



**Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 23, 2024**  
**6:00pm**

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Commissioner Jeffery called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.								
<b>2. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Present: Commissioners Jeffery, Gramann, Parisi, Powers, Sokolowski, and Witteck. Absent: Commissioner Bird Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Quinn, and Hamilton, Superintendent Adamson, and Executive Assistant Greninger.								
<b>3. Listening Post</b>	None								
<b>4. Changes to the Agenda</b>									
<b>5. Consent Agenda</b>	<p>Commissioner Powers made a motion to accept the consent agenda as read.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Approval: Regular Minutes: September 9, 2024</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Approval: Special Minutes: September 9, 2024</p> <p>Seconded by Commissioner Gramann. Voice Vote. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Passes 6-0-1.</p> <p>Commissioner Witteck made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Seconded by Commissioner Sokolowski.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Bird: Absent</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Witteck: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Parisi: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 6-0-1</p>	Commissioner Bird: Absent	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye	Commissioner Parisi: Aye	
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<b>6. Discussion Items</b>	<p>A. Bike Security at Coral Cove Water Park – Follow up          Executive Director Rini reviewed the steps we have taken to prevent bicycles from being stolen from Coral Cove Water Park. Guests should feel safe and comfortable when they visit. Director Quinn said the police have not yet responded to our FOIA request for police reports on stolen bikes from CCWP for 2023 and 2024. Commissioner Powers said kids should lock up their bikes. Commissioner Sokolowski added it is their responsibility. Commissioner Witteck said it is a good idea to invite the police to opening day. Commissioner Jeffery agreed we should push the bike safety campaigns and maybe invite the police to visit more often.</p> <p>B. Board Meeting Schedule for 2025</p>								

	<p>Executive Director Rini reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for 2025. Several Commissioners said they do not get Columbus Day off from work. Commissioner Witteck and Parisi said they get that day off.</p> <p>C. Weekly Happenings (oral)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Gramann said the Community Park Grand Opening was awesome with great turnout. Everyone complimented the photographer. Director Hamilton received spoke to a resident at the event who thanked the Park District for lifting the entire neighborhood with the improvements.</li> </ul>								
<p><b>8. Action Items</b></p>	<p>A. Approval: 2025 Merit Pool</p> <p>Executive Director Rini explained the importance of retaining high quality staff as a way to ensure our District remains competitive in attracting and retaining excellent employees. Staff recommends the board approve a 4% merit pool for the 2025 budget year. Commissioner Sokolowski asked if 4% is the highest any staff member could get. Executive Director Rini explained the Salary Administrative Policy states that the salary budget will allocate dollars by department to accommodate salaries as well as potential merit increase, promotions, or planned salary adjustments; 4% represents the entire pool of money available. Director Quinn said exceptional staff may get a little more, and staff who are on a performance plan would not get a raise. Executive Director Rini pointed out the Merit Pool does not include the change in minimum wage for 2025.</p> <p>Commissioner Sokolowski made a motion to approve a 4% merit pool for the 2025 budget year. Seconded by Commissioner Gramann.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Commissioner Bird: Absent</td> <td>Commissioner Powers: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Gramann: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Jeffery: Aye</td> <td>Commissioner Witteck: Aye</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commissioner Parisi: Aye</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Passes 6-0-1</p> <p>B. Approval: Addition to Ordinance No. 411: Motorized Vehicles and Other Devices</p> <p>On August 9, 2024, Illinois Passed <u>Public Act 103-0899/SB 1960</u>, a new law regarding operation and regulation of low-speed electric scooters or other power driven mobility device at park districts, forest preserves, municipalities and conservation districts. We have sought guidance from PDRMA, IAPD, and Corporate Counsel in regards to prohibiting the use of these devices on district property. Staff worked directly with Corporate Counsel on the creation of this new rule and feel that this will be a crucial tool in keeping park guests safe as well as defending tort claims. Commissioner Gramann asked if the ban includes electric bikes. Executive Director Rini said it depends on the class of</p>	Commissioner Bird: Absent	Commissioner Powers: Aye	Commissioner Gramann: Aye	Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye	Commissioner Jeffery: Aye	Commissioner Witteck: Aye	Commissioner Parisi: Aye	
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bike and read the description of exempt bikes. Commissioner Gramann asked how it would be enforced; people would call the police. Commissioner Sokolowski suggested we educate the public by putting up signs. Executive Director Rini said we be educating the community through several outlets.

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the addition of Section 31 to the Carol Stream Park District Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance No. 411 to prohibit the use of Electric Scooters at all District parks and properties. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Absent  
Commissioner Gramann: Aye  
Commissioner Jeffery: Aye  
Commissioner Parisi: Aye

Commissioner Powers: Aye  
Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye  
Commissioner Witteck: Aye

Motion Passes 6-0-1

C. Approval: Electric Contract

Director Hamilton introduced our utility broker, Mr. Slobodecki, to describe the current rates for electric services. Rates are volatile and have gone up and down all summer. He recommended we lock the rate in as soon as possible for a 12 month period. Executive Director Rini said the current rate will be a 20% increase. Commissioner Jeffery asked what we can do if rates go down. Mr. Slobodecki said we can sign at those rates for the next term.

Commissioner Gramann made a motion to approve the best available rate for a term of 12 months for our electric services. Seconded by Commissioner Parisi.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bird: Absent  
Commissioner Gramann: Aye  
Commissioner Jeffery: Aye  
Commissioner Parisi: Aye

Commissioner Powers: Aye  
Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye  
Commissioner Witteck: Aye

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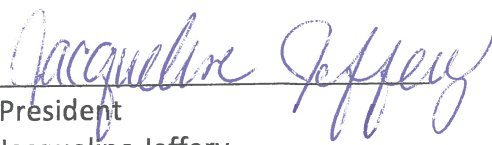
D. Approval: Natural Gas Contract


Director Hamilton asked our utility broker, Mr. Slobadecki, to explain the index option for renewing our current contract. This is currently the least expensive option. Mr. Slobodecki said our current rate is .459 per therm. It is .424 today. However, the historical pricing chart shows the past year it has been around .35 per therm. If you choose an index option, the monthly rate will fluctuate over the course of the contract, but you can lock it in when it goes down.

Commissioner Gramann made a motion to approve the index option and authorizes the Executive Director to lock in a rate for the natural gas contract in



	<p>the future when the rates go below .375 per therm. Seconded by Commissioner Parisi.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:          Commissioner Bird: Absent          Commissioner Gramann: Aye          Commissioner Jeffery: Aye          Commissioner Parisi: Aye          Motion Passes 6-0-1</p> <p>Commissioner Powers: Aye          Commissioner Sokolowski: Aye          Commissioner Witteck: Aye</p>
<b>9. Closed Session</b>	None
<b>10. Action Pertaining to Closed Session</b>	None
<b>11. Adjournment</b>	Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Witteck. Voice Vote taken. Motion passed 6-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

  
 President  
 Jacqueline Jeffery

  
 Secretary  
 Sue Rini

October 15, 2024  
 Date