

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE  
December 11, 2023 – 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, Barcelos, Callan, Draudt, and Fetzer  
Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director  
Lee Howard, Treasurer  
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 Callan, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Draudt, Callan, Barcelos, Fetzer, and Austin  
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 2023-03, the Tax Levy Ordinance for the period ending April 30, 2024. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Ordinance was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Treasurer Lee Howard presented Ordinance 2023-05, an Ordinance Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to pay the principal of, and Interest on, Outstanding Limited Bonds of the Clarendon Hills Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. Treasurer Howard explained the necessity for this ordinance, which will stay on file with the DuPage County Clerk. After Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05, Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to pay the principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the Clarendon Hills Park District. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the Ordinance was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Commissioner Draudt presented Ordinance 2023-04, an Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay principal and interest on General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 of the Clarendon Hills Park District, DuPage County, Illinois. After Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04, the Abatement Ordinance. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Ordinance was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

#### Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed the Board that at the present time the pool was showing a deficit of approximately \$13,000, which will increase to approximately \$30,000 when all final expenditures are paid. This was originally estimated to be a revenue loss of approximately \$70,000. The Park District still spent about \$65,000 this year on pool repairs which was taken out of the Park District's Capital Improvement Fund.

#### Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that Santa's Workshop was well attended and enjoyed by all. Upcoming special events include "You've Been Elf-ed," Gingerbread House decorating, and the Holiday Luncheon. With the absence of a Superintendent of Recreation, the program duties have been divided between Recreation Supervisors, Maria, Claire, and Frank. Commissioner Fetzer told the Board that Frank had sent out approximately 150 Letters from Santa. The Little Learners Preschool was preparing for their Holiday Sing-along on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Fall Brochure was completed and online for registrations to have started.

### Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos presented the annual IPM report which was prepared by Brett Roberts. He covered the highlights of the report, which included turf care and plantings in the parks, purchasing drought tolerant seed, tree plantings, and care of mature trees.

Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher, informed the Board that Kruml Woods was full of young Ash trees, which will need to be thinned out and observed closely for signs of emerald ash borers.

Due to the warmer than usual temperatures, the Prospect Park ice rinks have not been set up and will not be set up and filled until the temperatures remain below freezing for at least seven consecutive days.

### President's Report

President Austin presented to the Board Resolution R-2023-06, a Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition to issue \$8,000,000 general obligation park bonds to the voters of the Clarendon Hills Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, at the general primary election to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

She informed the Board that this written language in the Resolution was the official verbiage that will appear on the March ballot. Chapman and Cutler Bond Council drafted this.

President Austin requested a motion to approve Resolution R-2023-06. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, the Resolution was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

The Board questioned the timeline of the Referendum process. Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that the Facts Brochure will be completed before the next Board meeting. The Board questioned what they were able to do to promote this referendum. Director Scheltens informed them that they will be able to present the facts for the Referendum in the upcoming facts brochure. Executive Director Scheltens would be in contact with the soon to be "Friends of the Parks" group, who will be promoting the referendum with resident groups, press releases, and yard signs.

Director Scheltens assured the Board that the facts in the brochure would include how the money will be spent, including the new pool slides and spray pad amenities, new pool pumps, motors, sand filter tanks, and dressing room improvements. Other capital projects which had been put off because of losses at the pool from the last three years will also be completed if the Referendum is successful. This includes pickleball courts, playgrounds, pathways, athletic field improvements and ADA accessible improvements.

The facts brochure will also make the residents aware that if this referendum fails, the Park District will return the pool and property immediately back to the owners, which is the Lions Club.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary

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