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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE
September 28, 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
Nicole Interrante, Superintendent of Recreation
Blake McMahon, Superintendent of Parks
Lee Howard, Treasurer
Kathleen Jurczak, Secretary

Addresses from the Audience

Residents, Carlo Mandelli and Barbara Tomasina, of 389 Western Avenue addressed the board regarding their flooding issue with the west side of Hosek Park and their adjoining property. Mr. Mandelli noted that Hosek Park has some capture points, but not many on the west side. Mr. Mandelli is requesting a capture point between their residence and the park on the west side, due to their backyard accumulating over a foot of water with heavy rainfall that stays for a week. Director Scheltens informed the residents that his staff met with the village and with Derrick Martin of V3 a few weeks ago to get an update on the flooding issue. Director Scheltens mentioned that the village was going to do some work and the residents confirmed that the village was working on it today. Derrick Martin mentioned that the water from Western Avenue is running down into the catch basin during the bad storms. Director Scheltens asked if we could get the water to flood north instead. Derrick Martin advised that with the plan from 4 years ago, the storm sewer would be one solution, though there would not be enough fall for the water to go elsewhere. President Austin informed the residents that the plan will help the problem but will not solve it. Mr. Mandelli added that improving parking lot pitch might help. President Austin advised that the board would coordinate and confirm with village about what work was done. Commissioner Barcelos encouraged the board to go look at the property during and after the rain this week. Director Scheltens added that a video of the water coming through the parking lot would be helpful and that the west side of Hosek Park will be addressed during the budget process.

Carlo Mandelli and Barbara Tomasina left at 7:45 PM

Derrick Martin with V3 provided updates regarding drainage and reviewed the probable construction costs for Hosek Park improvements. Director Scheltens added that the parking lot belongs to the village, but the park district takes care of it. President Austin concluded that the area will be observed and check in next month.

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Derrick Martin exited at 7:56 PM.

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

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

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Treasurer Lee Howard summarized the Annual Financial audit. He identified the year's major initiatives as approval of the bond issue and its intended purposes, along with many projects approved in the referendum. Treasurer Howard noted that page 1 of the packet contains the auditor's opinion, page 4 presents management's discussion, page 7 analyzes acquisitions and activities and highlights the fiscal year's major changes, and page 14 contains the traditional account statement.

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Sink reported that the pool closed shortly after Labor Day and that staff are storing equipment and winterizing the facility. He added that the planned work includes the addition of the Life Floor in the Splash Pad area and replacement of cargo netting. Commissioner Sink informed the board that they are reviewing all the swim programs, the pool's financials, and feedback from the season. Superintendent Nicole Interrante reported that 80% of the lifeguards' plan to return and will require recertification next year. In response to Commissioner Draudt's question about extending the pool day or the season, Superintendent Interrante said there was insufficient demand to do so and recommends no additional hours of operation.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer reported that Fall Fest was canceled because of weather and that "Boo on the Block" is scheduled for October 29. She mentioned the event will serve as a mini–Fall Fest and will feature a glow-in-the-dark laser party, a petting zoo, and trick-or-treating at vendor booths. Commissioner Fetzer added that a Campfire Night is scheduled for October 8 and will include a screening of *Coco* in the park and s'mores. Commissioner Fetzer reported that 51 students are enrolled in preschool, the senior program includes a trip to Drury Lane and Monday fitness classes, with the next trip being Illumination at the Morton Arboretum. The app is continuing to be improved, the brochure visibility on the app was improved. Park district staff are exploring a partnership with The Birches to jointly offer senior programs, with The Birches sponsoring some programs.

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Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos reported that a full-time parks laborer had been hired and that staff were continuing preparing the athletic fields, trimming trees and removing leaves, and mowing grass. In response to Commissioner Sink's question about a removed tree, Superintendent Blake McMahon explained that the cottonwood had become a maintenance concern because of its size and soft wood. The tree also extended its roots into the baseball field. Commissioner Barcelos also reported that work at Blackhawk and Steeves playgrounds would begin in late October and was expected to be completed by Thanksgiving.

President's Report

Jim Lippert of IHC reported that the dry pond north of the pool, near the commuter parking lots, was full of water despite being designed to drain. The drain control is being inspected to confirm that it is functioning properly. A waterline from the leisure pool, which runs along the parking lot, cracked during the pool renovations. Proposed improvements include regrading and replanting the area to improve water flow. He also reported that a static test conducted after the pool closed showed some water loss, suggesting a possible gutter leak issue or a water valve that was not fully closed.

He submitted a pending change order #8 in the amount of $40,770.18 for additional work associated with the auto fills, waterslide piping painting, repairs of the existing speaker system, and E-stop and lockable disconnect at the new pool heater.

Motion to Approve Change Order #8, additional services proposal from IHC. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Draudt, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, the additional services proposal was approved. The roll call was as follows:

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

President Austin provided an update on the athletic field renovations and reported that the project is behind schedule due to additional improvements to the project. The Park District is awaiting Village approval of subcontractors before work can proceed. The additional improvements at Prospect Park, Norfolk and Eccles Fields will include a scoreboard at Eccles (with speakers) and roofs over the dugouts at Norfolk and Eccles fields. Superintendent McMahon is researching contractors for astroturf installation at the Eccles batting cages. Little League will fund the majority of brick backstop wall, with construction anticipated to begin next month.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Sink, seconded by Commissioner Barcelos, adjourned at 9:18 p.m. by voice vote.

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

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Park Board Secretary

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