



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2023
6:00pm

Call to Order	Commissioner Gramann called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Gramann, Powers, Sokolowski, Del Preto, and Bird. Commissioners Jeffery and Witteck were absent. Staff: Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, Quinn, and Scumaci, Superintendent Adamson, Division Manager Kenny and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
Listening Post	A. Dan Leahy, Executive Director of WDSRA, presented an update (see attached.) B. Director Bachewicz introduced new Recreation Supervisor, Genevive Snopko. She worked for Carol Stream Park District from 2007-2017 in the aquatics department while attending DePaul University. After graduation, she worked at Fortnightly of Chicago. She said she is excited to return to work at Carol Stream Park District.								
Changes to the Agenda	None								
Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval: Regular Minutes: November 13, 2023 B. Approval: Finance Committee Minutes: December 4, 2023 C. Ratify: November 2023 Bills D. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Travel Softball and Baseball Association E. Approval: Affiliate Agreement with Carol Stream Youth Football Association F. Approval: Ordinance No. 572 Park District Surplus <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto.</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 Del Preto: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Witteck: Absent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Absent</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 5-0-2</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Del Preto: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Absent	Commissioner Jeffery: Absent	
Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye								
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Commissioner Jeffery: Absent									

Discussion Items

A. Future Capital Improvement Plan

Director Hamilton reviewed a couple of projects completed in 2023 and some of the projects that remain on the Capital Improvement Plan. Trends, including Pickleball, should be considered in our future plans. Staff would like to conduct a priority exercise at the next Board Meeting to evaluate our priorities for the next five years. Commissioner Powers asked if we need to replace the 39 passenger bus. Director Hamilton said while the motor is strong, it is over 10 years old and parts are failing. The last problem was the anti-lock braking system.

Commissioner Del Preto asked for a copy of the Playground Repair and Replacement spreadsheet and asked how long a typical playground lasts. Director Hamilton said they are usually rated for 15-20 years, but with the care we provide, we can sometimes stretch it out to 25 years. Commissioner Sokolowski noted the shoreline restoration is an important capital expenditure too. Commissioner Gramann asked for detailed information to be provided in advance of the January 8, 2024 meeting so we can discuss and review, then perhaps complete the priority exercise on January 22, 2024.

B. Potential Partnership Opportunity with Benjamin School District

Director Bachewicz reviewed the “field of dreams” Benjamin School District has planned as well as the addition of an auditorium at Benjamin Middle School. Superintendent Woell values our partnership and wants to move on this project right away. Director Hamilton added we have the ability to negotiate with them as they want to use the McCaslin lift station to connect Benjamin Middle School to the sewer lines on Morton Road. We are looking to get direction from the Board if this opportunity to expand our services should be pursued.

Commissioner Powers does not think it is a good idea; adding it does not align with our mission. Commissioner Sokolowski would like to get more information on the costs involved and the benefits to the Park District. Commissioner Del Preto is in favor, knowing the conditions of our soccer fields, but not sure about the auditorium. Commissioner Bird is concerned about lighting up the neighborhood surrounding Benjamin. As far as the auditorium is concerned, he would like more information. Commissioner Gramann is interested in looking at the possibilities.

C. Affiliate Agreements Review and Approval Process

Director Bachewicz asked the Board to consider removing the requirement for Board approval of the Annual Affiliate group agreements. The documents are very similar to other contractual agreements that the Board does not review and approve. We update the dates and fees annually. If there were changes recommended by PDRMA or affiliate status, we would bring that to the Board.

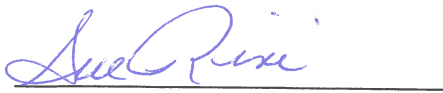
Commissioner Powers said no; he wants to review them annually. Commissioner Bird said he is ok with forgoing the annual review. Commissioner Del Preto said it doesn't seem like a good idea to him. Commissioner Sokolowski likes to see them annually and we continue to have issues with the football affiliate. Commissioner Gramann said she likes to review them.

	<p>D. Weekly Happenings (oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Gramann participated in several holiday events since the last meeting including the Holiday Tree Lighting, the Polar Express and Grinchmas. She was delighted with the programs and complimented staff. • Commissioner Del Preto asked if we have considered hosting an information night for parents to know what we offer for kids. Director Bachewicz noted Just Try It and the 10 Year Anniversary event held this past August where we gave samples of programs to the public. There are also informational meetings at the start of select programs like Summer Camp and Preschool. • Commissioner Sokolowski noted how nice McCaslin looks with the new shed and turf. He asked about the different colors of turf; Division Manager Kenny explained they represent where the base bags go for different age groups and where softball pitchers stand. • Commissioner Sokolowski noted he has seen an increase in usage at Fountain View Fitness. It is a beautiful facility that brings many people in; the quality of service keeps them there.
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>A. Approval: Ordinance No. 571 Levying and Assessing Taxes for the Year 2023 By State Statute, the Board of Commissioners needs to file an annual ordinance with the County in order to levy taxes for the following year.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 571 levying and assessing taxes for the year 2023, to be collected in the year 2024, and to certify that the District levied an amount of ad valorem tax that is less than 105% of the final aggregate levy extension of the preceding year, complied with the publication and hearing provisions needed per section 6 or 7 of the Act, and that the staff be allowed to make the adjustments to that potential reduction in the same vein. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Del Preto: Aye Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Absent Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Absent Motion Passes 5-0-2</p> <p>B. Approval: Ordinance No. 573 Annexing Certain Property to the Carol Stream Park District Director Scumaci reviewed the location of the property at the corner of North Avenue and Morton Road. Aligning Park District boundaries to incorporate newly annexed Village property will build the tax base through Corporate Replacement Tax. Commissioner Bird asked if this will lead the way to annex McCaslin Park. Director Bachewicz said yes, hopefully in less than a year.</p>



