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May 8, 2019

Honorable President Hartwig and Board of Commissioners
Crystal Lake Park District
1 E Crystal Lake Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Re: Ordinance 11.41.1 amending Parks and Property Owned or Controlled by the Crystal Lake Park District

Dear President Hartwig and Commissioners,

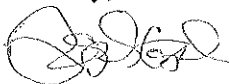
Please accept this as a formal comment to the proposed Ordinance 11.41.1 (attached) amending Parks and Property Owned or Controlled by the Crystal Lake Park District. The draft Ordinance has been circulated to the Village Board and staff members and we have received feedback. We have also received comments from residents who are aware of the proposed Ordinance and who are concerned with the passage of the same. The overarching concern is that this Ordinance gives ultimate authority to the Park District relative to any activity on Crystal Lake as stated in Section 11.41.1.D.1: *"Piers, boat lifts, moorings and swimming rafts shall be located only where their placement and use is consistent with the interests of the Park District and does not harm or otherwise interfere with the Crystal Lake Park District's interest in Crystal Lake."* It is unclear as to what those interests of the Park District are.

The Village of Lakewood is also concerned that residents will be confused by this Ordinance as we already enforce similar laws relative to piers and activity on Crystal Lake. If passed in this form, this may be perceived as overlapping regulations and will not be well received by the public.

The Village Board finds the proposed Ordinance duplicative and unnecessary. We respectfully request the Park District exempt the Village of Lakewood from this and any other legislation regulating piers and activity on Crystal Lake.

For your convenience, a copy of the Village of Lakewood regulations regarding piers, rafts and buoys is attached.

Sincerely,



Philip Stephan, President
Village of Lakewood, Illinois