

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
MAINTENANCE FACILITY – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
March 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m. by President Austin.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Callan, Carlsen, and Draudt
Absent: Barcelos

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director
Lee Howard, Treasurer
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary
Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks
Valerie Louthan, Superintendent of Recreation

Addresses from the Audience - None

Approval of consent agenda

President Austin asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. There being none, President Austin requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Draudt, Callan, Carlsen, and Austin
Nays: None
Absent: Barcelos

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that Treasurer Lee Howard and Executive Director Scheltens would be presenting the tentative budget for the next fiscal year at the April Board Meeting.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed the Board that a decision would need to be made regarding the opening of the Lions Park Pool for the 2021 pool season. Currently, the state is in Phase 4, the same phase as last summer, which would allow the capacity at 50 swimmers per group. This would also include staff. If the state bridges to Phase 5 anytime during the season the capacity would increase to 100 swimmers per time slot. Each swim block would be for 1-1/2 hours with six time slots per day, including a break in between for cleaning and sanitizing the bath houses and the pool deck. If all the time slots fill, it would be possible to serve approximately 150 families per day. Registrations would allow each family to sign up for 2 timeslots every four days. The resident registrations would begin April 5th and non-resident registrations would begin May 17th. The fees would be set at \$300 for residents and \$450 for non-residents.

Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that the Park District would need to be in the Bridge to Phase 5, and sell 300 family passes, to even consider opening for the summer 2021 season, and there would still be a “significant loss of revenue” to operate the pool. The summer pool season would be five weeks shorter and only season passes would be sold. There would be no daily admissions, swim teams, swim lessons or concessions. He informed the Board that the daily cost to operate the pool was approximately \$3000, with a 63-day summer season, which would bring the total expenses to approximately \$190,000.

The Board agreed that it was important for the community to have the pool this season. Director Scheltens told the Board that in April the pipes would be tested, and the pool filled halfway to test the pumps and mechanics; and wait until the April Board Meeting for an update on state regulations and season pass sales before final approval of opening the pool. Valerie Louthan, Superintendent of Recreation, informed the Board that she and Director Scheltens would choose the new Aquatics Manager by the end of the week.

At the conclusion of the Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion “to proceed with the opening process of the pool to be revisited in April with the understanding of a significant net loss for the 2021 season.” Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, the motion was passed.

The roll call was as follows:

Ayes:	Callan, Draudt, Carlsen, and Austin
Nays:	None
Absent:	Barcelos

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Carlsen complimented the Recreation staff for their creative class offerings for all age groups. These classes were offered in person at the Christian Church of Clarendon Hills, or as drop off programs. The upcoming annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held over two days and will be divided into age groups. This event requires registration and is offered to residents only. Executive Director Scheltens told the Board that he has received calls from other Park District Directors and Mayors complimenting the creative class offerings.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks, informed the Board that the sled hills and ice rinks have been taken down and he expects to begin cutting grass within the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner Callan inquired as to when the nets would be installed in the Eccles field batting cages. Mr. Fletcher was planning on the beginning of April. Commissioner Draudt questioned if the Park District had a drone policy. Director Scheltens told him that the Park District had explored this a few years ago but would have no way to enforce the policy. Superintendent Fletcher was going to check if the Village or the FAA have developed a policy. Mr. Fletcher informed the Board that the Hosek Park Natural Restoration Project will begin in May.

President's Report

Director Scheltens informed the Board that Jim Leppert, IHC would be at the April meeting to update the Board on the progress and arrange a possible tour. Director Scheltens told the Board that the project budget showed all fund balances where they should be, and the contingency fund was showing a healthy balance. The project was approximately three weeks behind, but Jim Leppert was hoping to catch up with the less involved projects.

Director Scheltens informed the Board that the Park District will be looking to hire dance instructors and cooking instructors for the upcoming fall classes. Equipment has been ordered for the culinary kitchen and the preschool classrooms. President Austin and the Board stressed the importance of marketing all the new programs as well as a possible Open House in June.

President Austin also brought up converting one of the tennis courts to a dedicated pickleball court. Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks, will bring estimates to the April Board meeting to convert one tennis court into two pickleball courts which will also include additional fencing as needed.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, adjourned at 8:22pm by voice vote.

Park Board Secretary
