



**Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2020  
7:00pm**

<b>Please Note</b>	Due to the shut-down of all Park District facilities in response to COVID-19, the Carol Stream Park District will be using Zoom conferencing for the Board of Commissioners Meeting on June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend the Meeting and instructions are provided below. The use of Zoom video conference is permitted by the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation in response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order 5) exempting the requirements of the Open Meetings Act for the physical presence of the Commissioners at the meeting and permitting Commissioner attendance by video, audio, or telephone access.								
<b>Call to Order</b>	Commissioner Gramann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.								
<b>Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Present: Commissioners Bird, Del Preto, Jaszka, Jeffery, Gramann, Powers and Sokolowski. Absent: N/A Staff: Executive Director Reuter, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton and Rini, and Superintendent of Human Resources & Risk Management Quinn,								
<b>Listening Post</b>	None.								
<b>Changes to the Agenda</b>	Since Consent Agenda only has 1 item, it will proceed as an individual motion, with second approval, and roll call vote.								
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 8, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Bird: Aye</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Del Preto: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Jaszka: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 7-0-0</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Del Preto: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Jaszka: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	
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Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye									
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<p>A. Bond Refinancing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Director Reuter summarized the Board’s discussions over the last several months which considered refinancing outstanding bonds for savings, restructuring, or issuing new capital funds. Committee of Commissioners Powers, Gramann, and Jeffery reviewed all comments and input other board</li> </ul>								

members had submitted to Reuter. They also met via Zoom with District municipal advisor and reviewed options. The Committee's recommendation is to refinance for savings without issuing any additional new money.

- Commissioner Sokolowski thanks staff and board for their work, adding that the board be should ready to discuss the need for new money in the near future. Projects like Community Park improvements and other priorities need to be discussed. Reuter agreed; adding that staff has been very aggressive in seeking grants. Three grants applications are currently awaiting decisions for projects at: Mitchell Lakes Park Path, Elk Trail Recreation Center and the release of almost \$200k in Senate initiative funds the District was awarded in 2019.
- All agreed that the Parks & Facility Committee should meet to discuss plans for Community Park. Having a shovel ready plan will put the project in line for grants that become available. Commissioner Sokolowski asked for explanation of shovel ready; is Bierman Path replacement shovel ready? Reuter explained that shovel ready is not construction documents, but a budget plan/estimate. If Mitchel Path earns a grant this year, the District would apply for grant to complete Bierman next year.
- Commissioner Powers is in favor of the refinancing that will recognize approximately \$1.1M in present value savings. Commissioner Jeffery agreed, and recognized that there would be a cost for issuing money in the future in lieu of letting it net out at this time. Due to current economic conditions, this option creates savings to our tax payers now. Commissioner Gramann added that the timing to issue money is not right. She included the fact that a significant number of park district staff are still laid off, and that residents were upset by the Village's recent issuance of debt. *implementation of Property Tax.*
- Commissioner Jaszka is concerned about letting this opportunity to issue new money at low interest rates pass us by. If EAV drops, the District's bond rating could drop, and interest rates could rise; it could be years before the opportunity is available again. He also cited funding needed for Community Park, Bierman Path and Mitchell Lake, just to name a few. The savings will be offset when new money is issued in the future. He is ready to defend a decision to issue new money, and does not want to handcuff future boards. He is in support of issuing money to make improvements that help those in underserved areas.
- Commissioner Bird believes this is not the right time to issue new money; he is favor of a refinancing for savings. Residents may not have a full picture of their financial future right now because they are collecting unemployment with an extra federal supplement. We need to wait and see what happens; reconsider in a 6 months or a year from now.
- Commissioner Jeffery appreciated all the points raised; they are all valid. Just as we hold back from making big purchases in our personal lives when the future is uncertain, and it might be cheaper to do so now than in the future, but she does not believe it is the right decision to add to the tax bill or

	<p>extend the debt. Commissioner Jaszka asked Director Rini to interject with the impact to tax payers. Rini stated there are a number of factors including the extension of debt in order to lower the amount of any tax increase. The amount could be minimal, or more significant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Sokolowski agrees with much of Commissioner Jaszka’s comments as well as what others have stated. He asks that the Board continue to work on the priorities for capital improvements, and be prepared to issue new money in the future.</li> <li>• Commissioner Del Preto too sees both sides. A \$16/month increase could be a lot to one resident, and not a big deal to another one.</li> <li>• President Gramann thanked everyone for their input and differing points of view. This is a tough decision, and many good points were raised by everyone. The overall consensus is to refinance without any new money at this time. We will continue to prioritize capital needs with the understanding that new money will be needed in the future.</li> </ul> <p>B. Weekly Happenings (oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Powers noted that the artificial turf football field at Glenbard North High School project began last week.</li> <li>• Commissioner Del Preto commented that it was nice to see summer campers at the Simkus Rec Center; he noted that they using grassy areas, and outdoor food court area while socially distancing for games and activities.</li> <li>• Executive Director announced that with IDPH guidelines having been released, the District will be hosting its first baseball/softball tournament of the season. As long as the Governor signs the Executive Order for Illinois to move to Phase 4, the tournament will be held June 26-28. Fields at both McCaslin and Armstrong will be used. Detailed safety guidelines have been created, signage added, and additional park district staff will be on hand to ensure compliance. Concessions will also be available at McCaslin. 50 teams are registered for the tournament, and the tournament director has agreed to all guidelines.</li> <li>• Commissioner Del Preto commented that he will be taking his daughter to Indiana for a third out-of-state tournament this weekend. So far the tournaments he has attended have had very clear guidelines, and he would be happy to share them with our Recreation Team.</li> <li>• Executive Director Reuter asked Commissioner’s about holding the next Board Meeting on July 13 in person at Fountain View Recreation Center. Again, assuming Phase 4 is approved, the District’s safety protocols can accommodate an in person meeting. All Board members were in favor of such a meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	None



<b>Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Action Pertaining to Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Del Preto.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Bird: Aye          Commissioner Gramann: Aye          Commissioner Jeffery: Aye          Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Del Preto: Aye          Commissioner Jaszka: Aye          Commissioner Powers: Aye</p> <p>Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.</p>

*Brenda B. Gramann*  
 President  
 Brenda Gramann

*Jim Reuter*  
 Secretary  
 Jim Reuter

*6/22/2020*  
 Date