



Call to Order:

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

Commissioners Present: Eric Anderson, Debbie Gallagher, Jason Heisler, Karen Johnson, Linda Matthias, Sarah Michehl, 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, Tina Becke, Superintendent of Business Services, Kurt Reckamp, Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Claire Naughton, Manager of Facility Services, Anne Sandor, Recording Secretary

Citizens: Mike Kane, Marty Moister, Greg Kobelinski, Wes P., Lake Advisory Committee, Scott Kukendall, McHenry County Water Resources

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl.

Executive Director Herbster noted item XIX. Review of Minutes Including Semi-annual Review to Release 2 (c) 21 was duplicate of XVIII.

Commissioner Gallagher move to amend the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public: None.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Heisler highlighted the following committee discussions.

- Vacant Properties: The District was contacted by two parties regarding the District's interest in two vacant parcels. The Committee agreed not to pursue either property as one parcel was an old golf course located on North Walkup Road, which is too far from the Park District boundary, and the other property is located at 280 View Street, which would be not usable to the Park District.
- Lake Ecology IGA: The Village of Lakewood approved the Intergovernmental Agreement and the City of Crystal Lake did not approve the Intergovernmental Agreement.
- Comprehensive Master Plan: The first meeting went well. The next meeting for staff input will be held on Wednesday, March 9. at 10:00 am. The information requested by Hitchcock Design has been submitted.

- Haligus Park: The Haligus Park Community input meeting will be held March 1. 100 postcards were sent out to the neighbors. The Governor has placed \$56,000,000 in the OSLAD grant in the State's proposed budget.
- State Street Lots Sale: The McHenry County Court approved a Public Hearing scheduled on February 17, 2022, for the sale of the State Street Lots.
- Hillfarm Barn: The Committee discussed the possibility of removing the lean additions to the barn.
- Crystal Lake Park Initiative Foundation: There are interested parties wanting to donate to the Ball Hockey project. The Foundation is waiting on their 501(c) 3 status. Hitchcock Design will have 3-D drawings to help promote the project.

Presentation: Scott Kukendall, Water Resources Specialist, McHenry County Water Resources gave a Water Resources Action Plan (WRAP), power-point presentation covering a groundwater resources management plan, natural hydrology, urban hydrology restoration, NE Illinois ground water, and well monitoring.

Commissioner Cagle stated she was glad to hear the county is on top of this issue. Commissioner Michehl stated one key action is restoration work, i.e., ground water field days at Sterne's Woods and Environmental Defenders at Woodscreek.

Unfinished Business: None.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval: The Voucher Expenses for the month ending, January 31, 2022, in the amount of \$309,234.53.
- Approval: The Interim Voucher Expenses for the month ending February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$436,423.08.
- Accept: The Treasurer's Report for the month ending, January 31, 2022, in the amount of \$12,400,936.87.
- Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2022
- Approval: Cardboard Cup Regatta Request
- Approval: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Request

Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented.
Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

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

Items Removed from Consent Agenda: None.

Business Items

- Approval: Ordinance 21.22.19, Disposal of Property
Commissioner Gallagher moved to approve Ordinance 21.22.19, an ordinance approving the disposal of items of personal property owned by the Crystal Lake Park District.
Seconded by Commissioner Heisler.
Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Gallagher, Heisler, Johnson, Matthias, Michehl, Anderson, Cagle) Nays: 0

- B. Bid Approval: Main Beach Concessions/Bar Renovation Project
Commissioner Gallagher moved to accept the lowest responsible, responsive bid, including Alternates 1, 2 & 3 submitted by Efraim Carlson & Son in the amount of \$525,900, for the Main Beach Concessions/Bar renovation project.
Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.
Roll Call: Ayes: 7 (Heisler, Johnson, Matthias, Michehl, Anderson, Gallagher, Cagle) Nays: 0

Discussion:

Superintendent Reckamp gave an overview of the District's Affiliate Group Agreement. He explained the agreement has been condensed to create individualized and specialized agreements for each affiliate group. The agreement listed needs and requirements of the affiliate. The agreement covers operational concerns and standards set by the District. Individual meetings will be held with each Affiliate group at their field locations. A Memo of Understanding will be presented to each group and used as a working document to address areas of concerns, i.e., insurance, mowing, utilities, garbage, turf and facility maintenance.

