

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

Commissioners Present: Debbie Gallagher, Eric Anderson, Jason Heisler, Karen Johnson, Cathy Cagle
Commissioners Absent: Linda Matthias, Sarah Michehl

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: See attached sign in sheets

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Anderson requested Board discussion after Matters from the Public.
Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public:

The following comments were made regarding the sale of the Northwestern Health and Fitness facility in Crystal Lake.

Nan G. expressed the need to keep this facility because of the amenities. There is a need for the therapy pool, classes. She asked the Board to consider taking on this facility for the community.

Kelly J. stated she is a new member at the facility and noted she has been treated well, the great atmosphere and the need for the therapy pool.

Sue P. noted the facility is centrally located, beneficial to seniors and the whole community. Local residents and local area community residents use the facility. She stated she needs to continue attending this facility to stay healthy and active.

Dorothy H. Cary resident stated she attends the facility as many long-time members. Many members have raised their children at this facility as well as many people with special needs. She presented a petition with over 200 signatures asking the Board to consider the purchase of this facility.

Carol C. stated she began her membership at the facility when it was under Centegra Health Bridge. She uses the therapy pool, which has prevented her from a major surgery. She added that she has a second family at the club, and requested the Board to pursue the facility.

Darlene S. stated she has been a member for 15 years with her children and grandchildren. The facility is ADA accessible, has great services and programs for all ages.

Rob N. stated he spent most of his time growing up in this facility. It's a great facility and special place. He asked the Board to pursue the facility.

Shabbir K. stated he has been a member of the facility since 1994. He asked the Board to pursue the facility to keep it in the community.

Tina H. stated she is a member and noted the Park District has fabulous quality programs and stated the facility would benefit the Park District. The District could provide more for the community, programming opportunities, additional office, and senior space.

Jack J. stated the community needs a pool. The facility is fabulous and there is much potential. He stated the importance of keeping the water therapy pool and the need for swim lessons. The members get along great and felt this would be a great opportunity for the District.

John Z. stated the Crystal Lake Park District is the best District he has seen. The facility has tremendous services. He said that he would stand behind the Park District to keep it in the community.

John W. stated he worked at the Park District as a lifeguard. He asked the Park District to explore the opportunity and encouraged the Board to visit and tour the facility.

Gene S. asked people to write to the Northwest Herald regarding the need to keep the facility in the community. He noted the membership was at 6200 members prior COVID19 and are currently at 4200 members.

Chris H. stated he doesn't want to see this facility sit empty and encourage the Board to pursue the facility to produce more revenue.

Board Discussion:

Commissioner Anderson stated that he was not in favor of the District competing with private sectors. Warm water therapy, walking trail, community center, is not being provided elsewhere. He expressed a concern that if the facility cannot be supported by current revenue, the District would need to rely on tax dollars. Another option to pursue the facility would be if Northwestern Health and Fitness Facility wanted to continue their mission, they may want to consider a donation or a leasing option to the Park District.

Commissioner Heisler thanked the public for sharing their concerns. He stated he understands the need and would like to see this facility remain in the community. This discussion is preliminary as the Board is waiting to hear from Northwestern Health and Fitness Facility regarding their plans for this property.

Commissioner Gallagher stated she was interested in more information on the property. She talked about the results of the last community survey that the District conducted. Results showed the need for a swimming pool, community center and trails. She suggested a Citizen Committee be formed to gain support for a community center and a referendum.

Commissioner Johnson noted she is waiting to hear back from the Northwestern Health and Fitness facility regarding their plans to lease or sell the property. She thanked the public for their comments.

Commissioner Cagle expressed the need for a therapy pool. She stated she was grateful for the public input and asked for their email addresses. The District has reached out to Northwestern Health and Fitness Facility for more information. She agreed with Commissioner Gallagher regarding the formation of a Citizen Committee.

Public Hearing–BINA

Open Hearing

Commissioner Gallagher moved to open the public hearing at 7:26pm, concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Close Hearing

Commissioner Gallagher moved to close the public hearing. At 7:27pm. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the following consent agenda item, as presented.

