

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD
COMMUNITY CENTER – 315 CHICAGO AVENUE
May 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Johnson.

President Johnson appointed Executive Director Scheltens as Secretary Pro Temp for the meeting

The roll call was as follows:

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

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director
Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks
Kelly Smith, Superintendent of Recreation
Valerie Louthan, Aquatics/Recreation Supervisor
Doug Holzrichter, Williams Architects
Jim Leppert, IPRM

Addresses from the Audience - None

Approval of consent agenda

On motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Carlsen, the consent agenda was approved. The roll call was as follows:

Ayes: Austin, Carlsen, Johnson and Lithgow
Nays: None
Absent: Staab

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

No Report

Aquatics Committee

Commissioner Lithgow introduced Valerie Louthan (Aquatics/Recreation Supervisor) to provide an update on the Lions Park Pool preparations for opening day Saturday, May 28th. Valerie informed the Commissioners that all was going well. She said all her staff were hired and currently receiving lifeguard and facility training over the past few weeks in preparation of the upcoming summer season. Superintendent of Recreation Kelly Smith informed the Commissioners the sales of summer pool passes are currently ahead of last year at this time. Superintendent of Parks Mike Fletcher informed the Commissioners all mechanical operations at the pool were up and running and ready for opening day. He indicated that a 30hp pump motor was replaced. Commissioner Lithgow informed the Commissioners the ADA playground components were recently installed in the sand play area and encouraged all Commissioners to check it out.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Austin announced the hiring of Emily Golembiewski as the park district's new Recreation Supervisor and indicated she was ready and eager to begin working. She also announced the preparations for the park district's involvement in Daisy Days and Dancing in the Streets was under way by the recreation staff. Superintendent of Recreation Kelly Smith gave a brief update of the summer programs. It was also announced the Parks Foundation was unveiling the T-rex sculpture this Friday in Prospect Park at 12:15pm. The Parks Foundation has worked in conjunction with the Prospect Elementary School teachers and children to make this a special event for all to enjoy. Executive Director Scheltens informed the Commissioners the rent for the use of the facilities at the River of Life Church was going to be too expensive to rent each month for additional recreational classes. The Commissioners agreed and wanted to keep communications open with the owners for future discussions.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Carlsen informed the Commissioners the recreational traffic on the Prospect Park pathway has significantly increased over the years and many residents are enjoying the amenity every day. He also announced the litter in Prospect Park this month is much better than last month. All sports organizations are pitching in to clean up their own litter around the sports fields. Commissioner Carlsen requested at Walker Park to extend the drain pipe away from the pathway because water was flowing down the path after rains and causing a mess at times. He complimented the parks staff on an excellent job of preparing and keeping the ballfields in good shape this spring. Superintendent of Parks Mike Fletcher informed the Commissioners an extra day of service sanitation is scheduled for Saturdays at Prospect Park field #2 this summer because of the high use in the area.

President's Report

President Johnson introduced Doug Holzrichter of Williams Architects to update the Commissioners on the Recreation Facility Planning Study. Mr. Holzrichter briefly reviewed the Facility Planning (Recreation Program Space) spreadsheet with the Commissioners as this was discussed before in a previous meeting. During his presentation, he presented aerial pictures of the Prospect Park Community Center/ Maintenance Building/parking area. The first picture was of the current site; the second picture displayed a proposed new maintenance building, a second floor on the Community Center and additional parking. The third picture displayed no maintenance building on the site, a second floor on the Community Center and additional parking.

After discussions, the Commissioners agreed to have Williams Architects begin to prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for a second floor on the Community Center.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Austin, seconded by Commissioner Lithgow, adjourned at 8:09 p.m. by voice vote.

Secretary
