

Call to Order:

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

Commissioners Present:

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

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: Brittany Niequist, Robert Kosin, Robert Wyman, Phil & Peggy Bolger, Mark Ehrenhaft

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Anderson requested that New Business Item A. Approval: Speer Financial Acceptance of Low Bid Rate 2023 Bonds be moved before Matters from the Public.

Commissioner Cagle requested that Consent Agenda Item G. Approval Annual Recommendations, Picnic, Building, Field Rental, Main/West Beach, Hound Town, Lippold Park was moved to Discussion Item B.

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

New Business Action Items:

A. Approval: Speer Financial Acceptance of Low Bid Rate 2023 Bonds

Aaron Gold, Speer Financial, presented the bid results for \$1,219,990 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, annual rollover limited tax bonds. Four bids were received. Speer Financial recommended accepting the low bid received from Time Bank, Park Ridge, Illinois at a net interest rate of 4.33%.

Commissioner Cagle moved to accept the bid from Time Bank, Park Ridge, Illinois First Secure Community Bank, Sugar Grove, Illinois at a net interest rate of 4.33%, for the General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All in favor.

B. Commissioner Cagle Roll Over Bond Issuance 23.24.05, AN ORDINANCE providing for the issue of approximately \$1,219,990 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2023, 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 Jacobson.

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

Matters from the Public:

Brittany Niequist, Crystal Lake Resident and City of Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission member expressed her disappointment that the Historic Preservation Commission was not notified of the proposed Barlina Barn demolition.

Commissioner Anderson requested information and ideas from the public.

Commissioner Cagle noted that the District has researched uses for the barn and found there is no cost-effective use for the community and as a taxing body we are responsible on how tax dollars are spent. She distributed information to the Board and asked that the Board have more discussion of the significance of the barn before the demo takes place.

Robert Wyma, Crystal Lake Resident, City of Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission member, thanked the Board for plaquing the Main Beach facility. History is very important to Crystal Lake. He added he is researching the barn and will share the information with the Board.

Robert Kosin, Crystal Lake Resident, gave some history on the Hillfarm property and asked the Board to consider recording the construction history of the property. He stated that he has documentation from the 1930's.

Mark Ehrenhaft, Crystal Lake Resident, reported that he received a parking ticket at Main Beach for parking his vehicle at the Boat Launch trailer parking area. He requested permission for Crystal Lake gate key holders to park at the Main Beach boat launch during ice fishing season due to the inconvenience of having to drop off his ice fishing equipment and having to park in the Main Beach parking lot. Executive Director Herbster stated that there should be no problem with parking a vehicle at the launch during the ice fishing season. The Board agreed.

Unfinished Business: None

Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approval: The Voucher Expenses for the month ending, October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$384,097.24.
 - B. Approval: The Interim Voucher Expenses for the month ending November 30, 2023, in the amount of \$163,913.26.
 - C. Accept: The Treasurer's Report for the month ending, October 31, 2023, in the amount of \$18,164,704.76.
 - D. Approval: Committee Meeting Minutes of the Whole 10.05.23
 - E. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes 10.19.23
 - F. Approval: Committee Meeting Minutes of the Whole 11.02.23
 - G. Item Removed from Consent Agenda
~~Approval: Annual Recommendations Picnic, Building, Field Rental/Main and West Beach /Hound Town/Lippold Park~~
 - H. Approval: IAPD Annual Meeting Credentials Certificate
 - I. Approval: NAMI Event Request (Non-Profit)
 - J. Approval: Ice Cream Fest 2024 (For Profit)
- Seconded by Commissioner Matthias

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

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

- A. Item G. Approval: Annual Recommendations Picnic, Building, Field Rental/Main and West Beach/Hound Town/Lippold Park

Commissioner Cagle requested a lower rate for picnic shelter rentals on weekdays to help generate more revenue and to give residents that may not be able to afford the higher fee a

chance to use the shelters. She proposed a \$20 resident rate with no change to the non-resident rate. Executive Director Herbster noted that Paragraph 3 under Shelters and Picnics has been removed, as customers will not need to wait until the first business day after the New Year to reserve picnic shelters or areas. ~~Permits will be made official after Crystal Lake Park District programming schedules are completed. Picnic Area and Shelter reservations will commence the first business day after the New Year break.~~

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve the annual picnic rental fee recommendations, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All were in favor.

