

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
July 28, 2025 – 7:00p.m.

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

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Barcelos, Draudt, Fetzer, and Sink
Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director
Katie Gock, Assistant Director
Blake McMahon, Superintendent of Parks
Lee Howard, Treasurer
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary

Addresses from the Audience

Resident Phil Yust addressed the Board regarding the pooling of water after heavy rainstorms over the past year in his backyard. His property borders the south end of Hosek Park near the playground and Presidents Alley. These water problems had been addressed in the past with the previous homeowner,

President's Report

President Austin introduced Morgan Dietkus as the new Recreation Supervisor, who will be supervising the Seniors, Culinary, and Special Event programming areas. She has previous experience from other park districts in Special Events, Senior Programming, Preschool, and Children's Theater. The Board welcomed her to the Park District.

President Austin asked Derrick Martin, V-3 Companies to recap the stormwater work over the past years at the south end of Hosek Park by the playground and Presidents Alley.

He explained that because the stormwater system in Hosek Park only holds so much rain during and after a storm, eventually the water backs up in the system and overflows into the park in many areas. The water does not leave the park until the Village's main line on Western Avenue accepts it. With this neighbor's sump pumps constantly pumping into the park, the water begins to collect in his area and becomes a concern when the water backs up in his yard. The Park District entered into an agreement with the previous owner to let them pump their sump pumps into the Park District storm system to give relief. Derrick Martin, V-3 Companies suggested that Mr. Yust should contact a soil scientist to begin seeking out a possible answer.

Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that Hitchcock Design Group had identified a few low spots in the park which hold water after a storm, hoping these areas can be fixed as part of the OSLAD grant.

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Treasurer Lee Howard informed the Board that the Auditors had completed the fieldwork on the annual audit.

Aquatics Committee – No Report

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that the Ice Cream Social was attended by approximately 200 people. Upcoming events include the Lady Devils Training Academy and Touch a Truck. The fall brochure was completed today with registration beginning in August.

The Board asked Assistant Director Katie Gock how this summer enrollment numbers compare to last summer. Assistant Director Gock believed that the enrollment in Camp Discovery and Camp Imagination was very similar to the previous summer but believed that the tennis enrollments were down slightly due to the change in location.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Superintendent of Parks, Blake McMahon, informed the Board that the parks continue to be well maintained, as well as the ballfield maintenance. He also informed the Board that the July Park Inspections were completed. Superintendent McMahon will be meeting with Commissioner Barcelos and Landscape Specialist Brett Roberts to update the landscaping.

Hitchcock Design Group informed the Board that the construction of the Prospect Park Courts was approximately 50% complete and should be completed by mid-August.

Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that the renovation project for Prospect Park Field #2 would need to be delayed until next year. Based on the improvements needed in this field, the project has grown in scope too much for park staff to handle. It was recommended that Hitchcock Design Group should be employed to prepare the bid package for these improvements. The bid package will go out for bid next winter and the project will begin next August. Executive Director Scheltens will be meeting with Little League during the week to explain the project. The Board agreed with staff recommendations regarding this project.

President's Report

Hitchcock Design Group presented a draft of the Hosek Park Master Plan to the Park Board for their review and comments. After discussions and suggested changes, Hitchcock Design Group will make adjustments to the draft Master Plan and send it back to staff for review. If all is satisfactory with the changes, the Master Plan will be presented to the residents at an open meeting on August 25th at the Park District Community Center for review and comments. Hitchcock Design Group reminded the Park Board the OSLAD Grant Application is due at the end of September.

President Austin informed the Board that IHC has sent a change order to prep and re-paint the existing stair tower handrails. IHC solicited pricing from the awarded pool painting contractor, Pecover Decorating Services. IHC has reviewed their proposal and found that the price is appropriate for the work and is recommending approval of the attached Change Order #1 in the amount of \$31, 050. President Austin requested a motion to approve Lions Park Pool Change Order #1. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Fetzer, the Change Order was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

President Austin informed the Board that the Park District has encountered problems with the E-Bikes and E- Scooters on the pathways and in the open spaces of the Park District properties. Although the police had been called, the Park District did not have a defined rule on the books prohibiting the E-Bikes and E-Scooters. To correct this problem, President Austin requested a motion to adopt Resolution R-2025-02, a Resolution Amending Clarendon Hills Park District's Rules and Regulations to Regulate Personal Motorized Transport. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Sink, the Resolution was adopted. The roll call was as follows:

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

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Sink, adjourned at 8:49 p.m. by voice vote.

Park Board Secretary
