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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
August 31, 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, Fetzer, Sink
Absent: None

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 Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Fetzer, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt advised the board the audit went well. The audit contains a comprehensive report on the park district's finances. Commissioner Fetzer inquired if it's accessible to residents. Director, Don Scheltens, advised it's on the website and available to view at the county.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Sink informed the board that there is one more weekend of the pool being open, and that the last day is September 7th. He also added that the pool retained 80% of the staff, confirmed by Superintendent of Recreation, Nicole Interrante. Commissioner Sink informed the board that the heaters still need to be replaced—two for the main pool and one for the dive pool. There are some finishing touches to be completed once the pool closes for the season. Commissioner Sink also informed the board that the revenues for the pool were on target. Superintendent, Nicole Interrante, informed the board that pool staff received an Exceeds Awards through Ellis on the final audit of the season. She also mentioned that pool staff evaluations were completed and staff are excited to return for the next season. This will help with hiring for next summer.

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Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the board that the fall brochure is out, and there are some new programs for adults in the culinary program. She added that Boo on the Block is a new event, along with a parents' night out. Commissioner Fetzer added that Fall Ball has started, preschool is starting after Labor Day, and enrollment is close to the same as last school year. She also added that Fall Fest will have fun vendors and inflatables like last year, along with a few new attractions.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Superintendent of Parks, Blake McMahon, informed the board that the full-time staff are managing the parks; the weeds and grass are growing due to the heavy rainfall. Due to negative feedback from the community, the staff have focused efforts on Blackhawk Park and Park Avenue Park. Superintendent, Blake added that he has the third interview set for the new full-time position. He also mentioned that there is a lot of work at the pool checking chemicals and the heaters. Commissioner Barcelos made a point to Superintendent Blake to check with the pool construction company on closing processes for the pool warranties.

President's Report

President Austin introduced Derrick Martin with V3 Companies to address the Hosek Park drainage issues off of Western Avenue. He informed the board that adding underdrains is not going to fix these types of flooding issues but instead help the water flow out instead of sitting for days. Director Don Scheltens asked about putting gutters in the southside parking lot. Derrick mentioned that it might help, but the inlet capacity is still overcapacity and that it's not just flooding from the park district. Commissioner Barcelos added that there is a drain that goes into the Salt Creek system and that all parks flow to it. Commissioner Barcelos inquired what the long-term solution is. Commissioner Draudt inquired what the pump house does. Superintendent Blake informed the board that during heavy rains, the pump runs for most of the day. It was mentioned that the meeting between the village and the park district needs to happen to work towards a solution to resolve these flooding issues. President Austin added that the board should reference minutes from the 2022 board meetings regarding this issue. The village needs to solve the problem to help the water flowing out of the system to help with water moving out of the Park system faster. Derrick remarked that the park is the low point, drainage issues are bound to happen.

Derrick Martin exited at 7:39 pm.

President Austin provided the IHC update, due to Jim Leppert not being in attendance. She informed the board that measures are being taken to solve existing conditions and corrective measures needed to solve standing water which is ponding into the grassy area outside of the pool fence. She added that the lighting work will be finished and that all the canopies will be blue to match along with finishing up the remainder of the cosmetic work. President Austin also mentioned that the Life Floor, replacement of the rope and bollard fencing are to be completed this fall.

President Austin inquired if the park district received the final approval for the baseball field renovations. Assistant Director, Katie Gock, responded that it was sent to the

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Village last week. Little League requested a backstop brick wall. Our current backstop wall would be about a 4-inch difference from the Hinsdale field; as of now, the park district declined to move the wall further back. Little League has added more individuals to be represented for both softball and baseball. Assistant Director, Katie Gock, added that the Park District is purchasing a new portable outfield fence that will enhance the aesthetic and be more durable. The park district consulted with the baseball expert on what could be done better, and the park district is going forward with those changes.

Commissioner Fetzer added that there was an email from Clarendon Hills resident, Kate Kiyosaki, to the commissioners and Assistant Director, Katie Gock, regarding Hosek Park. The resident originally reached out when the park district was going to host an open house, but the meeting was canceled due to the flooding issues. The board decided that the drainage issues need to be resolved first before any other improvements are made.

Commissioner Fetzer inquired if the volunteers are set for the beer tent for fall fest. Superintendent Nicole Interrante answered that we are working on getting volunteers. Superintendent Nicole Interrante informed the board that she will send out the schedule of what's open to the commissioners.

Assistant Director, Katie Gock, announced her departure from the park district and thanked the board for all the opportunities. Her last day will be Friday, September 4.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Barcelos, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by voice vote.

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

Park Board Secretary
