

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE  
October 23, 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, Draudt, and Fetzer  
Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director  
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary  
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 Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that the position for the Assistant Director has been posted. Director Scheltens is hoping to begin interviews in November.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed the Board that the wall between the slide and the main pool has been completed and painted. He also reported that as the final operating invoices have been paid, the initial operating loss should be less than originally thought.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that in the absence of the Superintendent of Recreation, the duties have been divided among the recreation staff. Dave Littwin, Aquatics and Special Events Recreation Supervisor, was focused on the upcoming Halloween Haunted House and Santa's Workshop. The staff has completed the first draft of the Winter/Spring Brochure with the goal of getting it completed and to the residents before December.

### Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos told the Board that one tennis court and the basketball court conversion to six pickleball courts would have to be bid out because of the estimated cost. The bid would include resurfacing, and fence relocation. Three tennis courts would remain. The possibility of additional pickleball courts in the volleyball area was also considered. The Board declined to move forward at this time because of the expense projected for the project.

President Austin informed the Board that local residents are opening a new pickleball club in Westmont, early 2024. The use is membership driven, but they are willing to offer classes for our patrons.

Commissioner Barcelos questioned the need for two ice rinks this year being constructed by the staff. Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher said the Prospect Park rink would be completed first, and the Hosek Park ice rink would be constructed next if time permitted. Prospect Park ice rink can be filled in a few hours and has better lighting. The Hosek Park rink takes days to fill and longer to freeze for skating because of its design.

Superintendent Fletcher is obtaining bids for subcontracting maintenance duties south of the tracks. He also informed the Board that the Pavilion washrooms will close on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and the drinking fountains will be shut down for the season also.

Director Scheltens informed the Board that the third base dugouts in Prospect Park field # 2 have settled due to shifting soil. Superintendent Fletcher will obtain bid proposals to correct this problem.

President Austin requested a motion to approve Resolution R-2023-04, a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Certain Surplus Personal Property (2017 John Deere 1585). Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Resolution was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

### President's Report

President Austin introduced Tammy Wierciak from the Metro Strategies Group. She informed the Board that Metro Strategies could design the facts brochure needed to distribute for the March referendum as well as social media information. Ms. Wierciak presented to the Board what her company could do for the Park District for the referendum. The Board had many questions, namely the time frame needed to complete and distribute the facts brochure. Ms. Wierciak told them that the preparation and printing of the brochure would require a minimum of three months. She also stated that the brochure should be distributed to the public by early January. She will work with the architect to obtain pictures of the proposed pool improvements for the fact's brochure. Because of the tight schedule, the Board would need to move forward quickly. This brochure would need to be reviewed by the Park District Attorney before distribution to the residents. The Board thanked her for the presentation. Ms. Wierciak exited the meeting at 7:43p.m.

President Austin asked John Dzarnowski, FGM Architects, to present the updated plans for the pool amenities. Based on the budget and the discussion at the June Board meeting, he presented two options. The first option would eliminate the sand volleyball and sand play area and add two water slides as well as a large spray pad. This would also include all new mechanics for the entire pool. This option would be in the range of approximately \$6.5 – 7 million. The second option presented would eliminate the slides and the spray park and replace them with a flow rider.

The Board discussed the options, and based on the survey responses, they agreed that the residents wanted water slides and a spray park above the flow rider.

Commissioner Callan made a motion to proceed with legal and financial requirements in preparation for a March 19, 2024, referendum in the amount of \$8 million in General Obligation Park Bonds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fetzer and was approved by a roll call vote. The roll call was as follows:

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

President Austin requested a motion to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of:

Discussion of minutes of minutes lawfully closed to the public, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act

Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Board convened to Executive Session at 8:51p.m. The roll call was as follows:

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

The Board reconvened to the Regular Meeting at 8:54p.m.

On motion by Commissioner Fetzer, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Board agreed to release the minutes of April 24, 2023, and June 26, 2023, and the destruction of the audio recording from the Executive Session of April 25, 2022. This audio recording will be destroyed on October 25, 2023. The roll call was as follows:

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

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, adjourned at 8:56pm by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary

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