

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE  
January 26, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Secretary Kathleen Forzley

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 A. Forzley, Secretary

Addresses from the Audience

Hosek Park resident, Phil Ordway, addressed the Board for updates on the Hosek Park proposed swale. President Austin informed everyone the permits from the county and the Village of Clarendon Hills were received and that the Hosek Park Swale project is on hold until there is a change in the weather conditions (snow and cold) as determined by the contractor. Most likely this project will not begin until spring.

Mr. Ordway informed the Board that his basement had flooded again during the January 8, 2026, rain. He has not been contacted by either the Village President of Clarendon Hills or the Park District's insurance company PDRMA. Assistant Director Katie Gock will contact PDRMA for any updates regarding his situation.

The residents exited the meeting at 7:07p.m.

Approval of consent agenda

President Austin asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. There being none, she 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, Austin, Fetzer, and Sink  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt presented to the Board Resolution R-2026-01, a Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Public Moneys. After Board discussion, President Austin requested a motion to approve Resolution R-2026-01. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Sink, Resolution R-2026-01 was adopted.

The roll call was as follows:

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

Treasurer Howard had no report.

### Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Sink informed the Board that Nicole Interrante, Superintendent of Recreation, and Aquatics Supervisor was in the process of completing the summer brochure and the pool staffing requirements. She informed the Board that she has scheduled approximately twenty interviews this week and will begin hiring for the 2026 pool season. As staff are hired, she will begin training.

Commissioner Sink presented to the Board the recommendations for the 2026 Lions Park Pool Membership Rates. Executive Director Scheltens explained that based on the new pool renovations and operating expenses from the previous pool years, these rates were the staff's best recommendations to break even during the 2026 pool season. These rates indicate a \$50 increase for resident family rates, up from the last pool season in 2024. This year the Park District will also be offering 100 Neighborly Family passes to Hinsdale residents only. This is in appreciation for Hinsdale allowing Clarendon Hills families to use their pool for resident rate during the Lions Park Pool demolition in 2025. Daily admissions fees for residents and non-residents were also increased from two years ago. The goal is to sell 350 resident family passes this year. The Park Board agreed to the 2026 Season Pool Membership rates.

### Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzner informed the Board that the winter activities went very well. The staff offered twenty-four different activities with 685 participants. Little Learners Preschool has filled 50 percent of the fall registrations during the priority registration period and will now open the remaining spots to the public.

Staff are working on hiring camp counselors for the upcoming summer camps. They are also preparing for the upcoming spring egg hunt and flashlight egg hunt.

The staff were putting the final changes on the RecTrak app. The launch is contingent on Apple.

### Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos asked Blake McMahon, Superintendent of Parks, to update the Board on the winter activities. Mr. McMahon informed the Board that both the ice rink and the sled hills have been getting a lot of use. He believed the ice rink should remain open for the next couple of weeks.

Superintendent McMahon has posted a year-round part-time position for maintenance help, and will be attending the Elmhurst College job fair, to try to promote interest. He has set up two interviews for this position.

With extremely cold temperatures this past week, the maintenance staff has focused on PDRMA online training.

Commissioner Sink asked Superintendent McMahon to check on Steeves Park. The Village had removed a pump and left a lot of debris that needed to be cleaned up. Superintendent McMahon assured the Board that it would be taken care of.

President Austin asked Doug Fair, Hitchcock Design, to present the design and construction documents for the Prospect Park Baseball Field Renovations. Should the Board approve the documents, the Legal Notice to bid would be in the February 5<sup>th</sup>, edition of the Doings. Executive Director Scheltens reminded the Board that the referendum information also listed “athletic field improvements” The bid opening will take place at the Park District Community Center on February 19<sup>th</sup>, and Hitchcock Design would return to the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Park Board meeting for review and approval for the project.

On motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, the Board approved moving forward with the Bid Process. The roll call was as follows:

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

#### President’s Report

President Austin requested a motion to approve Resolution R-2026-02, a Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Personal Property. Assistant Director Katie Gock explained that a non-profit organization would be taking the old pool furniture and donating it. They would pick up the furniture for no cost. Whereupon, on motion by President Austin, seconded by Commissioner Sink, Resolution R-2026-02 was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

President Austin asked Jim Leppert, IHC to present the updates on the Lions Park Pool Renovation. He reported that the cold was slowing the process and put the project approximately two weeks behind schedule. This month’s progress included the installation of soffits, fascia, and siding trim on the Restroom/Mechanical Building. The mechanicals have been installed and the footings and pier foundations for the Slide Tower have been completed. He will be bringing a change order as well as plans for the new admissions area to the next meeting.

The Board requested that Treasurer Howard provide a report of the referendum monies spent so far, and how it was spent.

President Austin questioned the possibility of adding the “Game Changer” app to Prospect Park Field #2 as requested from Little League. This would allow the public to watch Little League games. Assistant Director Katie Gock had reached out to PDRMA regarding the legality of filming minors and getting parental consent.

The Board was not comfortable with the current information received and decided to wait before allowing contracting with the app, but wanted Assistant Director Gock to continue to investigate further.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Sink, adjourned at 8:27 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary

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