

Crete Park District Board of Commissioners Parks Committee Meeting Minutes October 1, 2025

The Parks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 1, 2025, at the Administration Center, 737 W. Exchange Street, Crete, Illinois.

Commissioners Present: Bill Smigel and Kelly Humbert-Hallin

Others Present: Andy Biesterfeld, Executive Director

Capital Projects Budget

- The capital project budget spreadsheet was reviewed with an update on completed spending for FY25-26 including OSLAD Grant application services, new locks at the rotunda, removal of trees in Crete Park, additional playground mulch, and playground equipment repairs.
- Projects yet to be completed in FY25-26 include the Heritage Park Parking lot resurfacing, Bike Trail guard rail addition and repairs, North Shelter replacement in Crete Park, and potentially irrigation pump repairs at Heritage Park, additional locks, and a F250 Truck.
- The committee discussed priorities for FY26-27 which include the OSLAD Grant Project at Lincolnshire Park, new tennis court fence at Swiss Valley, potentially work to the Swiss Valley Park entrance, and preparing for ADA improvements throughout the park system.

Bond Outlook

- The district will issue a \$500,000 bond in October to cover remaining planned projects in FY25-26 including the funding to begin the OSLAD Grant if awarded.
- An additional \$850,000 bond would be issued in FY26-27 to cover the remaining costs of the OSLAD Grant project at Lincolnshire Park.

New Business

- The committee discussed current priorities and continuing to develop the capital plan for future year's projects.
- The committee also discussed plans to begin implementing ADA compliant features in the park system beginning in FY26-27.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Submitted by; Andy Biesterfeld, Executive Director

President

Kelly A. Hembert Hall

Secretary

Date Approved