Commissioner Cagle expressed concerns regarding affiliate group background checks. Attorney Puma will forward the correct verbiage as to what prohibits an offender to volunteer. The Board commended Superintendent Reckamp for the work done on the revised agreement.

Reports to the Board:

Attorney Scott Puma

- The McHenry County Court approved the sale of the State Street Lots. Executive Director Herbster will contact a realtor.

Executive Director, Jason Herbster

- The Park District has been awarded a Museum Grant in the amount \$363,000 for the Nature Center exhibits.
- The Covid mask mandate has been lifted; masks will be optional at the District. Preschool and Extended Time will follow the DCFS guidelines. Marketing will send out a press release on Friday morning.
- Budget process is moving along as scheduled.
- The Annual NISRA Banquet will be held on March 16. RSVP to Executive Director Herbster.
- City Council did not approve Intergovernmental Agreement presented by the Lake Advisory Committee for the weed program
- Members from the Lake Advisory Committee asked the Park District to reconsider covering the costs of the weed eradication. The Board agreed to review during the upcoming budget discussion.

Superintendent of Business Services, Tina Becke

- Economic Interest Report: Board and staff will received an email from econinterest@mchenrycountyil.gov.
- ACA Forms were sent out to staff for IRS submission.
- Budget Binders will be delivered next week.

Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Kurt Reckamp

- Special Events sold out: Ice Princess Ball, Out of this World and Puzzle Palooza
- Chili Fest: The event went well with 500 participants and staff from Recreation, Facility Services, Park Services and Business Services. Everyone had a great time.
- Programs Filled: Line Dancing, Kid Rock and Pee Wee Tennis.
- Boncosky Field Rentals: No availability until October.
- Summer Camp registration opened this week with 190 participants registered.
- Beaches: Hiring process has begun.
- Staff is working on new summer programming.

Superintendent of Park Services, Erik Jakubowski

- Rotary Building: Water Damage on upper and lower level caused by a running toilet
- Main Beach Restroom: Vandalism at the new restrooms. Dispensers removed and thrown on ice, door handles were broken, soap and toilet paper thrown all over room. The restrooms will be closed until repairs are completed. Marketing will promote in hopes people will contact the District if vandalism is seen.
- Ann Viger, Director of Planning, Development and Interpretive Services will be retiring on March 18.

Matters from the Board:

Commissioner Jason Heisler

- Thanked staff for work done on the affiliate agreement and the Lake Advisory Committee for their hard work for the community.

Commissioner Eric Anderson

- Expressed concerns of not having non-resident rates at The Racket Club.

Commissioner Sarah Michehl

- Expressed her appreciation for the presentation given by Scott Kukendall, McHenry County Water Resources. She would like to include these fundamental practices in the Comprehensive Master Plan and for the Park District to be an example and leader for other municipalities.

Commissioner Linda Matthias

- Appreciated the presentation on water resources.
- Good to see program participation numbers increasing.

Commissioner Debbie Gallagher

- Asked if a weed treatment recommendation could be part of the budget. She stated she was in favor of ridding the invasive species in the lake and would like to see the results after the first treatment before.
- Reported the Park Initiative Foundation received a donation from the America's Cardboard Cup Regatta Committee. During an interview during a Blackhawk's game, Kenny McCudden mentioned the Foundation. The foundation then received a donation from a Chicago resident in the amount of \$150.
- Star 105.5 will sponsor this year's Regatta event.
- Facebook Post: Likes/ Dislikes of Crystal Lake; almost every comment referred to the Park District.

Commissioner Cathy Cagle

- Asked the Board to consider a video broadcast or live stream of the Park Board meetings due to access to public meetings during Covid restrictions.
- Allow the public to submit questions prior to the Board meeting to be read at each meeting.
- Noted posts on Facebook regarding the lack of affordable summer camps and stated she is pleased the Park District is able to provide an affordable summer camp program.

Committee Meeting Dates:

Administration and Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 10.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to enter Executive Session to discuss items B. Personnel 2 (c) 1 and E. Review of Minutes Including Semi-Annual Review to Release 2 (c) 21,m at 8:15 pm.

Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

Roll Call: All were in favor.

Reconvene:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to reconvene at 8:28 pm.

Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

Roll Call: All were in favor.

Action from Matters from Executive Session

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Resolution 21.22.07, Release of Closed Session Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Heisler. All were in favor.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Gallagher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All were in favor.

Approve: _____

President

Attest: _____

Secretary