

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
January 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.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

Addresses from the Audience

Three residents whose homes back up to Hosek Park came forward to work with the Park District staff regarding the water that collects at the back of their lot. This issue had been addressed with the Board earlier, as well as Derek Martin from V-3. Although they had taken the suggestions from V-3, the problem remains that the two sewers that the water should empty into are higher than the ground, so the water collects and never gets to the drains. They were concerned that if the Park District installs the walking paths which are on the capital projects list, there would be less area for the water to drain.

President Austin asked the residents to compile a list of all affected residents to give to Derek Martin from V-3. The residents also acknowledged that while the sewer pipes had been replaced in areas around the Village, the pipes to the sewers off Ruby Street have never been touched or replaced. The Board will address this issue with the residents once Mr. Martin from V-3 has reviewed each property. This will require solutions from the residents as well as the Park District.

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, Fetzer, Austin, and Barcelos
Nays: None
Absent: None

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that Treasurer Lee Howard would be presenting proposals for a Professional Services Agreement for Audit Services. Treasurer Howard explained that the Park District reviews the Audit services every three years. He presented the auditor RFP Comparisons for two auditing firms. After Board discussion, it was agreed to approve the proposal from Illinois NFP Audit and Tax LLP, in the amount of \$30,000 for three years. President Austin requested a motion to accept the proposal from Illinois NFP Audit and Tax LLP for \$30,000. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the proposal was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Aquatics Committee - None

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that Recreation Supervisor, Claire, was assembling the summer brochure as well as working with the new dance instructors. Dave Littwin, Aquatics/Recreation Supervisor was planning the Mommy-Son and Daddy – Daughter events for February. Frank had hired three part-timers for evening office coverage. He was also advertising a new youth basketball program for 1st – 4th grade. The Little Learners Preschool was preparing for their Open House as well as recruiting enrollments for fall 2024.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos informed the Board that with the extreme cold, the ice rinks were used and enjoyed, as were the sled hills. He told the Board that Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher was obtaining estimates from subcontractors for mowing and basic park maintenance.

Commissioner Barcelos suggested offering an Open Gym program in the Community Center (Dance room) as a future program at no cost to residents.

President's Report

President Austin announced to the Board that the kick-off meeting for the 100th Anniversary of the Village took place in the afternoon. The discussion centered around activities that would promote the village as well as the volunteerism of the residents. Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that the Park District was established on April 18, 1946. She was asking for suggestions for an event that the Park District could partner with the Village. The Commissioners suggested highlighting the history of each of the parks by scanning a QR code to learn the history of each park.

President Austin introduced John Steeves, who was a former Park Board Commissioner and President of the Board. He will be involved with the CH POOL and PARKS ORGANIZATION, and would be assisting with promoting the referendum. He and other residents would be ordering signs, informing other organizations about the referendum by speaking at their meetings, making phone calls, and putting editorials in the paper.

Director Scheltens gave each Commissioner a draft of the facts brochure to review. The Commissioners agreed that below the pie chart should read "Share of Current Property Tax Bill." They also agreed to highlight the statement about the pool being returned to the Lions Club if the Referendum should fail. The facts brochure would be completed and mailed in about 10 days to all residents. The brochure would also be posted on the Park District's website by next Monday, and a postcard would be sent to each household in February. After discussion, the Board recommended that the yard signs should be green and should say something like "Support your Parks and your Pool."

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary
