

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT
COMMUNITY CENTER – 315 CHICAGO AVENUE
October 23, 2017 – 7:00p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Clarendon Hills Park District was called to order at 7:02pm by President Lithgow.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Callan, Carlsen, Lithgow, and Staab
Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director
Kathleen Forzley, Park Board Secretary
Michael Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks
Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Recreation
Derrick Martin, V-3 Engineer

President Lithgow announced the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss with the residents the proposed improvements to Hosek Park and to receive public input regarding these improvements. An informational meeting flyer was distributed to the Hosek Park residents a week earlier, informing them of this meeting. President Lithgow then introduced Derrick Martin, V-3 Engineer, and asked him to give a presentation of the proposed improvements.

Mr. Martin informed the residents that considering the most recent “100-year storm event” in Hosek Park, the purpose of this meeting was not to discuss the storm water issues from that storm, as that is under the Village jurisdiction. He explained the need to regrade the athletic fields which are currently pooling water as well as making the playing surface unsafe and unusable. There is a need at Hosek Park for additional athletic and improved fields. These fields would be used by AYSO and girls/adult softball organizations. He also informed the residents of a proposed north-south pathway.

Many of the residents expressed concerns that regrading the fields would further disperse the water into their homes. Mr. Martin explained that these plans would be reviewed by the Village Engineers for approval. The purpose is to allow the water to drain more quickly, making the fields playable in a shorter amount of time. The residents were also concerned that the addition of pathways would increase the amount of water currently flowing into their yards. Mr. Martin informed the residents that the pathways were part of the master plan for ADA accessibility, and although they would take on water in rainstorms, they would not add to the water in the park. These pathways would be at grade, so there would be no water running off them into residents’ property.

Some of the residents were concerned that these changes were not taking into consideration the neighbors around the park. President Lithgow informed the residents that the job of the Park District was to create and maintain quality recreation space for all residents of Clarendon Hills. Executive Director Scheltens informed the residents that if they had specific concerns that needed to be addressed, they should leave their name and phone number with Derrick Martin, V-3 Engineer, and they would be contacted to discuss their specific issue at Hosek Park.

A few residents did speak up in favor of the improvements and the additional athletic field options.

President Lithgow thanked the residents for their input and assured them that their concerns would be discussed.

There being no further discussion to come before this Special Meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Callan, adjourned at 8:24pm by voice vote.

Secretary
