



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2024
6:00pm

1. Call to Order	Commissioner Jeffery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
2. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Powers, Bird, Sokolowski, Gramann, and Jeffery. Absent: Commissioner Parisi, and Witteck. Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, Scumaci, and Quinn, Superintendent Adamson, Division Manager Kenny, and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
3. Listening Post	None								
4. Changes to the Agenda									
5. Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval: Special Minutes: June 5, 2024 B. Approval: Regular Minutes: June 10, 2024 C. Approval: Special Minutes: June 24, 2024 D. Ratify: June 2024 Bills E. Approval: Resolution No 24-02 Designation of July as Park and Recreation Month <p>Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Passes 5-0-2</p> <p>Commissioner Gramann made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Witteck: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Parisi: Absent</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Absent	Commissioner Parisi: Absent	
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6. Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introduce Dave Rowland Director Bachewicz introduced Dave Rowland, new Recreation Supervisor for Athletics. Dave graduated from George Williams College of Aurora University at Williams Bay, WI. He comes from Village of Williams Bay as the Recreation Director for the past 10 years. He moved to Lombard and is engaged to be married. Commissioner Sokolowski asked how he likes it so far. He replied he is getting up to speed. 								

B. Presentation of Village Project Klein Creek Sections II and III

Director Hamilton introduced Greg Ulreich, Civil/Stormwater Engineer for the Village of Carol Stream's Department of Engineering Services. He described in detail the work completed on the Klein Creek Project in Sections II and III. The next section will reduce the size of Lake George on the west side of Armstrong park adjacent to Balog Island. There will be a shelf and swale to direct the water coming from the west toward the east below the sled hill and north of the ball fields, then it will connect with Klein Creek. Commissioner Jeffery asked who is responsible for the maintenance. Mr. Ulreich said the Park District, but that can be negotiated; an intergovernmental agreement will be put in place. Commissioner Jeffery asked if this will reduce the flooding at the ball park. Mr. Ulreich said not if there is a big rain event like we had in 2008, 2011 and 2013. The pump station will remain and help, but it is not designed to eliminate flooding. The plans for this work are still being developed, but we hope to go out to bid next spring. Commissioner Jeffery asked why we are doing all this work. Mr. Ulreich explained it will stabilize Klein Creek and naturalize the area. The goal is to improve the creek; the water will be cleaner and create a better ecological area. The Village is set to begin this grant funded project of the next section of Klein Creek between Illini and Thunderbird this fall and will be finished next spring.

C. Playground Plans

Executive Director Rini reviewed the two playgrounds next in line for replacement; Appomattox and Friendship Parks. She also explained that applications for OSLAD Grants are being accepted now but we anticipate the grant funds will be swept from the 2025 State budget. Neither Appomattox nor Friendship Parks are good candidates for OSLAD funding. We have been in contact with School District 200, who may be interested in partnering with us for the playground replacement at Pleasant Hill School. The funds we had earmarked for Appomattox Park could be redirected to this playground replacement, apply for the OSLAD grant, and partner School District 200 for a financial contribution to serve a larger portion of the community. We could replace the playground, expand the parking lot, and repurpose the tennis court into pickleball courts. We also have cash in lieu for a development in Winfield, which must be used in Winfield. While Pleasant Hill Park is in the Park District boundaries, it is also located in the Winfield boundaries. Commissioner Powers said he loves the idea. Commissioner Gramann said she evaluated that park and it is in need of work. It is also used extensively by the children at the school and the neighborhood. The other Commissioners agreed. Executive Director Rini said we will move forward with proposing a partnership with District 200 and the OSLAD grant application. The next question is if we still use Wight & Company. Commissioner Powers said he doesn't trust them anymore after the mistakes made on the Community Park OSLAD Grant. Commissioner Bird agreed. Commissioner Sokolowski said to choose a different architect. Commissioner Gramann said the last several parks have similar designs; let's

choose a different architect. Commissioner Jeffery agreed. Executive Director Rini said District 200 is using Upland Design for all their playground replacements; the District also has had good experience with firms like Hitchcock. The Board agreed staff should check them out.

