

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 315 CHICAGO AVENUE
March 24, 2025 – 7:00p.m.

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

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Callan, Draudt, ** and Fetzer

Absent: Barcelos

**Commissioner Draudt entered the meeting at 7:01pm

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary
Katie Gock, Assistant Director
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 Callan, seconded by Commissioner Fetzer, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Callan, Fetzer, Draudt, and Austin

Nays: None

Absent: Barcelos

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that he and Director Scheltens have received a letter of resignation from Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher, announcing his retirement effective May 31, 2025. After reading the letter to the Board, he and the Board thanked Mr. Fletcher for his many years of service to the Clarendon Hills Park District.

Commissioner Draudt informed the Board that the position has been posted, and applications are being accepted.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that the Winter – Spring programming is ending. The winter youth basketball program was highly successful, and the program surveys were very positive. A Leprechaun Hunt was held in Prospect Park with 57 participants registered. The staff of Little Learners were preparing for the end of the year Art Show.

Assistant Director, Katie Gock, informed the Board of the upcoming Spring Events. The first Flashlight Egg Hunt will be held on April 10th in Prospect Park. This program is aimed at the “Tween” group to increase interest in the Park District programs. Also upcoming is the annual Egg Hunt on April 12th and the Color Run on May 2nd. Assistant Director Gock is partnering with the Men’s Running Club to assist with the Color Run.

The Recreation staff has begun preparation for summer camps and programs.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Callan informed the Board that Jim Leppert, IHC Construction, had received the completed construction documents from FGM Architects, and was completing the Bid Packages to go out for bid in approximately mid-April.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

In the absence of Commissioner Barcelos, Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher informed the Board that the bid notice for the Prospect Park Courts renovation will be sent out in mid-April and the successful bid will be approved at the May Board meeting.

Superintendent Fletcher also informed the Board that his staff was completing the annual spring prep for baseball and soccer. Also, they will be completing herbicide testing. He further informed the Board that the maintenance staff would be conducting two restorative burns at Prospect and Hosek Parks.

President’s Report

President Austin reminded the Board of the bid notice for the Lions Park Pool renovation project would be sent out in mid-April. The successful bids will be approved at the May Board meeting. Demolition possibly would begin in June depending on the permits from the Health Department.

Director Scheltens also informed the Board that staff has been posting information on the Park District’s website for the Lions Park Pool and the Prospect Park Courts Renovation projects, including updated site plans.

The Park District has begun to gather information about updating the Prospect Park field #2 backstop and replacing the fencing, possibly in August.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Callan, adjourned at 7:24p.m. by voice vote.

Park Board Secretary
