado watch and warning protocols at the park.

Mr. Beaudry expressed concerns about alcohol sales and consumption in Grand Park and asked for details on the new policy. Mr. Trnian explained that his team is working with the Westfield Restaurant Group, Westfield police, and Bullpen Tournaments.

Mrs. Naas asked about families who camp overnight in some of the Grand Park parking lots in RVs. Mr. Trnian explained there is one designated lot for RV's and the GP team is doing everything they can to ensure the safety of visitors and the community.

William Knox of Legacy Sports Group (LSG) updated the commission on visitors and visits to Grand Park. Numbers are strong and they are working to fix some scheduling issues. Contracted revenue exceeds \$1.4 million dollars for the sports fields through 2026. They continue to work hard on social media presence. Sponsorship is an ongoing conversation and Mr. Knox looks forward to presenting to both the commission and the City Council in the near future.


Blake Hibler, Bullpen Tournaments, presented information regarding baseball at Grand Park. Generally, ticket sales are down and an analysis is underway, though revenues have been unaffected following an increase in ticket prices. Dry weather was helpful relative to customer

experience and the look and feel of the Park is being “spruced up” as it is now ten years old. A small tournament will be held in August honoring the life of Ryan Swain.

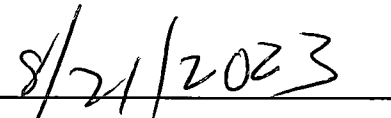
Additional business before the Commission

A joint meeting of the RDC and City Council is being planned, but numerous scheduling conflicts are creating difficulty.

Mr. Plankis sought a motion for adjournment at 6:55 p.m. Doug Holtz made the motion and Bob Beaudry seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.



Joe Plankis, RDC President



Date