

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

Commissioner Michael Jacobson was sworn in on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, prior to attending the IAPD Boot Camp for Park Board Commissioners.

Commissioners Present: Eric Anderson, Jason Heisler, Michael Jacobson, Karen Johnson, Sara Michehl, Cathy Cagle

Commissioners Absent: Linda Matthias,

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: None

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Cagle noted Discussion Item B. Park Police Review Proposal, will be moved to the Regular Park Board Meeting on June 15, 2023. Commissioner Michehl moved to approve the Agenda, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

Presentation: NISRA Presentation

Jim Weisman, Executive Director NISRA gave the history of NISRA and reported NISRA serves McHenry County, parts of Cook, Lake and Kane counties and is structured and operates like a Park District. It's Board of Directors consists of one representative of each member district. These districts include Barrington Park District, Cary Park District, Crystal Lake Park District, Dundee Township Park District, City of Elgin, Hampshire Township Park District, Huntley Park District, City of Harvard, Village of Lake in the Hills, Marengo Park District, City of McHenry, Wauconda Park District, and the City of Woodstock. Each of these District's pay an annual membership dues. Emily Eliscu, Regional Coordinator is a Certified Therapeutic Specialist and runs programming at NISRA for Crystal Lake, Huntley, and Lake in the Hills. Ms. Eliscu reported NISRA offers many programs and works closely with the agency staff with inclusion needs.

Direction Items

A. Braeburn Outlot 1 (Woodland Estates Property Transfer)

Manager Amy Olson reported that the homeowners association of the Braeburn subdivision is officially donating Outlot 1 to the Park District. The developer did not properly file the transfer of ownership of this portion of the property at Woodland Estates park. Legal counsel is working with their attorney to complete the Quit Claim Deed. The Board agreed to place the Property Transfer Ordinance on the Consent Agenda for approval at the June 15, 2023, Regular Park Board Meeting.

Discussion Items:

A. Lake Advisory Committee Harvester Proposal

Executive Director Jason Herbster reported that he and Commissioner Cagle met with Greg Kobelinski to discuss a lake harvesting proposal created by the Lake Advisory Committee. The proposal included the purchase of a harvesting machine that will remove weed mats on the lake and operation of the machine to be done by Park District staff. The Board agreed that the Village of Lakewood, the City of Crystal Lake, lakefront homeowners and Homeowner's Associations be part of this discussion. Commissioner Heisler suggested a fee increase of the decals could help pay for the harvesting. Commissioner Cagle stated she would not be in favor until a funding source is available. Commissioner Jacobson suggested contacting the Wauconda Public Works Department for information on their weed harvesting process. The Board agreed to continue research on weed harvesting and to meet with the Lake Advisory Committee.

B. Employee Policy 3.23 Clothing and Uniform Fringe Benefit

Executive Director Herbster noted the change in the policy is for reimbursement for work pants and steel-toed shoes from \$100 to \$250 for full-time maintenance employees. The Board agreed to place the policy change ordinance on the Consent Agenda for approval at the June 15, 2023, Regular Park Board Meeting.

Adjourn: Commissioner Michehl moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

Approve: _____ Attest: _____
President Secretary