

HAVANA PARK DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2025 6:00pm
Chester Center, 200 S. McKinley, Havana, IL.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Wickman, Walker, Clancy, Davenport, Sarff
Commissioners Absent:
Staff Present: Mott

PUBLIC HEARING - TRUTH IN TAXATION: Proposed Property Tax Increase for Havana Park District, Mason County, Illinois. Opened Public Hearing, No one present to speak, **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Clancy to close the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING - Bond: Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Havana Park District, Mason County, Illinois, to sell \$325,000 General Obligation Park Bonds. Opened Public Hearing, No one present to speak, **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Walker to close the Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

VISITOR COMMENTS (Five minutes/visitor):

- Stakeholder Opportunity to comment on our use of the Energy Transition Community Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity of \$184,291.50. This program is funded by the Energy Transition Fund, created by the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. No one present to speak.
- A couple spoke about hitting the gate at Market St., leaving Riverfront Park and her claim being denied. They made several suggestions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Financial Report - No questions
- Minutes - No questions
- Disbursements - No questions

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Clancy, seconded by Commissioner Sarff, to accept the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Department Reports
 - Director's Report
 - Programming Report
 - Maintenance Report
- CEJA Grant Updates - Got notice that we will get the 3rd CEJA grant. This year's amount of the award is \$184,291.50. Epoxy finishes for pools have proven to not last since we last looked. Most likely will extend the 2 staff members for 3rd round.

- OSLAD Grant Updates -New Grant Administrator took over for our past one who was 'missing' again since July. He & Director worked together to close out grant by our deadline. Two new payment requests completed for a bit more than \$50,000 total.
- Biological Building: finished, contract signed & keys given to the Illinois River Biological Station. I did get a call from the Biological folks that one of the doors isn't closing right so we will get that fixed by Ragland. HPD will receive an additional \$8,400/year for this rental for the next 18 years.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Added \$673,039.65 in new assets we built this year to the auditor & insurance co.
- Submitted 3 small grants from IPARKS & IPRF for \$1,590 in refunds.
- Submitted BAAD Grant at the end of September. Fingers crossed. It will be at least 6 mo till we hear and if we get it, will probably have to use some Bond money as well if we do.
- Havana School District reduced their payment for using our facilities from \$7,000 to \$3,000 and will probably reduce it again next year. They have moved Wrestling & other events back to their schools to reduce their own bills.
- Havana School District also ended their contract with Menta & they are moving to Pekin. This reflects another \$7,200 loss for the Park District (\$11,200 total loss per year from schools).
- Director increased Lil Hoopsters & Basketball from \$30 to \$35 per child. All Park Fit and Fitness Class fees have been increased by \$5/month (except Stretchercise).
- Having big Thanksgiving Sale from the Sunday before, to the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- 3 different Proposed Community Solar Projects are underway: b/w Power Plant & Hickory Hills, by Hillcrest Terrace & also by shooting range off 136. All three are inside HPD boundaries so if built, we will get a portion of their new construction tax money.
- Request from Park Fit members to purchase 2 additional machines for lower body strength. Looking at \$9,656.10 from Project Money to purchase. We would likely need to also get rid of 2 machines to fit everything in. Price includes a small amt. Of money off (\$150) to remove and take 2 machines to make room.
- DISCUSSION AND VOTE on purchasing two new pieces of equipment for Park Fit.
A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Walker to purchase 2 pieces of equipment for lower body work for Park Fit at a cost of \$9,656.10 incl installation and 2 trade-ins.
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- DISCUSSION AND VOTE on 2025/6 Tax Levy - A MOTION was made by Commissioner Wickman, seconded by Commissioner Davenport to accept the proposed 2025 Tax Levy.
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.
- Election of Officers of HPD Board - Troy Wickman was again voted in for President and Jeanna Clancy was voted in as Vice-President.
- Christmas Retreat will be on Dec. 13th.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - CC Playground is still getting tons of use and it's wonderful to watch the children excited to play there. - from Commissioner Wickman.

ADJOURNMENT: **A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Davenport, to adjourn the meeting.

CONSENT VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.