

Crete Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes Sept 16, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President L. Johnson at 6 PM.

**J. Smith moved and Sharma seconded a motion to move into Executive Session at 6 PM for Section 2 © (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. All Commissioners present voted aye. & Section 2 (c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.**

**J. Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to return to regular session at 6:58 PM. All Commissioners present Vote Aye.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: J Smith, C Sharma, L Johnson, M Smith, L Stawicki

Pledge of Allegiance

**Others Present:** Director Patricia Polzin, Finance Supt Therese Hale, Rec Supt Janel Geary, Maint Supt Andy Biesterfeld, Rec Assistant Nicole Bruns and Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial

**J Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to approve the minutes from Aug 19 & 25, 2020, and Sept 2 & 9 2020. All Commissioners present voted aye.**

**J Smith moved and Sharma seconded a motion to approve the Accounts Payable, Payroll and Additional Bills for a total of \$20,303.70 plus an additional bill of \$318.12. The questions were answered and on a roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted aye.**

**J Smith moved and Sharma seconded a motion to call a special meeting for Sept 23 at 6 PM at Crete Park on Main. The agenda will include Executive Session for Section 2 © (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. All Commissioners present voted aye.**

**Secretary Report:** Account Balances and Financial Statements were presented. Hale pointed out the General Fund is negative at this time. She filed to collect \$25,000 from Will County for the CARES Act and met with FEMA for instructions on filing for grant money from them, too. The Treasurers Report and Annual Financial Report were also presented.

Hale also reported the Election Notice was posted yesterday and Election packets are ready to be picked up. Petition circulation will begin Sept 22 and you will need 25 signatures. We have 3 spots open on the board. The next regular meeting is Oct 21, 2020 at 7 PM at WWPC.

**Directors Report: J Smith moved and Stawicki seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 20-21-1, The Ordinance of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Crete Park District, Will County, Illinois, authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate, being 737 W Exchange St in Crete for the purchase price of \$410,000. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners present voted aye.**

**Attorney Report: Ordinance 20-21-2 providing for the issue of approximately \$502,000 General Obligation Limited Tax park Bonds, Series 2020, of the District 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, providing for the**

levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to purchase thereof. Old Plank Trail bid of 3.05% was received and the bond amount was adjusted to \$513,150 to capture the total levy amount. M Smith asked about the all-inclusive costs of 3.92%. Anthony Miceli of Speer Financial explained this amount includes the costs associated with issuing bonds. M Smith asked about the amount increasing to \$513,150. Mr. Miceli explained the benefits on filling the Debt Service Extension Base and the cost of going to a public sale would cost more than you would save in a possibly slightly lower interest rate. Hale reminded the board the approximately \$253,616 of this issue is our regular December bond issue with the remaining \$259,534 for purchase of the building. President Johnson asked Miceli if he felt this issue for building purchase was the right thing to do for the District. Miceli stated with park districts there is no shortage of capital projects. Director Polzin reported a portion of the money will be used for the Tennis Courts in Crete Park. On a roll call vote, Sharma, J Smith, Stawicki, and Johnson voted aye and M Smith voted no.

**Recreation Report:** Geary reported one of our soccer players tested positive for covid 19 so one team will no longer be playing and credits will be issued. A discussion regarding E-Learning and the cost effectiveness of the program was held. Polzin reported Monee is closing their program and we are hoping to pick up some of those kids. We hired a substitute teacher that is excellent with the kids. Geary reported we are opening to more age groups. Geary also explained the new plan for the Trick or Treat Trail which will be held at Heritage Park this year and the restructuring of fees for nonresidents.

**Maintenance Report:** The field will be completed by next week.

**Long Range:** None

**Personnel/Finance Report:** Stawicki reported covid has definitely affected our finances and we expect to continue with negative balances. Hale also reported she met with the Auditor and discussed the Fund Balances and levy changes he recommends.

**Directors Report:** Polzin discussed the Tennis Court. She will prepare to go out to bid. We will need 2" of asphalt added. Sharma asked about Pickle Ball. Comed is clearing some trees by Lion's Park that have Emerald Ash. M Smith reported the village is working with an engineer and Comed to relocate the pole in front of WWPC. A new pole and new lines will need to be put in.

**Presidents Report:** Johnson thanked the staff for their hard work in this unprecedented time and said she can see the dedication to parks in all we do.

Old Business: None

**New Business:** Hale asked about new construction at 1512 Perry St. M Smith said that happened a long time ago and he never pulled a permit to build.

**Sharma moved and J Smith seconded a motion to dismiss the meeting at 8:07 PM. All Commissioners present Vote Aye.**