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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 Kraffthefer, 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, Rocio Arreola-Escutia, Human Resources Manager, Aaron Beltran, Safety/HR Specialist

Citizens: Residents, Robert Wyman and Brittany Niequist, Speer Financial, Aaron Gold

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve agenda with the removal of Consent Agenda Item H. Dravel Syndrome Foundation NFP. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl. All were in favor.

Matters from the Public:

Robert Wyman stated that he spoke to ABC Roofing regarding a purchase of roofing materials for the Hillfarm Barn and will also contact the City of Crystal Lake regarding potential grants. He had feedback from a student regarding the use of the barn; she suggested a farmer's market.

Executive Director read a letter received from Resident Dianne Miller. She stated that the daily Park Police patrols have been observed at Lippold Park. Additional comments will be included in the 05.16.25 Annual Park Board meeting packing under the correspondence section.

Staff Introductions: Superintendent Tina Becke introduced new employees Rocio Arreola-Escutia, Human Resources Manager, and Aaron Beltran, Safety/HR Specialist.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve the following consent agenda with the removal of item H. Dravel Syndrome Foundation NFP, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl.

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

A. Approval: The Voucher Expenses for the month ending, March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$502,949.15.

B. Approval: The Interim Voucher Expenses for the month ending April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$239,927.41.

C. Accept: The Treasurer's Report for the month ending, March 31, 2024, in the amount of \$15,100,891.66.

D. Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes 03.21.24

E. Approval: Committee Meeting of the Whole Minutes 04.04.24

F. Approval: Revisions to Park District Policy 6.0 Bidding Procedure

G. Approval: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Request NFP

H. Approval: ~~Dravel Syndrome Foundation NFP~~

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

H. Approval: Dravel Syndrome Foundation NFP

Commissioner Cagle questioned the sale of food and tickets for the event. The Executive Director stated that the organization will be informed that they will need to obtain permits from the McHenry County Health Department for the sale of food and a raffle permit must be obtained from the City of Crystal Lake.

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve the Dravel Syndrome Foundation event, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson. All were in favor.

Presentation: Speer Financial ARS Bond Presentation

Aaron Gold, Vice President Speer Financial presented a Bond Financing Plan and timetable for the General Obligation Bonds, Alternative Revenue Source, Series 2024A. Mr. Gold stated that the Adoption of the Authorizing Ordinance will require approval prior to the BINA hearing on May 15, 2024. The Board will receive the results of the sale of this issuance and Bond Ordinance on June 20, 2024. The closing will be held on July 9. Commissioner Anderson inquired if there would be a rate reduction with the local bank over the public market. Mr. Gold stated that it would be more beneficial to go to the public market and offered to conduct an analysis and follow up with the local bank.

New Business Action Items:

A. Approval: Bond Authorization Ordinance

Commissioner Cagle moved to approve Ordinance, 23.24.16, an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 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 Michehl.

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

B. Approval: Executive Director Contract

Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the sixth amendment to the Executive Director's Employment Agreement, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Michehl. All were in favor.

C. Approval: Burke Great Play Equipment Giveaway

Manager Amy Olson reported that Burke Great Play is hosting a playground giveaway lottery for a free playground and suggested that this would be a good opportunity for Knack Park. The Park Board agreed to pursue the Burke Great Play Giveaway program.

Reports to the Board:

Executive Director Herbster

- Executive Director Herbster commended the Guest Services team for their work with the sales of the new key fob system and lake usage decals. Herbster stated that there has been an issue with the horsepower, as many of the State Watercraft Registration renewal confirmation receipts are not showing the horsepower. The registration process is functioning well, however, many of the patrons are irritated due to the need to provide documentation.
- Herbster and staff will attend the High School Marketing Class at Prairie Ridge High School for a presentation on teen programming.
- The Chamber Community Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 23 at the County Club.
- The Racket Club Outdoor Ribbon Cutting at 9:30am will be held on April 27 and The Nature Center Re-Grand Opening will be held on June 1, from 10am to 2pm.
- The Golf Learning Center light shields are scheduled to be installed on Friday, April 19.

Manager of Park Planning and Development, Amy Olson

- Olson distributed photos of some of the new exhibits at the Nature Center to the Park Board and noted that staff is very excited about the installations and are working on updating other areas in the Nature Center.
- The replacement of the Rotary Shelter will begin early May.
- The annual planting day at the Nature Center will be held in May.

Superintendent Erik Jakubowski

- Staff have attended a PDRMA training on park maintenance.

Superintendent of Recreation Programs and Facility Services, Kurt Reckamp

- The Summer Program Guide will be available May 3.
- Most of the Summer Day Camp sessions are filled. Staff is having discussions regarding requesting additional space in schools for next year.
- Commissioner Cagle asked if a Nature Camp at the Nature Center would be offered this summer. Reckamp said that the additional Teen Nature Camps, i.e., Lake Leisure Camp will be offered.

Superintendent of Business Services, Tina Becke

- The first payment for the Lake Usage Decals will be made to the Village of Lakewood on Friday, April 19. The payment will cover the sales of 04.0.24 to 04.14.24. Currently, there have been 199 non-motorized and 162 motorized decals sold.
- A payment was received for park impact fees from the City of Crystal Lake.
- Thank you to the staff and Park Board for submitting the Economic Interest Statements.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cagle requested further discussion on the purchase of the Northwestern Health and Fitness Center in Crystal Lake, as the community is in need of a community center. Commissioner Anderson asked the Board if there was an interest in purchasing the facility. Commissioners Anderson, Michehl, Matthias, Jacobson and Heisler stated they were not in favor. Commissioners Cagle and Johnson were in favor.

Matters from The Board:

Commissioner Sarah Michehl stated that she attended the Solar Eclipse event at the Nature Center. There was a great crowd; people of all ages attended. She also attended the Barrington Library to present a presentation and received great feedback from a Crystal Lake resident regarding the restoration of Fetzner Park and that it inspired her to plant native plants on her property.

Commissioner Matthias noted that some of her students were excited about working for the Park District this summer.

Commissioner Cagle asked if the citizen's request for a La Crosse wall will be discussed. Herbster stated that the item will be placed on the May 2, 2024, Committee Meeting of the Whole meeting agenda. Cagle asked if there were any restrictions as a Park Board member in assisting Mr. Wyman with seeking donations for restorations to the barn. Attorney Puma stated there were no restrictions.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Cagle moved to enter Executive Session to discuss item B. Board Member Performance 2(c)3.

Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll Call: Ayes: 2 (Johnson, Cagle) Nays: 5 (Jacobson, Matthias, Michehl, Heisler, Anderson)

Adjourn: Commissioner Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary