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Crete Park District  
Board of Commissioners  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Laura Stawicki.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Carrie Sharma, Laura Stawicki, Sheila Einhorn, Jen Smith and Mike Smith

Others present: Renee Chavez, Janel Geary, Andy Biesterfeld

Public Comment: None

**J. Smith moved and c. Sharma seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

L. Stawicki Aye

C. Sharma Aye

S. Einhorn Aye

J. Smith Aye

M. Smith Aye

Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 No 0 Abstain

Monthly financial reports, as presented; A. Biesterfeld brought attention to the profit and loss statement. We are in the second month of the fiscal year. We get two tax levy disbursements and in June we get close to ½ of the amount. The audit is not yet complete.

**J. Smith moved and M. Smith seconded the motion to approve the June Treasurer's report.**

On a roll call vote:

L. Stawicki Aye

C. Sharma Aye

S. Einhorn Aye

J. Smith Aye

M. Smith Aye

Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 No

**J. Smith moved and C. Sharma seconded the motion to approve payment of the bills from June 16 – July 14, 2023 which may include travel and lodging, in the amount of \$\$48,453.05 On a Roll Call vote**

L. Stawicki Aye

C. Sharma Aye

S. Einhorn Aye

J. Smith Aye

M. Smith Aye

Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 no

**J. Smith moved and C. Sharma seconded a motion to approve the payment of payroll from June 16 – July 14, 2023, in the amount of \$82,876.54**



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L. Stawicki Aye  
C. Sharma Aye  
S. Einhorn Aye  
J. Smith Aye  
M. Smith Aye  
Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 no

#### Action Items

J. Smith moved and S. Sharma seconded a motion to approve Ordinance #2324 - 3.3 A Resolution of Authorization for Application for OSLAD Grant - Lincolnshire Park Project. Discussion: C. Sharma clarified that this was to work on the grant application for submission. C. Sharma also asked about the attendance at the Public Hearing held at Lincolnshire Park at the Unplug event. Chavez stated that 60% of the border residents attended and we received 2 ½ pages of signatures of persons in attendance. It was very interactive, and all residents walked away happy with the plans.

On a roll call:

L. Stawicki Aye  
C. Sharma Aye  
S. Einhorn Aye  
J. Smith Aye  
M. Smith Aye  
Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 no

J. Smith moved and C. Sharma seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2324 4.3 An Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement by and among the Village of Crete, Crete Township, Crete Park District, Crete Public Library, The Crete Area Chamber of Commerce and the Crete Lion's Club to provide for planning and presentation of the 2023 Crete Country Christmas Festival.

Discussion: M. Smith states that this includes non-governmental as well and does not think it is necessary.

On a roll call:

L. Stawicki Aye  
C. Sharma Aye  
S. Einhorn Aye  
J. Smith Aye  
M. Smith Aye  
Motion Carried 5 Aye 0 Absent 0 no

#### Reports

Recreation: In addition to the printed report presented, Supt. Geary brought attention to the fact that the transition to Fall Programs going live on Rec Desk will be on August 1. The staff have worked tirelessly to get all the training accomplished to meet this goal. It was



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requested that Supt. Geary make a comparison of the numbers of attendance for Camp for the Recreation Committee meeting on August 2.

Parks and Planning: Jaylen is still new and working on training him. We have received two more donations for benches for the Pickleball Courts. Still working on the Pickleball Courts, Fitness Court delivery and the Story Walk projects. The Park has a new bond council named Kevin. We plan to do the bond hearing in September, the Ordinance in October and the issue of a 2-year bond in November. Kevin asked if the board would like him to attend a meeting to give a refresher on the bond process. The board agreed.

Director: See printed report for a list of completions for the past year. Planning Resource have been helpful for the Lincolnshire Project. At the next meeting the board will be presented with a proposal for Swiss Valley with the Fitness Court so we will have a cohesive park. We will be getting the first preview of the U of I survey on Friday. Director Chavez joined members of the Crete Lions Club for Basset Training as the Park works with them on the licensing of alcohol for Acorn Fest and Crete Country Christmas.

President Report: President Stawicki gave a shout out to Supt. Blesterfeld for the progress that has been made with the Finances, and the supervision on the Capital projects. President Stawicki attended both Lincolnshire Public Hearings and was impressed. Reported that the UnPlug event at Lincolnshire was great.

Future meeting dates:

August 2, 2023, Recreation Committee Meeting 6 pm  
August 2, 2023 Personnel Committee Meeting 7 pm  
August 16, 2023 Regular Monthly Board Meeting 7 pm  
September 6, 2023 - Parks Committee Meeting 6 pm  
September 20, 2023 - Regular Monthly Meeting 7 pm

**Old Business - none**

**New Business -**

Swiss Valley - was hoping to have a proposal for the board on Swiss Valley. We are interested in getting a drawing for Swiss Valley much like Lincolnshire. The thought is to get a walkway from the neighborhoods connecting to the park. C. Sharma stated that greater access would be great for the community.

Bike Trail - There has been a water issue that needs attention. The water is backing up on the south side of Richton Road. The last storm left 6-8" of standing water for a couple of days. Questions were raised if this is related to the dam on Richton Road. Is it something the Park can correct. M. Smith stated it is in relation to something the Country Club had done to protect their property. Conversations have started and need to continue with the Country club, Park, Village to resolve. J. Smith asked if we have created a social media post to let people know that we are aware of the problem and are working to resolve it.

Land Cash Ordinances: Director Chavez is working on the beginning of discussions on what the Park District is looking for in land cash donations. The current agreement is well below



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the state and national recommendations. Now is the time to work on this agreement while the development is low. Parks are a driving influence in the decision-making process when purchasing homes.

**J. Smith moved and S. Einhorn seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM all commissioners present voted Aye.**

Submitted by;  
Janel Geary, CPRP  
Superintendent of Recreation

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President

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Secretary

The date "8-16-23" is handwritten in blue ink over a horizontal line.

Date Approved