



Call to Order:

President Cagle called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: Eric Anderson, Karen Johnson, Linda Matthias, Sarah Michehl, Cathy Cagle

Commissioners Absent: Debbie Gallagher, Jason Heisler

Legal Counsel: Scott Puma, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer, P.C.

Staff: Jason Herbster, Executive Director, Erik Jakubowski, Superintendent of Park Services, Amy Olson Manager of Park Planning and Development, Tina Becke, Superintendent of Business Services, Kurt Reckamp, Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Anne Sandor, Recording Secretary

Members of the Public: John Pletz, Resident

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A. Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Michehl moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public: John Pletz, Resident, congratulated the District on receiving a an OSLAD grant in the amount of \$600,000 for the development of a new park. Mr. Pletz also commended the Board and staff for the work done on the 5-year Comprehensive Master plan.

Direction Items:

A. Proposal: The Racket Club Financial Consulting Services

At the last Park Board meeting, the Board directed staff to seek a proposal for an evaluation of the Club's finances and an evaluation of the Club to determine the market value. The Board reviewed a proposal for consulting services from Sports Club Advisors. The Board agreed to move forward with the proposal and look to include an operations review of the Club. Executive Director Herbster will contact Sports Club Advisors regarding the Board's request for an operations review.

B. Transfer of Funds

Executive Director Herbster explained the transfer of funds from the General and Recreation funds to the Capital Fund is done to fund the upcoming Capital Projects. Staff proposed a transfer of \$800,000 from the Corporate Fund and \$200,000 from the Recreation Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. The Board discussed setting funds aside for the recreation center. Commissioner Anderson suggested reviewing options with the current tax base and debt limits, and if either is not suitable, the Board should consider a referendum. The Board agreed to place a resolution for the transfer of funds on the consent agenda for approval at the Regular Park Board meeting in March.

### C. McHenry County Crimes Against Children Task Force

Executive Director Herbster noted the McHenry County State's Attorney developed a Crimes Against Children Task Force to assist small agencies in investigations of violent crimes against children. Legal Counsel has reviewed the Memo of Understanding. The Board agreed to place the Task Force Memo of Understanding from the McHenry County State's Attorney's office on the consent agenda for approval at the Regular Park Board meeting in March.

### D. Executive Director Job Description

The Board reviewed the job description and submitted minor changes to the introduction and the removal of *Knowledge of the layout and design of general development site plans and architectural drawing interpretation* and the addition of *Commitment to professional learning, growth and development* to the list of Qualifications.

### Discussion Items:

#### A. Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

Executive Director Herbster reported he received information regarding Senate Bill 3789, Decennial Committees on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiencies Act. Listed below is the synopsis of this act from the State of Illinois website is as follows:

Provides that, within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government that may levy any tax (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, including an analysis of whether to consolidate with another unit of local government, municipality, or county; and create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report. Provides for committee membership, meetings, and report requirements. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

The committee needs to consist of the Park Board, the Executive Director and at least two residents. They will meet three times per year and must be formed by June 10, 2023. The Efficiency Report is due no later than 18 months after the committee is formed. Attorney Puma stated his firm has a template for this report and will share it with Executive Director, Herbster.

#### B. Shamrock Hills History and Review

The Board discussed the possibilities for Shamrock Hills. Suggestions included adding restrooms, shelters and a ropes course and camping sites. Commissioner Cagle suggested not spending any more money on the facility until plans have been made and involving the community to determine use of the property. Commissioner Cagle noted she spoke to Commissioner Heisler, and he stated he was in favor of keeping the facility only if it could be maintained. He felt the maintenance crew is short staffed and would need to be increased in order to maintain Shamrock Hills along with the new Haligus Park. Commissioner Michehl stated the property is an access on northern end of property and suggested reviewing the community survey for needs.

Commissioner Johnson agreed the property is an asset but did not feel the building was in good condition. The Board asked for staff to look into reasonable cost to full-fill the public needs.

Executive Director Herbster noted there are electrical and well connection issues with the property and the neighbor's barn.

The Board agreed to keep the property and conduct a community input meeting to determine best use.

Solar Update:

Executive Herbster reported staff continues to research solar options for the Park District.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Matthias moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl. All were in favor.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
President Secretary