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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
July 27, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

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

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Barcelos, Draudt, and Fetzer
Absent: Sink

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

Addresses from the Audience

None

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 Fetzer, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Don Draudt announced Auditors started the annual audit process for the Park District. Treasurer Lee Howard informed the board that the auditors are going through the normal procedures and will work on the draft report. He informed the board that there have been no difficulties with the audit and does not expect there to be any.

Aquatics Committee

Superintendent of Recreation Nicole Interrante reported that 716 patrons participated in pool programs this summer. She mentioned that there were 600 swimmers present at the conference swim meet. Superintendent Nicole informed the board that the park received an Exceeds Rating Award from Ellis auditor for month of July. She also included that there were 884 passes sold in total. Superintendent Nicole reported the pass breakdown: Resident Family- 447, Resident Individual- 34, Resident Senior- 49, Hinsdale Family- 83, Hinsdale Individual- 4, Hinsdale Senior- 4, Nanny Pass- 32, Non-Resident Family- 180, Non-Resident Individual- 14, and Non-Resident Seniors- 37. President Austin informed the board that it was decided to relax the policy on early

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closure due to low attendance, to allow working families the opportunity to use the pool in the evening hours.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer reported that summer camps had concluded successfully and received positive feedback. She noted that Ice Cream Social drew 200 participants and that 1,000 residents are using the RecTrac app. She also informed the board that the Fall Brochure will include new activities and that early preschool registration has closed.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos deferred the Maintenance and Safety updates to Superintendent Blake McMahon. Superintendent Blake let the board know that maintenance and weeding for the park was worked on including the tree rings and landscaping beds. He is also interviewing to fill the new full-time parks and maintenance position, and the process is in the final stages.

Commissioner Mike Barcelos informed the board that Blackhawk Park is due for improvement because the park pieces are faded and weathered and that Steeves Park is in a comparable situation. Director Don Scheltens informed the board the parks need replacement because they were installed in 2005, over 20 years ago. The park district board had a discussion revolving around Blackhawk Park and Steeves Park Playgrounds renovations.

Director Don Scheltens notified the board that the referendum money must be spent by December. To assist in spending, Director Scheltens advised that the two new playgrounds, one for Blackhawk and one for Steeves will cost \$479,663.74. He mentioned the parks are for age groups 2-5 and 6-10 as well as ADA accessible; there is something for everyone and this was thought through for both parks.

Motion to approve Resolution R-2026-03, a Resolution to Approve a Joint Purchasing Agreement—Game Time Playground Equipment and Installation. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

President's Report

President Austin lead the IHC update regarding Lions Park Pool She mentioned that the pricing is being investigated for new heaters for the existing leisure and dive pools. Commissioner Barcelos mentioned water flows off the splash pad and into the landscaping. Assistant Director Katie Gock added that this is a known issue and IHC and Splashtacular are still working on corrective action. Director Don Scheltens added that it will cost \$20,000 to replace the split rail fencing around the grass lot, but there is still funding available in the referendum to complete this work.

President Austin updated the board regarding the Prospect Park baseball field renovations. She reported that staff met with Little League regarding grading and Little

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League was not satisfied with the proposed plan. Director Don Scheltens, Assistant Director Katie Gock and Superintendent Blake McMahon did their due diligence with all the concerns from the Little League representative and engaged an independent field expert from SportsFields, to review these baseball field renovations. President Austin mentioned that Beritus is to start work on August 3rd, she added that the scoreboard and bullpens have been added to Eccles field as well as other features and will need to get back to little league tomorrow with the baseball expert. She concluded that the Little League was still interested in the brick wall behind the backstop. It would cost \$65,000 to install a brick backstop as part of this project. Doug Fair of RVI/Hitchcock Design Group mentioned that this would affect the current drainage patterns and would need further analysis. Staff are to ask Little League if they are willing to pay for this improvement as part of the renovation. Staff will report back regarding what they plan to do. Doug Fair of RVI/Hitchcock Design Group left at 8:19pm.

Commissioner Fetzer brought to the board's attention that two Clarendon Hills dads Alby Miller and Dylan Cade Lyons emailed the board requesting the park district investigate the possibility of installing a pump track. It was mentioned that there is one at the Forge in Lemont and that the minimum size for this endeavor would be an acre. Commissioner Fetzer said that it is a suitable time to discuss with the possibility of adding it to the master plan. The discussion resolved with the notion that this would be added to the community survey portion of the master plan. President Austin concluded that the park district does not have the necessary acreage to add a pump track.

President Austin informed the board that a group of residents would like the park district to investigate the possibility of building a pocket park on the parcel that is currently for sale on Coe Road. President Austin mentioned that it is an odd-shaped lot with a portion of the lot being taking in water during heavy rains. She added due to safety concerns; parking would be difficult and not safe. She also mentioned that the lot is in a busy and high-speed area. The area is zoned for residential so the park district would have to work with the Village to change the zoning. President Austin concluded the other Commissioners should visit the property and report back if they feel it would be worth pursuing.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, adjourned at 9:03 p.m. by voice vote.

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

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Park Board Secretary
