



Crete Park District
Board of Commissioners
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2026

The Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m. on April 1, 2026, at the Administration Center, 737 W. Exchange Street, Crete, Illinois.

Commissioners Present: June Shy, Kelly Humbert-Hallin.

Others Present: Janel Geary, Superintendent of Recreation, Jacob Metzner, Recreation Supervisor.

Summer Programs

- Day Camp planning is underway. There will be 1-3 new hires for the summer. The majority of the staff are returning. Supt. Geary will be on vacation for the first 1 ½ weeks of camp.
- Summer sports are planned and ready. Pickleball numbers are up. We will have Chicago Fire Soccer camps, and Skyhawks Pickleball classes in addition to our t-ball, and flag football programs.

ABC Play

- Registrations have been trending downward for a few years. This year we have a June 1 deadline to meet the minimum required to have the class. This way if we need to cancel, we can give families enough notice.
- SB 3907/HB5373, changing the exempt status for Park Districts, was discussed.

Program/Event Fee Structure

- Research continues on the concept of resident vs. Nonresident fees. We have a spreadsheet of the trends around the state and are compiling data on the monies that we have collected in those fees over the past year. Findings along with a plan, will be given at the next Recreation Committee meeting.
- Currently the fitness programs are all at one fee.

Budget Overview

- The current year-to-date recreation budget along with a yearly comparison was presented and discussed.
- Questions were asked if there was a way to track why the rentals were so high this year. Supt. Geary explained that we have tried to track how they come in and find that there is no set rhythm to the rental process.

New Business

- Commissioner Shy asked about referral programs for registration. We do use them sporadically and vary what program they are offered for including rentals

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by;
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Superintendent of Recreation

President

Secretary

Date Approved