

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 315 CHICAGO AVENUE  
June 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Johnson, Lithgow, and Staab  
Absent: Carlsen

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director  
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary  
Bob Fleck, Park Planner  
Derrick Martin – V3 Companies  
Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks

President Johnson announced that the sole purpose for this public hearing was to seek input from the residents regarding the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant that the Clarendon Hills Park District was seeking, to assist in the development of the park improvements for Hosek Park.

Bob Fleck, Park Planner, explained that the Board had discussed the residents' concerns from previous meetings, and this meeting was to inform the residents of the changes to the original plan. He explained that this hearing was the opportunity for the residents to voice their support or concerns, before the grant application was approved and submitted. He also informed the residents and the Board Commissioners that all 2015 grants have been currently suspended, and if they are not reinstated, the Park Board would re-address this plan in one year and decide how to move forward with Park District funds.

The Public Hearing was attended by approximately 15 residents. The majority of the residents expressed great concerns regarding the current water and flooding issues that currently exist at the park, and reiterated that no improvements should be made until the water issues were addressed. Mr. Fleck also told the residents that the proposed park improvements could only help, and not make worse, the problems that currently exist, or the project would not be approved by the village engineer, and would not move forward. He believed that these improvements to the grading of the fields, as well as the larger and deeper detention area, with water absorbing plants in the retention wetland area, would improve the current situation during normal rains; but for 15, 25, 50, and 100 year rain events, the area would still flood, but with the improvements, the water should drain faster. He explained that the soil in the fields would be replaced with quality soil, and would be regraded.

One resident presented photographs of his property taken after the most recent rain event. His concern was that his property was lower than the storm sewers in the park, and the water was pooling, rather than draining. President Johnson asked Mr. Martin, V3 to check out this area and report back to the Board. Mr. Martin also informed the residents that if the grant was approved, some of the drainage pipes would be replaced with a larger diameter pipe, allowing for more water to flow through.

Mr. Fleck informed the residents of the changes to the master plan for Hosek Park, which included a pathway which would loop around the natural retention area with signs identifying the natural plants; a regulation size basketball court; updating the current playground, but also adding fitness stations; regraded fields with new backstops; and a picnic shelter with restrooms.

One resident questioned the location of the pavilion and restrooms, indicating that she did not want restrooms and believed that the neighbors on Hudson Avenue would not want restrooms. The Board agreed that the location of the pavilion/restrooms would be discussed at a future date.

President Johnson thanked the residents for attending the public hearing and offering their input.

There being no further public comments, this meeting was, motion by Commissioner Lithgow, seconded by Commissioner Austin, adjourned at 7:54 p.m. by voice vote.

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Secretary

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