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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
February 23, 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, Fetzer, and Sink
Absent: Draudt

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 Yust, 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. Superintendent of Parks, Blake McMahon, said the contractor began removing several trees and will stump grind later in the week. Most likely this project will begin over the next weeks, weather permitting.

The residents exited the meeting at 7:10p.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 Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Fetzer, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

In the absence of Commissioner Draudt, Treasurer Lee Howard informed the Board that he had no new information.

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Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Sink informed the Board that Nicole Interrante, Superintendent of Recreation, and Aquatics Supervisor, had hired 64 pool employees and would require 26 more employees before beginning training. Staff were completing the summer brochure, which will begin resident registration on March 16th. Resident family pool passes will also be available for purchase in March.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that the March events include a Leprechaun Hunt on March 16th and the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th. The Youth Basketball League has begun with games held on Saturdays and will conclude in early March.

The staff were putting the final changes on the RecTrak app, which has been approved by Apple. Assistant Director Katie Gock and staff have been performing checks and balances on resident addresses, to confirm that the resident matches the address on file. Some of the residents have moved out of Clarendon Hills but never updated their address.

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 the ice rink would be dismantled by the end of the week, weather permitting.

Superintendent McMahon has posted a year-round part-time position for maintenance help, and will be attending the Elmhurst College job fair tomorrow, to try to promote an interest. The staff have been focusing on leaf removal, bed clean-ups, and changing over the equipment from winter, and preparing to remove the ice rink in preparation for spring and summer.

Commissioner Barcelos asked Doug Fair, Hitchcock Design, to present the bid results for the Prospect Park Ballfield Renovations. Doug's recommendation to the Park Board was to accept the low base bid from Beritus Incorporated, of \$490,604.00 for the project. Doug noted the three alternate bids should all be rejected and only accept the low base bid. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Sink, the Board approved acceptance of the base bid for \$490,604.00 from Beritus, Incorporated, and to reject all three alternative bids. The roll call was as follows:

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

President's Report

President Austin asked Jim Leppert, IHC to present the updates on the Lions Park Pool Renovation. He reported that the cold weather was slowing down the work process and has put the project behind schedule, but he was confident that opening day will be on schedule. This month's progress included completion of the concrete pour for the waterslide pump pit, and the area has been backfilled. The waterslide balance tank has been excavated, and the tank floor has been framed, reinforced, and poured. The splash pad grading has been completed, and the storm drainage for future gutter

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downspouts connections have been run to the building. Electrical work to be able to switch over to permanent power has been completed with the installation of meter lugs and ground rods.

President Austin asked Mr. Leppert to present and explain Change Order #4 to the Board. He recommended Board approval of this change order in the amount of \$149,152.13, which includes Admissions Entrance Modifications, as well as replacement of existing deteriorated valves and select piping, which was requested during the installation of the new pumps at the existing waterslide.

After Board discussion, President Austin, seconded by Commissioner Sink, made a motion to approve Change Order #4. The roll call was as follows;

Ayes: Austin, Sink, Barcelos, and Fetzer

Nays: None

Absent: Draudt

Jim Leppert, IHC exited the meeting at 7:39p.m.

President Austin opened a Board discussion regarding the Hours of Operation for the Lions Park Pool. It was proposed to open the spray pad earlier at 10:30a.m. and close the pool at night at 7:30p.m. instead of 8:00p.m. Through staff review and observation, closing the pool at 7:30p.m. instead of 8:00p.m. is recommended because attendance is low during this time and would result in a significant cost-saving measure. After discussions, the Board unanimously agreed to the new hours.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by voice vote.

Park Board Secretary