	<p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 573, an Ordinance annexing certain property located at 27W364 West North Avenue to the Carol Stream Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Del Preto: Aye Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Absent Motion Passes 5-0-2</p> <p>Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Absent</p>
Closed Session	<p>Motion by Commissioner Del Preto to enter into closed session at 7:25 pm to discuss Section 2(c)(21) Biannual Review of Closed Session Minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. Arose from closed session at 7:29 pm.</p>
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	<p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to release closed session meeting minutes and destroy verbatim recordings as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Del Preto: Aye Commissioner Gramann: Aye Commissioner Jeffery: Absent Motion Passes 5-0-2</p> <p>Commissioner Powers: Aye Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye Commissioner Witteck: Absent</p>
Adjournment	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 5-0-2. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.</p>


 President
 Jacqueline Jeffery


 Secretary
 Sue Rini

January 8, 2024
 Date

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Focus on Carol Stream

- Two Rec n' Roll sites – one recently relocated to Fountain View due to the building flood.
- Programming at CSPD sites, special events, inclusion requests – Over 94% of requests met in a timely manner
- Foundation support partners in our Golf Outing and annual BASH fundraisers
- Summer Camp at Simkus, Coral Cove
- Disability awareness education for Carol Stream Park District staff or partners
- Administrative/business staff being accommodated at Simkus

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Flooding Update

Oct. 4 Water Main burst between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

ServPro onsite for two weeks - \$250,000 remediation assistance

Relocation of Staff and Day Program

Ongoing engineer survey/reports

Claim / Contract coordination

Contingency Plans

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Director Activities

Director Activity Highlights

- Visits to all communities/program sites
- Inclusion shadowing
- IAPD/IPRA State Conference
- Continued meetings w/local legislators (Rec n' Roll Grant)
- Foundation advocacy – nearly 700k raised in donations and in-kind gifts
- Meetings/advocacy w/school Superintendents
- More involvement with SRA Directors

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Facts and Figures

Regular Programs		Inclusion Programs	
Age Group	% of Regular Participants	Age Group	% of Inclusion Participants
Age 4-8	8%	Age 4-8	25%
Age 9-12	4%	Age 9-12	8%
Age 13-17	12%	Age 13-17	77%
Age 18-21	8%	Age 18-21	4%
Age 22-25	5%	Age 22-25	4%
Age 26+	8%	Age 26+	4%

Additional Participations by Individuals without Disabilities in Community Special Events, Disability Awareness and Foundation Events

FY 2021-2022: 1,015
 FY 2022-2023: 1,035

WDSRA Seasonal Program Registrations

Program	Registrations
Winter	1,247 (71%)
Summer	560 (31%)
Spring	171 (9%)
Fall	127 (7%)
Yearly	1,905 (100%)

WDSRA Inclusion Program Registrations

Program	Registrations
Winter	1,015 (71%)
Summer	149 (10%)
Spring	127 (9%)
Fall	127 (9%)
Yearly	1,418 (100%)

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Impact Story

HELEN, JULIAN, ZACH & CONRAD

Scholarships make it possible for each of them to be connected... not isolated.

There are 4 children (12-year-old Julian, 10-year-old Zach and 52-year-old Conrad). They do not have any disabilities. Their mom is Helen. All three are on the Autism spectrum. Two also have ADHD. Helen has her parents full-time. She is also a care-giver for her own health issues.

Helen feels herself depending on WDSRA to give her children something she can't. Through programs, each child has an outlet that is important to them. Helen and Conrad have a passion for sports. Through WDSRA, they get to go to events. They get to go to events to see their friends and meet new people. They get to go to events to see their friends and meet new people. They get to go to events to see their friends and meet new people.

Let us know! Fill out our form at <https://www.wdsra.org>

"WDSRA provides a safe place for friendships for Sophie. I am so thankful for that." - Heather, Sophie's mom

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Spaces/Services/Staff

Launching the WDSRA Scholarship Endowment

The WDSRA Scholarship Endowment has a total balance goal of \$100,000. Over a period of 10 years, the endowment will fund our special needs scholarship program to help us reach the goal of 1000 and future participants & families.

The WDSRA Scholarship Endowment Inspiration

An inspiration from a family who received a diagnosis of 2021, the Fitzgerald family has committed to donating \$25,000 and has been the inspiration for the creation of the WDSRA Scholarship Endowment. The family wants to help us reach our goal.

52 Families
 176 Participants
 \$19,248

Foundation: \$49,061
 Participants: 81
 Members: 21
 Members since 1922-23: 6

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What's Next?

VISION 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

- Building recovery and rebuild
- Continued progress on our Strategic Plan (begin year 2) - continuous improvement
- #WDSRA50 in 2026

Questions? Thank You!

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