

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
March 20, 2023 – 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, and Draudt
Absent: Fetzer

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

Due to illness, President Austin requested a motion to allow Commissioner Fetzer to participate remotely as defined in Resolution R-32014-05, adopted by the Park District Board of Commissioners on April 28, 2014. Whereupon on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Board agreed to allow Commissioner Fetzer to participate via telephone. The roll call was as follows:

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

Addresses from the Audience

A resident who lives along Hosek Park came forward to inform the Board of the drainage problems between her backyard, Hosek Park and her neighbors' yards. The Board discussed the engineer study from that area again which V-3 Engineer Derrick Martin presented last fall. The Board discussed numerous possible solutions but agreed that the Park District had done what it could because of the high cost associated with the project and the outcome would not significantly change the situation.

The Board agreed that they needed to see a video after a hard rain to see where the water is coming from before considering any possible changes to the current grading.

Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks, agreed to an impromptu meeting with V-3 during the next heavy rain to take videos of the water flowage and drainage before reporting back to the Board. The resident also informed the Board that she had hired an engineer to determine whether there was a need to regrade her yard. The Board agreed to table this until a further meeting.

Derrick Martin and the resident exited the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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 Callan, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Barcelos, Callan, Draudt, Austin, and Fetzer (via telephone)
Nays: None
Absent: None

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that he would be presenting a Resolution to add five new policies to the personnel manual. After reviewing the policies, the Commissioners had some questions. After discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Resolution R-2023-01, a Resolution Adopting Policies for a Flex-Time Schedule, Technology Resource Use Procedures, the Juneteenth Holiday, Sick Leave and Employee Direct Deposit. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the Resolution was adopted. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Callan, Barcelos, Draudt, Fetzer (via telephone), and Austin
Nays: None
Absent: None

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed the Board that based on the condition of the pool the Board would be making year to year decisions on how to proceed with the opening of the pool. The repaired sand filter tanks were still questionable and if the Board decided to not go out for a referendum they would need to decide whether or not to replace the tanks at a cost of approximately \$400,000. Executive Director Scheltens had contacted Aquatic Engineers to check the repaired sand filter tanks and other mechanical issues to make sure there wasn't another problem before the pool opened this summer. The Board agreed to move forward with opening the pool and try to get through the season but are prepared to close the pool anytime this summer season due to major repairs.

Valerie Louthan, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities informed the Board that there will not be a swim team again this year as Dave Littman, Aquatics Recreation Supervisor, has been unable to secure a Head Swim coach.

Executive Director Scheltens reminded the Board that many new park projects are being held up because the capital project money (estimated about \$30,000) will not be available due to the increased costs of operating the pool.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer (via telephone) informed the Board that the Summer Brochure was mailed out on March 10th and resident registrations began on March 15th. She also informed the Board that Valerie Louthan, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities would be finalizing the candidates to replace the Athletics Recreation Supervisor and would be offering the position after the Easter holiday. Commissioner Fetzer (via telephone) reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th.

Commissioner Fetzer (via telephone) informed the Board that the Little Learners Preschool fall registrations are up with the exception of the 4's class, which Michelle Koegel, Early Childhood Recreation Supervisor has been marketing through various means.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos asked Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks, to give an update on current spring activities. Mr. Fletcher informed the Board that the parks staff were preparing fields for baseball and soccer, as well as the usual upkeep in the parks. Superintendent Fletcher told the Board that he had narrowed down the candidates for the Park Maintenance Laborer position and should have someone hired within the next two weeks.

Executive Director Scheltens updated the Board regarding the possible new projects for baseball and softball. The Norfolk field might have a temporary homerun fence if the right fence was available. Canopies over the Eccles Field dugouts will cost much more than anticipated due to the soil boring samples and the cost for the concrete. This project is on hold until capital project money can be identified to pay for this project. Director Scheltens told the Board that both Little League and Devils Baseball had changed Presidents and he and Superintendent Fletcher would continue to meet with them before the season begins.

President's Report

President Austin informed the Board that after discussions with Director Scheltens it was decided to table the discussion of the pool survey questions for a future meeting. Director Scheltens told the Board that he would like to contact Jim Leppert, IHC Construction to get solid pricing and other general information before making any decisions on pursuing a referendum. He did not believe that the Board had enough information to move forward with a pool survey or a future referendum. Once they had more information, the Board could decide whether to pursue a new pool rather than renovating the current pool.

President Austin reminded the Board to complete their Statement of Economic Interest before the deadline.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, adjourned at 8:35 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary
