



Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

Commissioners Present:

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

Late Arrival: Commissioner Linda Matthias arrived at 6:45pm.

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, Anne Sandor, Recording Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens:

Craig Mackey, Jen & Joe LaMonica, Rich Hickey, Gary and Cataline Meyer, Greg Waggoner, Greg Kobelinski, Bill Carvell, Jim Rocheford, Ned Zeman, Annette Peterson, Scott Swanson, Jerry and Mary Adee, Jeff McInerney, Sandra Kinahan

Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Anderson asked to move items E. Lake Advisory Committee Formal Recognition and I. Lake Use by Non-Motorized Boats be moved to items A. and B. Commissioner Michehl moved to approve the agenda, as revised. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public:

Resident, Joe LaMonica asked for clarification of if non-motorized boats included sailboats.

Greg Kobelinski reported that a notice with misinformation was sent to the SPOA regarding the Park District regarding the restrictions on human powered watercraft. He stated that the District was referring to their rental boats at Main Beach.

Mr. Kobelinski expressed concern with inexperienced boaters and suggested restricting rentals to the no wake areas. Additional remarks are included in the correspondence section of the April 18, 2024 Regular Board meeting packet.

Executive Director Herbster noted that staff will be enforcing the boat rental guidelines and will be able to monitor the boats out on the water with the jet ski.

Commissioner Heisler noted that the information on the Park District website and the Lake Safety/Ecology Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Lakewood, City of Crystal Lake and the Park District was incorrect. He stated that Lake Safety should be removed from the document, since the agreement is for Lake Ecology.

Commissioner Anderson moved that literature regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement states specifically that the Park District's participation in the Agreement is for lake ecology and for the collections and disbursement of lake usage decal fees, only. Seconded by Commissioner Heisler. All were in favor.

Commissioner Michehl questioned why public emails regarding Lake Use by Non-Motorized Boats were received prior to the date that the agenda was posted. Commissioner Anderson stated that Commissioner Cagle requested the item to be posted on the agenda.

He stated that he believed Cagle was requesting a discussion about changing wake/no wake hours associated with motorized boats for the entire lake. He felt it was appropriate for him to discuss this issue with the public and apologized for his misinformation. Commissioner Michehl requested that agenda items be discussed at the Board level prior to requesting community feedback.

Commissioner Cagle stated that she wanted to discuss the boat rental guidelines and how the limited wake hours are limiting the rights of the lakefront homeowners. She requested to take back the recommendations and to let the city and village decide. Commissioner Anderson stated that there was no Board recommendation. Executive Director Herbster stated that the Board's directive was to include the rules in the rental guidelines, which the staff has done, and to send the request of the resident to the Village and the City. Commissioner Anderson requested discussion regarding the District's boat launch access at a future meeting.

Lake Advisory Committee Formal Recognition:

Executive Director Herbster noted that the Lake Advisory Committee would like to be recognized as a Committee of the Park District. Commissioner Cagle stated that the original intention of the Lake Advisory Committee was to be a stand alone committee and for the committee to be an advisory committee for the City, Lakewood and the Park District. Commissioner Heisler stated that he would be in favor if the committee was for ecology purposes only and suggested a name change such as the Lake Ecology Advisory Committee. Commissioner Cagle asked if the current committee is involved with non-ecology matters. Mr. Kobelinski stated there were none. Commissioner Cagle requested that there be structured meetings and regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Anderson stated that the Committee would be an Advisory Committee to the Park District for lake ecology purposes. Heisler suggested the other municipalities be involved.

Commissioner Matthias moved to recognize the Lake Advisory Committee be recognized as advisory to the Park District for lake ecology purposes only. Commissioner Cagle stated that she would be in favor if there was more structure to the Committee. Commissioner Jacobson noted that they are asking to be recognized. Commissioner Michehl requested to review the Memo of Understanding. Seconded by Commissioner Heisler.

Roll Call: Ayes: 4 (Heisler, Johnson, Matthias, Anderson) Nays: 3 (Cagle, Johnson, Michehl)

Misericordia Fundraising Event Request:

Commissioner Cagle requested sending emails to previous organization to get their requests in by a deadline of six week prior to the event. Executive Director Herbster stated that staff would approve the requests, if possible, if they were too late for a Board meeting.

Commissioner Michehl moved to approve the request submitted by Misericordia, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias. All were in favor.

Amendment-Park Policy 6.0 -Bidding Procedures:

Executive Director Herbster stated that Legislation in Springfield increased to the bid limit in May 2022, from \$25,0000 to \$30,000. The Board agreed to place Amendment-Park Policy 6.0 -Bidding Procedure on the agenda for approval at the Regular Park Board meeting on April 18, 2024. Executive Director Herbster will include the State statute in the policy, in place of the dollar amount.

Park District Policy Manual - 5 Year Update:

The Board agreed to have staff review the Park Policy Manual and present updates to the Park Board for review.

ADA Transition Plan:

Executive Director Herbster noted that staff has budgeted in the 2024-2025 budget for a consultant to review and create a revised timeline using the current ADA Transition Plan.

Haligus Road Park -Formal Naming

Commissioner Cagle stated that she felt that the park should not be named after a person or of political nature. Commissioner Anderson stated that he did not want to restrict the name of the park after someone. Commissioner Cagle agreed and suggested to have staff come up with guidelines for a public park naming contest. Commissioner Matthias suggested including the policy with the guidelines. Commissioner Michehl suggested including the qualifying names portion of the policy. The Board agreed. The Park Naming Contest concept will include a timeline and will be presented to the Board at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 9, 2024.

A resident stated that when he needed to contact Park Police regarding an incident at Kamijima Park, the Dispatch did not know where the park was located. Executive Director Herbster will follow up with Dispatch.

3rd Quarter Seasonal Program Report

Superintendent Reckamp presented a report listing the status of program enrollment in winter programs from November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024. He stated that a more comprehensive report will encompass all of the year-to-date comprehensive analysis after the summer season.

Barlina Barn

Commissioner Cagle stated that the costs are important and suggested contacting the historical society to the cost for a historical documentation consultant. Executive Director noted that Manager Olson prepared a list of what she felt would be needed to be done to preserve the barn. She reached out to several architectural firms. Proposals were received from two firms to examine the architectural review of the barn, silo and corn crib, structural review of the barn, silo and corn crib, and a historic review of site ownership. The proposals were priced between \$16,000 and \$19,000. The historical commissioner proposed a roof replacement at \$145,000; this project will need to go out to bid. Olson will continue to research costs for this project.

Commissioner Cagle asked if anyone looked into a barn grant. Executive Director Herbster stated that he is looking to determine if the project qualifies. Commissioner Michehl requested all costs and to prioritize. The Board agreed.

Jim Heisler, resident, stated that he has been successful with asking for donations to restore the barn. Cagle asked if she could assist Heisler with seeking donations. Puma stated that would be acceptable because it is separate from the Park District.

Matters from the Board: There were none.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Cagle moved to enter Executive Session to discuss item A. Personnel 2 (c)1 at 7:26pm. Seconded by Commissioner Matthias.

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

Reconvene: Commissioner Cagle moved to reconvene open session at 8:15pm. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All were in favor.

Commissioner Anderson adjourned the meeting 8:16 PM.

Approve: _____ Attest: _____

President

Secretary