

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 315 CHICAGO AVENUE  
July 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice President Lithgow.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Carlsen, Lithgow and Staab

Absent: Johnson

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director  
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary  
Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks  
Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Recreation  
Derrick Martin, V3 Companies

Addresses from the Audience

Diane Hiller from the Clarendon Hills Historical Society introduced herself to the Board and informed them that the Historical Society would be addressing the Board at the August meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice President Lithgow inquired if the Board had any changes or additions to the minutes. There being none, Vice President Lithgow requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Whereupon, on motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Carlsen, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Austin, Carlsen, Staab, and Lithgow

Nays: None

Absent: Johnson

Committee Reports

Vice President Lithgow moved to Agenda Item 5(d-3) and asked Derrick Martin, V3 Companies to give an update on the Hosek drainage issues, namely two properties on Ruby Street that have problems with pooling water in their yard. Mr. Ewing had hired a company to survey his property and come up with a solution to channel the pooling water away from his property. He is planning to extend his storm water drainage line from his backyard and connect to the current storm water line in Hosek Park. This would stop them from having to pump, as the water would drain naturally by gravity. This process would require permission from the Park Board to tap into the Park District's storm water system, and Mr. Ewing would bear the cost. The Park District would incur the attorney fees for drawing up the agreement.

The Board discussed the problems with allowing this; namely the limited capacity of the existing storm water system, and the additional water that would be emptying into the system. They agreed that this would require more discussion, as well as an agreement drawn up by the Park District Attorney, that would indemnify the Park District from any back flow to other properties. This agreement would also need to be disclosed to any new owner, should the Ewings sell their home.

Mr. Kielty, also on Ruby Street, expressed an interest in tapping in to the existing storm water system that services Hosek Park. Derrick Martin, V3 Companies, explained that the contributing factors causing the pooling of water on the Kielty property is that their property is the low point on Ruby Street, and the water is being pushed toward their property.

Executive Director Scheltens informed the residents and the Board that even if the Board decided to allow the two residents to tap into the existing storm water system, this would not completely fix their problem.

Mr. Martin proposed a possible solution that would involve regrading a portion of land around President's Alley, and a berm would be created with a catch basin on each side of the berm. This fix would cost approximately \$15,000 to \$18,000. Mr. Martin stressed that this fix could improve the situation but not completely correct it, because the bulk of the water that is pooling is coming from Ruby Street.

Vice President Lithgow believed that the Park District should not bear the cost of the fix for one homeowner, because the use of taxpayer dollars should be used to improve recreation space in the park. Commissioner Carlsen believed that the fix should have the support of all the constituents around Hosek Park. He didn't believe the Park District should bear the brunt of the cost, but the Board should do something to alleviate the problem. Mr. Kielty told the Board that he is willing to work with the Park District the best that he can.

The Board agreed to have the attorney draw up an agreement regarding the Ewing property, and directed Director Scheltens to obtain two estimates from landscaping companies for the drainage plan for the Kielty property. They agreed that these items should be on the agenda for the August Board meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Martin exited the meeting at 7:35pm.

Vice President Lithgow moved to Agenda Item 5 (d), and asked Commissioner Carlsen to give his report. Commissioner Carlsen informed the Board that he had attended the Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; and commented on the immaculate conditions of the park. He asked Superintendent of Parks, Mike Fletcher, the status of the Walker Park walkway. Mr. Fletcher informed him that the paving was done last week and some regrading was currently happening. He also noted that the retaining wall was completed. Mr. Fletcher also informed the Board that the sidewalk at Blackhawk Park was being re-done to meet ADA requirements.

Executive Director Scheltens informed the Board that no bids were turned in for the Community Center Storage Cabinets; and informed the Board that the bid package would be reworked and re-bid in the future.

#### Finance/Personal Committee

Vice President Lithgow informed the Board that there was nothing new to report. The Board should have final numbers for summer programs at the August Board meeting.

#### Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Austin informed the Board that this was the last week for group swim lessons. She told the Board that Staff Appreciation Service Awards were going to be held on Sunday at 10:30am and asked the Commissioners to try to attend. She noted that two of the three Ellis audits met "exceeds".

The swim team finished very well with the "A" team finishing fifth in the conference.

The second Cardboard Boat Regatta will take place on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 6 teams registered. The doors open at 8:15 and the regatta begins at 9:00am.

#### Recreation Committee

Commissioner Austin informed the Board that enrollment for the summer programs were very good, as well as very good attendance at the Ice Cream Social and the Fishing Derby. This was the first year for "After Camp", which extended summer camp by a week. There were 45 children signed up for the additional week.

Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Recreation, informed the Board that the fall brochure would be online tomorrow and the brochure would be delivered to the Post Office at the end of the week. Resident registration would begin on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and non-resident registration would begin on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Austin also informed the Board that this year's Suburban-athlon would be held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and that the event will be run in the park.

#### President's Report

Vice President Lithgow asked the Board to approve the final draft of the signage that will be at the pavilion in Prospect Park. The Board unanimously agreed to move forward with the sign.

Vice President Lithgow also informed the Board that he was looking at property south of 55<sup>th</sup> Street as a source of additional recreation programming space. Commissioner Lithgow told the Board that he would be interested in pursuing this avenue with Executive Director Scheltens, if the Board agreed. Further discussion would be needed about this subject in the future.

There being no further information to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Carlsen, adjourned by voice vote at 7:49 pm.

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Secretary

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