



Crete Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Crete Park District Board of Commissioner, Will County, held at the Administrative Center, 737 W. Exchange Street, Crete, Illinois was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Jennifer Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Jennifer Smith – Present June Shy – Present Bill Smigel – Absent
Kelly Humbert-Hallin – Absent Sheila Einhorn – arrived at 6:20 pm.

Others Present: Andy Biesterfeld, Executive Director; Janel Geary, Superintendent of Recreation.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes

B. Smigel moved, and J. Shy seconded a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2026, regular board meeting. Discussion: Smigel questions the e-bike reference in the park ordinances. Biesterfeld stated this was recommended to be done from IAPD for the District to be covered by tort immunity.

J. Smith – Aye K. Humbert-Hallin – Absent
J. Shy – Aye S. Einhorn – Absent
B. Smigel – Aye **Motion Passed 3 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain**

B. Smigel moved, and J. Smith seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2026, committee of the whole meeting.

J. Smith – Aye K. Humbert-Hallin – Absent
J. Shy – Aye S. Einhorn – Absent
B. Smigel – Aye **Motion Passed 3 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain**

Presentation of Financial Reports

Executive Director Biesterfeld presented the treasurer's report. The draft budget for FY 2026-2027 was shown including the forecasted ending for FY 2025-2026. Biesterfeld reviewed the All-Funds summary, the General Fund, and the Capital Fund. Supt. Geary reviewed the Recreation Fund. The deficit in the general fund should be lowered by the end of the year. We are where we expected to be. The increase in building rentals will help the budget numbers.

J. Shy moved, and B. Smigel seconded a motion to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report.

J. Smith – Aye K. Humbert-Hallin – Absent
J. Shy – Aye S. Einhorn – Aye
B. Smigel – Aye **Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain**

Marketing and Recreation, and J. Shy will leave recreation to go to Marketing and Investment.

New Business:

- a) Legislative Agenda: Biesterfeld brought HB5373/SB3907 to the attention of the board which could significantly impact recreational programming.
- b) Parks Day at the Capitol: Biesterfeld and Healy will be attending the conference and parks day. They will have dinner with Rep. Deluca and Senator Joyce. Crete Park District is on the waitlist to be able to have a table at the parks day as it sold out in less than 24 hours.
- c) Statement of Economic Interest: reminder to get it done prior to May 1.
- d) B. Smigel asked about the change in attorney fees on the bill. Biesterfeld stated that it is not so much of a change as it is a notification of what his regular rates are and that we are being billed at the municipal rates. We have a good rapport with him and he provides good counsel.

Executive Session:

S. Einhorn moved, and B. Smigel seconded a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:00 pm under section 2c(21) for the purpose of reviewing closed session minutes.

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| J. Smith - Aye | K. Humbert-Hallin - Absent |
| J. Shy - Aye | S. Einhorn - Aye |
| B. Smigel - Aye | Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain |

S. Einhorn moved, and J. Shy seconded a motion to return to the general meeting at 7:10 pm.

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| J. Smith - Aye | K. Humbert-Hallin - Absent |
| J. Shy - Aye | S. Einhorn - Aye |
| B. Smigel - Aye | Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain |

Action Items

B. Smigel moved, and J. Shy seconded a motion to pass Resolution 2526 - 3.6 A Resolution to apply for DCEO funds for capital improvements.

Discussion: the new grant policy approved by the board requires this as we have to go through the grant portal to receive the funds.

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| J. Smith - Aye | K. Humbert-Hallin - Absent |
| J. Shy - Aye | S. Einhorn - Aye |
| B. Smigel - Aye | Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain |

B. Smigel moved, and J. Smith seconded a motion to pass Resolution 2526 -4.1 A Resolution to ratifying a 3-year contract with Goldy Locks, Inc.

Discussion: This was a change from the old fire/alarm system to the new one. We purchased the equipment from the old vendor so that it would not have to be changed. B. Smigel asked if we ever received the keys to the facility from the previous Parks Manager. Biesterfeld said no, but now there is a new alarm system so entry cannot be made.

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| J. Smith - Aye | K. Humbert-Hallin - Absent |
| J. Shy - Aye | S. Einhorn - Aye |
| B. Smigel - Aye | Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain |

