

Call to Order:

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

Commissioners Present: Eric Anderson, Jason Heisler, Michael Jacobson, Karen Johnson, Sarah Michehl, Linda Matthias, Cathy Cagle

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

Citizens: Jody Friel, Laurie Obermeier, Jen McCormick, Mark and Mabel Hanson, Dave Behrens, Bill Carvill, Bob Buleow, Gerry and Catalina Meyer, Wes Pucinski, Frank Haslwanter, William Waldron, Brian Edge (MCYSA)

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the agenda, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public:

Brian Edge, McHenry County Youth Baseball Association (MCYSA), reported there will be 60 teams participating in the 30th Annual Tournament, including teams from Japan, Brazil, and Canada. He thanks the Board and staff for working together to make this a great event and invited the Board and staff to the Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 14. He noted Executive Director Jason Herbster will be throwing the first ceremonial pitch and gave him an official MCYSA baseball jersey.

Mark and Mable Hanson expressed concerns about installing a solar farm on the tile system off of Ridgefield Road. He maintains drainage tiles on his property, and he is concerned about the effects of the solar farm being placed on the main tile line that leads to Crystal Lake. Mr. Hanson noted that McHenry County will be holding a re-zoning hearing on June 21. He gave Executive Director Herbster a list of properties that would be affected by the solar farm.

Dave Behrens stated he has been maintaining tiles on his farm and expressed concerns of solar farms and long-term affects to the lake. Asked for support from the Board.

Bill Carvelli thanked the Park District for the milfoil treatments to the lake. He expressed the need for weed harvesting on the west end of the lake.

Bob and Heather Buleow noted the weeds are bad on the west end. Supported the farmers and expressed the need to repair broken tiles.

Gerry and Catalina Meyer, members of the Crystal Lake Waterski Club expressed thanks to the Park District for the work done on treating the weeds. Hopes the Board considers purchasing a harvester. He asked the District to inform the residents when weed harvesting discussions take place.

Wes Pucinski noted the weeds have been horrible for the last 20 years. Two years ago, the neighbors and the Park District spent eight days cleaning the west end at the cost of approximately \$20,000. He asked the Park District to purchase a weed harvest machine.

William Waldron agreed that a weed harvest machine is needed for Crystal Lake, and noted the Botanic Gardens has a machine.

Jodi Friel agreed that a weed harvester is needed, and it should not be the responsibility of the lake homeowners to pay for it alone; it should be the responsibility of the park district residents.

Laurie Obermeier expressed concerns about the weed mats at the west end bay. She stated that the weeds are unmanageable. She thanked the District for the efforts and agreed with the others that a weed harvester is needed.

Melinda Wolfe stated she supports everyone's comments and asked the Park District to purchase the harvester machine. She said that she contacted the Park District regarding the number of key fobs sold. There were 578 boat launch key fobs sold in 2022 and 477 key fobs sold in 2023, showing that this matter is not just the lakefront homeowner issue. There are a lot of people using the lake.

Laurie Urbanski. stated there is a collective group of people who have the benefit of a beautiful resource and did not feel only lakefront homeowners should not be solely responsible for paying for the upkeep of the lake. She asked the Board to listen to the public comments and consider the purchase of a weed harvester.

Unfinished Business:

A, Nomination/Election of Officers

1. President: Commissioner Johnson nominated Cathy Cagle for President. Commissioner Linda Matthias nominated Commissioner Anderson for President. No other nominations were made.

Commissioners Anderson and Cagle each expressed why they felt they were best qualified to be chosen for the President of the Park Board.

Commissioner Cagle withdrew her name from the nominations. Roll Call: Ayes: 6 (Anderson, Heisler, Jacobson, Johnson, Matthias, Michehl) Abstain: 1 (Cagle) Nays: 0

2. Vice President: Commissioner Cagle nominated Sarah Michehl for Vice President. No other nominations were made.

Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Heisler, Jacobson, Johnson, Matthias, Michehl, Cagle, Anderson) Nays: 0

B. Special Appointments

1. Board Secretary: Commissioner Michehl nominated Jason Herbster. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All in favor.
2. Board Treasurer: Commissioner Matthias nominated Jason Heisler. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl. All in favor.
3. Assistant Board Treasurer: Commissioner Matthias nominated Tina Becke, Superintendent of Business Services. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All in favor.
4. Legal Counsel: Commissioner Matthias nominated Scott Puma, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni and Krafthefer, P.C. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl.
5. FOIA Officers: Commissioner Cagle nominated Jason Herbster and Anne Sandor. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.
6. Open Meetings Act Officer: Commissioner Cagle nominated Jason Herbster. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All in favor.
7. NISRA Board of Directors: Commissioner Jacobson nominated Jason Herbster. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All in favor.
8. Crystal Lake Park Initiative Foundation: Commissioner Cagle nominated Karen Johnson. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All in favor.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Matthias moved to approve the following consent agenda item, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Heisler.

- A. Approval: The Voucher Expenses for the month ending, June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$299,078.79.
- B. Approval: The Interim Voucher Expenses for the month ending July 31, 2023, in the amount of \$458,288.70.
- C. Accept: The Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$15,342,751.75.
- D. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes 05.18.23
- E. Approval: Committee Meeting Minutes of the Whole 06.01.23
- F. Approval: Special Meeting Minutes 06.01.23
- G. Approval: Ordinance 23.24.01 Budget Amendment
- H. Approval: Ordinance 23.24.02 Revision to Employee Policy 3.23 Clothing and Uniform Fringe Benefit
- I. Approval: Resolution 23.24.04 Braeburn Property Donation
- J. Approval: Encore Music Academy Request
- K. Approval: On Angel's Wings 2023 Bingo Fundraiser Request
- L. Approval: Crystal Lake Water Ski Association Event Requests

Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Johnson, Matthias, Michehl, Cagle, Heisler, Jacobson, Anderson) Nays: 0

Business Items

- A. Approval: Resolution 23.24.02 Section 125 Premium Only Plan
Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve Resolution 23.24.02, Section 125 Premium Only Plan, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All in favor.
- B. Approval: Mickey Sund Field Improvements
Commissioner Michehl moved to approve the unbudgeted expense of \$15,990 (with a \$7,995 reimbursement from MCYSA), submitted from Conserv FS for the field improvements to the Mickey Sund Baseball Complex fields. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

Superintendent Reckamp explained \$1.8 million was included in the budget, assuming a grant would be awarded, all maintenance costs were not included. Staff met with MCYSA, and it was agreed MCYSA will split the field maintenance costs on the two north fields.

Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Michehl, Cagle, Heisler, Jacobson, Johnson, Matthias, Anderson) Nays: 0

- C. Approval: Lippold Park Stormwater Masterplan Review Consulting
Commissioner Cagle moved to accept Gewalt Hamilton Associates Inc.'s professional services proposal in the amount of \$ 24,800.00. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl.

Commissioner Anderson suggested the factoring in the City's North Shore storm sewer project into the study. Commissioner Cagle asked for the start date of this project. Amy Olson responded that the project would begin this fall.

Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Michehl, Cagle, Heisler, Jacobson, Johnson, Matthias, Anderson) Nays: 0

Reports to the Board:

Executive Director Herbster

- Asked Commissioners to RSVP for the Grand Marshall Luncheon
- The wristband for fireworks will be available June 19.
- Concerts have been promoted in the City Newsletter
- Summer is off to a great start. Thanked the staff for doing a great job.
- Summer camps are filled.

Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Kurt Reckamp

- Facility and Recreation Services have been very busy. Mini Golf /Driving Range attendance has increased.
- Aloha Summer Event (Ages 21+) had approximately 600 people in attendance.

Superintendent of Business Services, Tina Becke

- First tax distribution has been received.

Superintendent of Park Services, Erik Jakubowski

- Staff have been busy maintaining the parks; all is going well.

Manager of Park Planning and Development, Amy Olson

- The Racket Club project is moving along. Concrete work began this week and asphalt work will begin next week.
- Kamijima playground replacement project is completed and open for play!
- PARC grant has been submitted for the Mickey Sund fields.

Matters from the Board:

Commissioner Jason Heisler

- Asked why the Aloha Summer event was capped. Kurt Reckamp explained that staff budgeted for 500 participants because the performance area took place on the beach. It was determined later that evening to allow late ticket sales.
- Reported he received complaints regarding the summer camp drop off process at Main Beach. Kurt Reckamp noted staff have made some changes to improve the process.

Commissioner *Cathy Cagle*

- Requested the Board be given projections of maintenance projects.

Commissioner Eric Anderson

- Requested a discussion on Weed Harvester issues be placed on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting in July.

Executive Session: There was no Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Approve: _____ Attest: _____
President Secretary