



Crete Park District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 15, 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 6:00 pm by President Jennifer Smith.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Jennifer Smith – Present

June Shy – Present

Bill Smigel – Present

Kelly Humbert-Hallin – Present

Sheila Einhorn – Absent

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

Public Comment: A letter from a Kelly Christie a concerned resident of Crete Township that was emailed to all commissioners, was read. The letter was requesting a full wheelchair swing at Crete Park. Executive Director Biesterfeld will respond.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

K. Humbert-Hallin moved, and B. Smigel seconded a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2026, regular board meeting. Discussion: none

J. Smith – Aye

K. Humbert-Hallin – Aye

J. Shy – Aye

S. Einhorn – Absent

B. Smigel – Aye

Motion Passed

4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Presentation of Financial Reports

Executive Director Biesterfeld presented the treasurer's report. We finally received our \$40,000 from the DCEO grant. Biesterfeld and Healy are looking into a document that was released that stated another \$60,000 was given to the Park District.

J. Shy moved, and K. Humbert-Hallin seconded a motion to approve the June 2026 Treasurer's Report.

J. Smith – Aye

K. Humbert-Hallin – Aye

J. Shy – Aye

S. Einhorn – Absent

B. Smigel – Aye

Motion Passed

4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Payment of Bills and Payroll

B. Smigel moved, and K. Humbert-Hallin seconded a motion to approve the payment of bills from June 1-30, 2026, which may include travel and lodging of \$45,658.60

Discussion: none

J. Smith – Aye

K. Humbert-Hallin – Aye

J. Shy – Aye

S. Einhorn – Absent

B. Smigel – Aye

Motion Passed

4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

J. Shy moved, and B. Smigel seconded a motion to approve the payment of payroll from June 1-30, 2026, in the amount of \$45,771.43.

J. Smith – Aye
J. Shy – Aye
B. Smigel – Aye

K. Humbert-Hallin – Aye
S. Einhorn – Absent

Motion Passed 4 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstain

Reports

Executive Director:

Executive Director Biesterfeld he held his June Coffee with the Director and had one community member attend. A discussion was had on senior fitness classes and a request for a community dome. There is work to be done on brainstorming ideas on how to get the community engaged and out in the parks more. Service: As a staff we are still working on our core values. We took a break for the summer as a group and using this time to catch Austin up. Culture & Growth: We had a pizza party for the staff that included all of the seasonal staff. I want to commend Aiden Bozorov (day camp guide) who was not only at the event but took care and rendered first aid to another staff member who got injured. I would encourage the commissioners to visit the parks and the camps to see what the staff is doing. Capital: We are getting ready to start Lincolnshire Phase 1. Funds are limited to get all of the capital projects done. President Smith inquired about using some of the Special Rec Fund. Biesterfeld replied that yes, some of that could be used.

Recreation:

Superintendent Geary stated that we have entered session 2 of summer camp and registration numbers for this session are higher than the first. The Park District is moving to a single fee structure for programs. We will no longer have a non-resident fee for programs or events. Rentals of our shelters and buildings will continue to have a resident and non-resident fee structure. Time has been dedicated to training Austin in the marketing of the Park District. Working on the next issue of the brochure, social media, and just beginning to work on sponsorships. An overall assessment of all our programs to see where we need to place our focus, is being worked on. We had two coupon promotions go out this month for sports programs and at this time, we have not had one redeemed.

Old Business:

- a. Park Ordinances review: we are close to having the board portion complete. We are working on the staff procedural portion.
- b. Capital Projects Update: A map draft of the Lincolnshire proposal was shown. This shows that some of the curvature of the path was removed, and the focus is on a single playground structure. Smigel asked about the neighbors' fences that are on park property. Biesterfeld said this will be addressed and should be at the homeowners cost.
- c. Capital Plan Discussion: Discussion was had on the connectivity of the parks. Biesterfeld will work on a map on how our properties would align to make that happen.

New Business:

- a) none

Executive Session: none

Action Items: none

Future Meeting Dates:

August 19, 2026	Regular Board Meeting	6 pm
September 2, 2026	Recreation Committee Meeting	6 pm
September 2, 2026	Marketing Committee Meeting	6:40 pm
September 16, 2026	Regular Board Meeting	6 pm

Director/Commissioner Comments

Executive Director stated that he attended the LWSRA Sneaker Ball and had an exceptional time.

B. Smigel moved and K. Humber-Hallin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. **All commissioners present voted aye.**

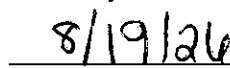
Submitted by;
Janel Geary, CPRP
Superintendent of Recreation



President



Secretary



Date Approved