



Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2025
6:00pm

Call to Order	Commissioner Jeffery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance	Present: Commissioners Jeffery, Sokolowski, Bird, Powers, Parisi, and Witteck. Absent: Commissioner Gramann Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, and Quinn, Superintendent Adamson, and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
Listening Post	Madeline Helin, an Awesome Adventure Camp Lead, attended the Board Meeting for an American Politics college assignment. She is studying Elementary Education.								
Changes to the Agenda	None								
Consent Agenda	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A. Approval: Regular Minutes: February 10, 2025 Voice Vote. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck.</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: Absent</td><td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td></tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td><td>Commissioner Witteck: Aye</td></tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Parisi: Aye</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 6-0-1</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Absent	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye	Commissioner Parisi: Aye	
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Commissioner Parisi: Aye									
Discussion Items	<p>A. Distinguished Agency Accreditation</p> <p>Executive Director Rini explained our most recent Distinguished Agency Accreditation expired in 2024. Senior Leadership discussed the benefits of seeking reaccreditation, with the consensus being that the true measurement of an agency is not proved by certificates or awards, but more by results, meeting community needs, and positive customer satisfaction. Some believe it helps the agency get grants. We are seeking the Board's opinion and direction in seeking reaccreditation. Commissioner Sokolowski asked how we advertise our accreditation and if it helped us get any grants over the past five years. Executive Director Rini said we advertise it on our website and there is a special ribbon on our Conference badges. None of the grants we have applied for award points for being an accredited agency. Commissioner Bird noted how much work it takes staff to obtain the accreditation,</p>								

similar to the Gold Metal Award, and is not sure the staff time, not to mention the cost of the application and tools, is it worth it. Commissioner Powers said the Park District is committed to meet standards without the accreditation. He does want the District to continually pursue the GFOA award. Commissioner Witteck agreed the time staff spend on obtaining accreditation is incredible. Commissioner Parisi agreed. Commissioner Jeffery asked if the work we recently completed doing the Decennial Review would make it easy to get reaccredited. Executive Director Rini said we still have to go through the whole process. Commissioner Jeffery said we could pursue it next year if Legislators start asking if we are still accredited.

B. Weekly Happenings

- Commissioner Powers apologized for leaving the Committee of the Whole early during the Strategic Planning Workshop. One point he wanted to make for the future plans of the district should include a food truck for Armstrong Park as soon as possible. Commissioner Parisi said that there were many great conversations. He is looking forward to seeing how the District moves forward. Commissioner Witteck said NIU did a great job facilitating the meeting. Commissioner Jeffery added that the breakout sessions were very engaging.
- Commissioner Bird thanked Katie Becker for attending these Board Meetings regularly leading up to the election. She is really taking this seriously and putting in the effort.
- Commissioner Sokolowski asked about the email from DuPage Training Academy. Executive Director Rini said the topic will be discussed during the Senior Leadership Meeting tomorrow, but our opinion is not likely to change. During the Strategic Planning process, we can discuss how to expand our facilities.
- Commissioner Sokolowski took his granddaughter to the Armstrong Park Sled Hill last weekend and had a great time.
- Commissioner Sokolowski asked about the additional landscaping the Village of Winfield asked to be added to the Pleasant Hill Playground project. Director Hamilton explained that they want bushes at least two feet tall to be planted by the parking lot.
- Commissioner Sokolowski asked if we need to hire more parks and facilities staff, as opposed to running so lean. Executive Director Rini said that staffing is always on our minds, and the quality of our parks and facilities is as well.
- Commissioner Sokolowski attended the Carol Stream Parks Foundation meeting as the Board Liaison on February 20. He would be interested in joining that board eventually

Action Items

A. Approval: Adult Overnight Trip Payment

Director Bachewicz described the Adult Overnight trip to Nashville, Tennessee scheduled in May. The funds for the trip payment are covered by registration fees paid by registrants. There have been three more registrants since the Board Packet

was prepared, bringing our profit to \$6,000, but the cost of the trip will not exceed \$43,552.

Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve payment not to exceed \$43,552 to Diamond Tours Inc. for the spring Adult Overnight Trip from May 5-9, 2025, to Nashville, TN. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Aye

Commissioner Gramann: Absent

Commissioner Jeffery: Aye

Commissioner Parisi: Aye

Motion Passes 6-0-1

Commissioner Powers: Aye

Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye

Commissioner Witteck: Aye

B. Approval: Ordinance No. 584 Annexing Certain Property to the Carol Stream Park District

Executive Director Rini said that Judith and Riviera Courts, located just north of the new duplex housing being built at the corner of Lies and Fair Oaks are now surrounded by Park District boundaries. The residents of these streets can benefit from the amenities offered by the Carol Stream Park District and annexing them will build the tax base. Commissioner Bird asked if any of the residents contacted the District after the Legal Notice was published. They knew when they received water service from the Village that it would happen eventually. Executive Director Rini said no one has contacted us. We did review registration data for residents on those two streets and there have been using our services, mostly as non-residents, over the last year or two.

Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 584, an Ordinance annexing property located on Judith Court and Riviera Court to the Carol Stream Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Aye

Commissioner Gramann: Absent

Commissioner Jeffery: Aye

Commissioner Parisi: Aye

Motion Passes 6-0-1

Commissioner Powers: Aye

Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye


Commissioner Witteck: Aye


C. Approval: Purchase Authority for Pleasant Hill Playground Equipment

Director Hamilton said the Pleasant Hill Park project is moving at a quick pace. In order to complete work on the Pleasant Hill project, we need to move quickly to accommodate the school summer schedule. There is typically a three month lead time to receive playground equipment once ordered. Making purchases directly from a consortium saves an estimated 15% of the purchase price. Commissioner Jeffery asked if the school has a say in the equipment to be purchased, including the color choice. Director Hamilton said the kids put colored stickers on pictures of a variety of playground equipment, and the school leadership also indicated



	<p>their preferences. Executive Director Rini said we will let the Board share the choices with the Board when we get to that point.</p> <p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to purchase playground equipment for Pleasant Hill Park not to exceed \$150,000. Seconded by Commissioner Parisi.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table><tr><td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td><td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td></tr><tr><td>Commissioner Gramann: Absent</td><td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td></tr><tr><td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td><td>Commissioner Witteck: Aye</td></tr><tr><td>Commissioner Parisi: Aye</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>Motion Passes 6-0-1</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Absent	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye	Commissioner Parisi: Aye	
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Commissioner Parisi: Aye									
Closed Session	None								
Action Pertaining to Closed Session	None								
Adjournment	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.								


Secretary
Sue Rini


President
Jacqueline Jeffery

March 10, 2025
Date