

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CLARENDON HILLS PARK DISTRICT BOARD  
COMMUNITY CENTER – 325 CHICAGO AVENUE  
February 26, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by President Austin.

The roll call was as follows:

Present: Austin, Barcelos, Callan, Draudt, and Fetzer  
Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Donald Scheltens, Executive Director  
Mike Fletcher, Superintendent of Parks  
Lee Howard, Treasurer  
Kathleen Forzley, Secretary

Addresses from the Audience

Three Hosek Park residents addressed the Board and the Park District staff regarding the water that collects at the back of their lot. This issue had been discussed at the January Board meeting, as well as discussions with Derek Martin from V-3. At the January Board meeting, President Austin had asked the residents to compile a list of all affected residents. There were only two homes that were affected, and both residents were present.

After Board discussion, the residents agreed to continue to work toward a solution with the Park District staff, Superintendent of Parks Mike Fletcher, and Derek Martin of V-3, to investigate what corrections the Park District could make in the park to make the drainage better. One resident would be responsible for any improvements on their property onto the Park District property. Any plan from the resident would need to be approved by the Park District before commencing any work.

Approval of consent agenda

President Austin asked the Board if they had any questions or comments. There being none, President Austin 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, Callan, Draudt, and Austin  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel Committee

Commissioner Draudt had no new business to report.

Aquatics Committee – Commissioner Callan had no new business to report.

Recreation Committee

Commissioner Fetzer informed the Board that the summer brochure was in the final draft and should be out to the residents by the end of the week. Aquatics/Recreation Supervisor, Dave Littman had a successful Daddy - Daughter event and was getting ready for the Mommy – Son event. Upcoming events include the annual Egg Hunt and the Color Run. Recreation Supervisor Frank Wendling did not get enough interest in the new youth basketball program for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, so the program will be offered in the future. The Little Learners Preschool held an Open House and are continuing to recruit enrollments for fall 2024.

Maintenance/Safety Committee

Commissioner Barcelos informed the Board that the Parks Department was busy with preparing the athletic fields for the upcoming baseball season. The Parks department will begin to remove the ice rink and sled hills mid-March, because the winter weather has been so mild.

President’s Report

Resident John Steeves, of the CH POOL and PARKS ORGANIZATION, informed the Park Board he and other residents had ordered and put up 250 signs in support of the referendum.

Director Scheltens reminded the Board that the next scheduled Board meeting would be March 18<sup>th</sup>, which is also the night before the March 19<sup>th</sup> election. He told the Commissioners to inform him if they wanted to cancel that meeting, since the election workers would be setting up the room for the election. He also informed the Board that a second Open House would be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30p.m. Commissioners Austin, and Fetzer, as well as Treasurer Lee Howard would be present to answer questions and concerns.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was, motion by Commissioner Callan, seconded by Commissioner Draudt, adjourned at 8:36 p.m. by voice vote.

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Park Board Secretary

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