Business Items

Business Items A and B were moved before Matters from the Public.

~~A. Approval: Acceptance: Speer Financial~~

~~B. Approval: Roll Over Bond Issuance 23.24.05, AN ORDINANCE~~

C. Approval: Tax Levy Ordinance 23.24.04

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve Ordinance 23.24.04, an ordinance levying taxes for the Crystal Lake Park District, McHenry County, Illinois for 2022 in the amount of \$7,566,955.40, for Corporate and Special Revenue Funds.

Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

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

D. Approval: Annual Recommendations: The Racket Club

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve the annual recommendations for The Racket Club, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl. All were in favor.

Executive Director Herbster noted that the staff is presenting the three items the Board had requested; raise resident's rates 5%, round up the nearest dollar and to ensure increases in non-resident fees reflect the change in resident rate.

Commissioner Anderson noted that the board did not receive the market value of The Racket Club. Executive Director Herbster will look into the market value of the Club.

E. Approval: Haligus Park Playground Equipment

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve Option 3, the final design for Haligus Road Park playground equipment in the amount of \$218,000.00.

Amy Olson presented four options for play equipment and made a recommendation to approve option 3. This option will offer play for the age group 2-5 years and 5-12 years. Both play areas meet the guidelines for ADA and for the IPRA grant. Commissioner Cagle asked if swings for teens could be included in the plan. Olson stated she was looking into hammocks and pods.

Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

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

Discussion:

Channel Update

Executive Director Herbster received information from Hey and Associates today and distributed it to the Board. Herbster will forward the files to the Board and requested that the Board review the information and he will add the discussion of the channel to the agenda for the Committee Meeting of the Whole in December. Attorney Puma requested time to review the information.

Reports to the Board:

Executive Director Herbster

- The revised Police Budget will be presented at the Committee Meeting of the Whole on December 7.
- The holiday party will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023.
- The Festival of Lights parade will begin at 6:30pm. on Friday, November 24, 2023.
- Jason Herbster and Amy Olson have been working with the DNR regarding the grant situation and whether or not the silos can be removed or if they need to remain. Herbster will update the board when the decision is made.

Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Kurt Reckamp

- Employee updates: Heidi Stolt has been promoted to Manager of Recreation Programs. Stephanie Scott, Customer Service Coordinator, has taken the position of Recreation Aquatics Supervisor.
- The Annual Luminaria Walk (free event) will begin on November 29th and run through December 2nd.

Superintendent of Business Services, Tina Becke

- Recruiting for the Guest Services Associate positions at the Administrative Office.

Manager of Park Planning and Development, Amy Olson

- The Racket Club: The concrete will be poured for the new sidewalk at the Racket Club tomorrow.
- The Nature Center: IDNR has offered an additional \$ 145,200.00 in funding through the IDNR Museum Grant.

Matters from the Board:

Commissioner Cathy Cagle

Shamrock Hills Property: Referred to an email received from the neighbor adjacent to the Shamrock Hills property. Cagle requested that the Board address their safety concerns, the cause for park police presence, property fencing, a solution to separating the water/electric and updating the Shamrock property line at the next Committee Meeting of the Whole in December.

Commissioner Cagle asked where things were at with the Park Police review. Executive Director Herbster noted that a revised Police budget showing a lower budget will be presented to the Park Board at the Committee meeting of the Whole in December, and that staff will look into the safety concerns of the neighbor.

Requested cameras to be installed at the Racket Club for car break-ins. Herbster noted that cameras are installed and they are being monitored.

Commented on the testimonials received for the watercolor program. Superintended Reckamp noted that the participants love Marge Stewart, Instructor, and her program.

Executive Session: There was no Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

Approve: _____ Attest: _____
 President Secretary