



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 10, 2025**  
**6:00pm**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Commissioner Jeffery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
<b>Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Present: Commissioners Jeffery, Gramann, Sokolowski, Bird, Powers, Parisi, and Witteck. Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Hamilton, and Quinn, Superintendent Adamson, Division Manager Kenny, and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
<b>Listening Post</b>	Andy Poole from Winfield addressed the Board with concerns about the layout and location of the playground renovations scheduled at Pleasant Hill Park. Mr. Poole's home backs up to the park and new playground location. He is concerned about the noise from children playing, and while he appreciated the changes Executive Director already communicated, and that the relocation was at the request of the School District to improve supervision of the students, he still requests the Board consider moving the playground further away from his home. Board President Jeffery said a written response will be provided within 48 hours.								
<b>Changes to the Agenda</b>	Commissioner Gramann requested item 7A Approval of Resolution No. 25-01 Recognizing Steve Ravanese be read after the Consent Agenda.								
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approval: Committee of the Whole Minutes: February 19, 2025</li> <li>B. Approval: Minutes: February 24, 2025</li> <li>C. Ratify: February 2025 Bills</li> <li>D. Approval: Ordinance No. 584 District Surplus</li> </ul> <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Passes.</p> <p>Commissioner Witteck made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Aye</td><td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td></tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</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 7-0-0</p>	Commissioner Bird: Aye	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye	Commissioner Parisi: Aye	
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<b>Action Item</b>	<p>A. Approval: Resolution No. 25-01 Recognizing Steve Ravanese</p> <p>Commissioner Gramann read the resolution recognizing contributions Steve Ravanese made to the Carol Stream Park District over the last 30 years.</p>								


	<p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve Resolution 25-01, a Resolution Honoring Steve Ravanese for over 30 years of service to the Carol Stream Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Powers.</p> <p>Voice Vote. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Passes</p> <p>Steve thanked the Board and credited his mother for allowing him to ride his bike everywhere starting when he was 11 years old; that gave him the idea to start the Bike Club. He recognized several members of the bike club that were present who were instrumental in helping it grow. He asked Larry Driscoll to take over organizing the rides when he decided to retire. Executive Director Rini reminded everyone that 100% of Bike Club memberships goes to the Carol Stream Parks Foundation.</p>
Discussion Items	<p>A. Batting Cages at McCaslin – Possible Future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) item. Director Bachewicz said the Carol Stream Travel Softball Baseball Association (CSTSBA) proposed batting cages in 2022, but fundraising efforts fell short and the idea was tabled. Director Bachewicz said when Commissioner Parisi requested that this project be discussed again, she called the CSTSBA president, who said their financial situation would not make it possible for them to fund such a project, but they may be able to make small donations over time for batting cages. Commissioner Parisi thinks having batting cages at our flagship facility would allow us to increase revenue and would be a win for adult and youth players. Commissioner Gramann asked about the cost. Division Manager Kenny said a rough estimate would be \$40,000 for two cages, which does not include the cost of the base, any engineering, or installation. Netting should last 8-10 years; removing the nets off-season would extend their useful life. Commissioner Gramann said kids really need a place to warm up and adults would benefit too. She is in favor of adding this to our future CIP. Commissioner Bird asked about the base and Director Hamilton said there are some options that include either concrete or limestone under the turf. Commissioner Bird is not opposed to it, but if the CSTSBA made donations toward the batting cages, they will think they own it. Commissioner Sokolowski reminded the Board that the original plans for McCaslin included a pitching warm up area, but it was scrapped. He likes the idea but is concerned about the cost. Would we be able to recoup the costs with increased rental fees? Executive Director Rini explained that staff does not see this as a revenue generator, but rather an added amenity for a premier facility that does not have open space for warm up. Commissioner Jeffery said we should consider increasing fees for the tournaments. Commissioner Powers would consider it but prefers to charge people to use them. Commissioner Witteck added that anything we do to improve McCaslin would be beneficial. Commissioner Jeffery asked staff to get pricing and include it on our next CIP priority exercise.</p> <p>B. Weekly Happenings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Sokolowski commended custodian Frank for fixing a problem in the men's locker room so quickly this morning.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Sokolowski noted that our liquor license was issued by the Village of Carol Stream. Commissioner Parisi asked what the advantages are over DuPage County. Director Bachewicz said the biggest benefit of being annexed into the Village is the police service. Director Hamilton said the permitting process is also much better under the Village. Commissioner Parisi asked if we can extend the hours liquor is sold at McCaslin. Director Bachewicz said the current rule to cut off liquor sales when the last game starts has worked for us so far, but we will review the policy.</li> <li>• Commissioner Gramann commended staff for the successful Legislative Breakfast held last Friday. Executive Director Rini shared compliments from IAPD, and that for the second year, this event drew the most Legislators. Commissioner Sokolowski was happy to hear that the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program should be available next year. Executive Director Rini commented that they are keeping OSLAD, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant in mind due to the upcoming closure of St. Luke Parish.</li> <li>• Commissioner Witteck complimented front desk staff for the Bus Campaign Fundraising competition. She likes how staff ask people if they would like to make a donation.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Items</b>	<p>B. Approval: Adopt Board Policy Manual Executive Director Rini reviewed the changes made to the Board Policy Manual based on recommendations from IAPD. Commissioner Jeffery said the policy changes encompasses all the recommendations we discussed. Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to adopt the updated Board Policy Manual to clarify the duties of the Commissioners and create the best opportunity for Board Members to successfully represent the residents of the Carol Stream Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion Passes</p> <p>C. Approval: Ordinance No 586 Commissioner Absences Executive Director Rini said this is a housekeeping item to repeal Ordinance No. 375 and approve Ordinance No. 586 to update the number of times a Commissioner may be absent from a Board Meeting. Commissioner Sokolowski asked about how we will handle absences if someone is sick. Executive Director Rini said the policy gives the Board flexibility by using the word “may” to use discretion before declaring a seat vacant. Commissioner Powers made a motion to repeal Ordinance No. 375 and approve Ordinance No 586 to fix the length of time a Commissioner may be absent before the Board seat is declared vacant. Seconded by Commissioner Bird.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bird: Aye Commissioner Powers: Aye</p>



	<p>Commissioner Gramann: Aye  Commissioner Jeffery: Aye  Commissioner Parisi: Aye  Motion Passes 7-0-0</p> <p>D. Approval: Annual Native Area Maintenance Program  Director Hamilton said the invoice for native areas allows us to expand the program to care for open space and natural areas. Each year, we have been committing a little more and this year, the budget reached a total of \$30,000 for the plan. In consultation with corporate counsel, these are considered specialized professional services and not subject to public bid.  Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve a contract with Bedrock Sustainable Earthscapes, LLC of Wheaton, Illinois for the Annual Natural Area Maintenance Program in the amount of \$30,000. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Commissioner Bird: Aye  Commissioner Gramann: Aye  Commissioner Jeffery: Aye  Commissioner Parisi: Aye  Motion Passes 7-0-0</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye  Commissioner Witteck: Aye</p> <p>Commissioner Powers: Aye  Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye  Commissioner Witteck: Aye</p>
<b>Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Action Pertaining to Closed Session</b>	None
<b>Adjournment</b>	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

  
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President  
Jacqueline Jeffery

  
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Secretary  
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April 14, 2025  
Date