D. Strategic Plan Update

Executive Director Rini reviewed the timeline for the Strategic Planning Process. It will begin with a Virtual Kick-Off meeting on August 1.

Commissioners Gramann and Witteck, and Directors will confirm the expected outcomes, review the Mission, Vision, and Values of the District and discuss if they should be updated, review prior strategic plans and goals, and set project schedules. Commissioner Gramann said there will be no decisions made to change the Mission, Vision or Values of the District without the full Board input. Executive Director Rini asked the Commissioners to let her know if they would like to join the Zoom meeting. There will also be individual meetings with the consultants to explore their vision for the Park District over the next 3-5 years.

E. Weekly Happenings (oral)

- Commissioner Gramann thanked staff for the parade on the Fourth of July. It was very well organized with triple the usual number of people.
- Commissioner Sokolowski commended the morning Fitness attendant, Neil. He is always cleaning and checking the equipment.
- Commissioner Bird said a neighbor asked if the Park District is planning anything on the July 20th, 55th anniversary of the Moon Landing in which Armstrong Park is named after. Director Bachewicz said we have not planned anything. Director Quinn suggested we could issue a press release to increase awareness in the community.
- Commissioner Bird noted that the Dog Fest is scheduled on August 4 at Hampe Park. He said the event organizer, Dr. Contreras asked if the District's mascot Cody the Coyote could make an appearance. Director Bachewicz will work with Dr. Contreras to discuss whether this will be an option.
- Commissioner Gramann asked if a donation could be made to the AJL + DSCO Golf Invitational. Executive Director Rini said we could be a sponsor, or send a foursome to the outing.
- Commissioner Jeffery said we are inviting Legislators, County Officials, and the Village to attend the Grand Opening at Community Park We are hoping that Mayor Saverino will say a few words.
- Commissioner Powers asked about the playground mulch at Community Park. Director Hamilton said it is new mulch, installed last fall. He said it will be raked and perhaps a fresh layer installed before the Grand Opening on August 26.
- Executive Director Rini said she received a complaint from a resident who lives about a half mile north of McCaslin Park on Saturday. She said the music was too loud. Sue explained the park was reserved for a large

	<p>tournament with a DJ and a festival atmosphere. Staff were on site all weekend and no other complaints were received.</p>								
7. Action Items	<p>A. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Panthers Soccer Club Director Bachewicz said the Carol Stream Panther Soccer Club for the 2024-2025 season is presented for renewal. Commissioner Jeffery asked if all their documents are in order. Division Manager Kenny said they are; they have also applied for 501C3 tax exempt status. Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 affiliate agreement with the Carol Stream Panther Soccer Club. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. Voice Vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes 5-0-2.</p> <p>B. Approval: Commissioner Appointment to Committee(s) Executive Director Rini reviewed the three standing committees: Finance, Personnel & Policy, and Parks & Facilities. Commissioners are appointed in May to serve on at least one Committee. Commissioner Parisi was appointed to the Park Board in June. Commissioner Jeffery said Commissioner Parisi asked to be on the Parks & Facilities committee and the Finance Committee. Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to appoint Commissioner Parisi to the Parks & Facilities Committee and the Finance Committee as discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes 5-0-2.</p>								
8. Closed Session	<p>Commissioner Gramann made a motion at 7:27pm to enter into closed session to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes, Section 2(c)(21) B. Performance of an Employee, Section 2(c)(1) <p>Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes 5-0-2. Arose from closed session at 7:50pm.</p>								
9. Action Pertaining to Closed Session	<p>8A. Motion to release closed session minutes by Commissioner Powers. Second by Commissioner Sokolowski. Voice vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes 5-0-2.</p> <p>8B. Motion to award merit increase to Executive Director Rini to \$174,000 by Commissioner Gramann. Second by Commissioner Bird.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Witteck: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Parisi: Absent</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Absent	Commissioner Parisi: Absent	
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10. Adjournment	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bird. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 5-0-2. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.
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Sue Rini

Secretary
Sue Rini

Jacqueline Jeffery

President
Jacqueline Jeffery

August 12, 2024
Date