- A. Approval: The Voucher Expenses for the month ending, October 31, 2022, in the amount of \$355,735.03
- B. Approval: The Interim Voucher Expenses for the month ending November 30, 2022, in the amount of \$716,789.76.
- C. Accept: The Treasurer's Report for the month ending, October 31, 2022, in the amount of \$13,460,390.49.
- D. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes 10.20.22
- E. Approval: Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes 11.03.22
- F. Approval: Aquatics Annual Recommendations
- G. Approval: Golf Learning Center Annual Recommendations

Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (Anderson, Gallagher, Heisler, Johnson, Cagle) Nays: 0

Business Items

A. Acceptance: Speer Financial –Acceptance of Low Bid Rate, 2022A Bonds

Anthony Miceli, Speer Financial, presented the bid results for \$1,176,920 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022A. Five bids were received. Speer Financial recommended accepting the bid received from First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois. After the sale, to optimize the Bond Fund Debt Service Extension Base, the issue size was decreased by \$6,955 to \$1,169,965, and Speer recommended that the Bonds be awarded to the First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, at a revised price of \$1,169,965, being at a net interest rate of 3.59%.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to accept the bid from First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois at a net interest rate of 3.59%, for the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022A. Seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (Gallagher, Heisler, Johnson, Anderson, Cagle) Nays: 0

B. Approval: Ordinance 22.23.14 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022A. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 22.23.14, an Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$1,200,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022A, of the District for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (Heisler, Johnson, Anderson, Gallagher, Cagle) Nays: 0

C. Approval: Ordinance 22.23.13 Tax Levy

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Ordinance 22.23.13, an ordinance levying taxes for the Crystal Lake Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for 2022 in the amount of \$7,207,251.29 for Corporate and Special Revenue Funds. Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher.

Roll Call: Ayes: 5 (Johnson, Anderson, Gallagher, Heisler, Cagle) Nays: 0

D. Approval: Appointment of Delegate and Alternate for the Annual IAPD Business meeting.

Commissioner Gallagher moved to appoint Executive Director Herbster as the delegate and Commissioner Karen Johnson attending the IAPD/IPRA State Conference, as an alternate. Seconded by Commissioner Heisler. All were in favor.

E. Approval: Picnic, Buildings and Field Annual Recommendations

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Annual Facility Rentals-Building, Room, Picnic, and Field Recommendations, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gallagher. All were in favor.

F. Approval: The Racket Club Annual Recommendations

The discussion of this item was moved to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January 2023.

G. Approval: Nature Center Interior Exhibits Project Proposal

A motion is requested of the Board to accept the lowest responsible, responsive proposal submitted by Exhibits Projects, in the amount of \$362,978.00.

H. Approval: Outdoor Tennis Courts Rehabilitation Project

The discussion of this item was moved to the Committee of the Whole meeting in January 2023. Commissioner Gallagher requested the contractor be contacted to request a hold on the bid and dollar amount.

Reports to the Board:

Executive Director, Jason Herbster

- Festival of Lights and Luminaria event information was distributed to the Park Board.
- The Annual Lake Meeting was a good meeting and well attended.

Superintendent of Business Services, Tina Becke

- The final tax payment was received.
- The levy and bonding information will be filed with the County.

Manager of Park Planning and Development, Amy Olson

- Paving and playground projects are almost completed.

Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Kurt Reckamp

- Luminaria walks at Veteran Acres will begin November 30.

- Registration for the Winter/Spring brochure will begin December 9.

Matters from the Board:

Commissioner Johnson

- Received many emails regarding the Northwestern Medicine facility.

Commissioner Debbie Gallagher

- Requested a tour of the Northwestern Health and Fitness facility and thanked Commissioner Cagle for answering the emails regarding the facility.
- The 2022 Cardboard Cup Regatta lost \$5,000. The Park Initiative Foundation wants to run the event again, next year. Executive Director Herbster noted there will be a Meet and Greet Social on December 12 at the Crystal Lake Brewery.
- Stated since the lake always gets a good report, maybe the park district could test every three years instead of annually. Jason said he would look into it with Hey. She added she did not feel the Park District should pay for weed harvesting. Harvesting is strictly aesthetic and is a water use issue for boating. Commissioner Cagle agreed and stated the weeds are not detrimental to the lake.

Commissioner Heisler

- Was impressed with the public concerns and email received regarding the Northwestern Health and Fitness Facility The Annual Lake meeting was a good meeting.
- Agreed with Commissioner Gallagher and felt the shoreline homeowners should contribute to the cost of weed harvesting.

Commissioner Eric Anderson

- The meeting went well. The Board addressed the public input regarding the Northwestern Health and Fitness facility.

Commissioner Cathy Cagle

- Thanked the staff for all the information included in the Board packet.
- Appreciated the public comment regarding the Northwestern Health and Fitness facility

Adjourn:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

Approve: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary