

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
December 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Austin.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Barcelos, Callan, Draudt, and Fetzer
Absent: None

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

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 Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that Treasurer Lee Howard would be presenting the Levy Ordinance which was discussed at the November meeting. After Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-05, the Tax Levy Ordinance for the period ending April 30, 2023. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the Ordinance was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Treasurer Lee Howard presented to the Board an Ordinance Abating the Tax for consideration. After Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-06, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 of the Clarendon Hills Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Ordinance was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Both Ordinances will be filed with the county.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed that FGM Architects would be giving a presentation regarding amenities available and approximate costs.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that the fall programs were ending. Registration for the Winter-Spring programs has begun. Santa's Workshop, which replaced the Santa Train, was a huge success and very well attended. This event was expanded beyond the Community room and included activities in the Culinary Kitchen and the Dance Studio, as well as a craft project and a hot chocolate station. A Horse-drawn wagon ride was also available. The Rainbow Club Holiday Luncheon has twenty-participants enrolled. This event will feature lunch, entertainment, and a visit from Santa Claus who will be handing out gift cards to the guests.

Little Learners preschool began marketing for the 2023 school year with banners at the library and the downtown triangle. They are hoping for a 90 percent return rate as well as bringing in new families.

Upcoming events completing the fall programs include Gingerbread House decorating for both youth and adults.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos presented the annual IPM Report, prepared by Brett Roberts, Landscape Specialist. Commissioner Barcelos said the IPM Report was well written and informative. Included in this report are suggestions for maintaining the grounds, turf, trees, and ponds without using pesticides. This includes treating the ponds with natural dyes and planting natural wildflowers in wetland areas. Brett Roberts, Landscape Specialist, would be working at Kruml Park cutting back the invasive species in the wooded area at the rear of the property. The sled hills are up and ready for snow.

President's Report

President Austin informed the Board that the fallen willow tree on the west side of Prospect Park has been carved into a seat which faces the pond and has been welcomed by the community.

President Austin asked the FGM Architect to present his pool facility concepts to the Board. FGM presented four concepts for discussion. The Board was able to review information regarding different pool amenities and their approximate costs.

The Board agreed, after his presentation, that this project would require a financial assessment of the Park District's overall budget before moving ahead with this project. The Park District's budget would determine any new future pool amenities. Treasurer Lee Howard was instructed to return to the January Board meeting with further financial information. They also agreed that no decisions would be made at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, adjourned at 9:29 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary
