



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING- Remote via Zoom
August 20, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. via remote access, stating that pursuant to State of Illinois Executive Order 2020-07 suspending the requirement of in person attendance by members of the public body, the August 20, 2020 Regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners will be held using remote participation. Director Garvy, Superintendent Silver, and Commissioner Olson were present at the Lisle Park District Recreation Multipurpose Room, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Director Garvy Called Roll:	Commissioners Present via telephone remote access:	Altpeter Cook Ferron Richter Olson
	Commissioner Present:	
	Staff Present in-person:	
	Director of Parks & Recreation	Garvy
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver
	Also Present via telephone remote access:	
	Superintendent of Recreation	Pratscher
	Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager	Nadeau
	Superintendent of Restaurant & Golf	Shamberg
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Superintendent of Marketing & Fund Development	Leone
	Parks Manager	Hamilton
	Youth & Early Childhood Manager	Jehs
	Recreation & Fitness Manager	Jayne
	Marketing Specialist	Kosartes
	Communications Specialist	Labeledz
	Graphic & Web Design Specialist	Sleezer
	Senior Citizen Coordinator	Breihan
	Human Resource Manager	Welge

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

None.

III. PRESENTATIONS

President Cook highlighted Superintendent Leone's 27 years of service and dedication to the Lisle Park District. He went over her job history, community service and events she helped with not only in district, but for other community organizations. He thanked her for always being

willing to lend a helping hand and for her leadership over the years. He said the District thanks her for her service to the residents, community, and organizations she was part of and wished her the best in her retirement.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Tom Hummel congratulated Superintendent Leone on her retirement and stated he is happy to see the playground is almost ready. He said the Remote Enrichment Center program is a great idea and will help the community. He said he wanted everyone to know that he has never been critical of River Bend Golf Club and his criticisms towards the enterprise fund have been based on the restaurant. He asked why expenses were still being charged to the restaurant, to which Superintendent Silver he can have a conversation with him tomorrow and address any questions he may have.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, August 20, 2020. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve consent agenda items A, B, C, D and E.

A. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 16, 2020.

B. Approve the August 2020 Voucher List in the amount of \$324,223.85.

C. Adopt Ordinance 20-03, an Ordinance approving the disposal of personal property owned by the Lisle Park District.

D. Award the 2020 Asphalt Pathways Repair project to Meyer Paving for an amount not to exceed \$51,228.00.

E. Approve the reservation of Saturday, October 10th, 2020 for the Scarecrow Scramble 5K Walk/Run in Community Park.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Director Garvy discussed the 2021 budget process. He said staff is planning on not funding Wheatstack in 2021 and that funding for the Museums at Lisle Station Park will be limited to necessary maintenance. He reported Sea Lion Aquatic Park is a challenge and Superintendent Pratscher and Manager Jayne are working on developing a budget on how to open without losing a lot of money. He said cuts were made which reduced full time staff by almost a third and most part time staff was cut. Director Garvy asked for input from the board, saying he is aware the budget this year is a wild card and the District needs to be able to pivot as conditions evolve.

Commissioner Olson suggested the low bid on the paving work could be an indication of being a situation where contractors are looking for work and capital expenditures could benefit from a favorable bidding environment. He said he would like to investigate the boat launch again since the grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is a significant portion. He suggested that with programming being limited, scholarship requests of Lisle Partners for Parks will likely be lower and suggested they consider contributing a higher amount. He added that during the COVID environment, the boat launch is something that can be utilized and is something he would like to investigate. He stated that because the museum is relatively low in terms of expenses, he would like to be able to re-evaluate opening the facility in some capacity in the spring. Director Garvy stated that is a possibility and staff will be prepared to pivot if conditions warrant. Commissioner Altpeter said she completely concurs that the more the District can open the better, but said she respectfully disagrees with the foundation contribution more funds. She said she thinks there might be more scholarship requests even with reduced programming and they have diminishing coffers. Superintendent Silver reported that because the museum was closed early, the tax dollars already there should fund the operation for the next year to year and a half. On the capital fund, he said the District structured the debt to fund about \$500,000/year and that will continue with the Board's support.

Commissioner Richter said looking at 2021 and Wheatstack and if it is not going to open, he suggested providing some limited services for the golf course to try to take advantage of the number of golfers on site, saying maybe that is an opportunity to keep things moving in a positive direction there. Director Garvy stated he had recently had a similar conversation with Commissioner Altpeter, and staff will investigate it.

Commissioner Ferron stated the Remote Enrichment Center is a phenomenal idea and is essential to the working parents of the community. Superintendent Pratscher stated staff has spent a lot of time getting the facility equipped to accommodate the students and have been working with the school district with timing, as well as working on enrichment activities, utilizing our remaining full time staff members and possibly part time if needed. He said the District has options for five, three, and two days a week, saying staff is very proud of the flexibility the program can provide. Commissioner Ferron reported he cannot tell staff how grateful parents are that the Park District has acknowledged there are working parents and how quickly staff adapted, saying this is not something that has gone unnoticed.

Commissioner Altpeter commended staff, calling specific attention to Senior Program Manager Breihan who has committed to a completely different course for the park district by managing the remote enrichment center program. Superintendent Pratscher reported everyone has worked hard on that and all the needs of the time and the staff has come together in ways he has not seen before. President Cook agreed with Commissioner Altpeter about staff, saying all staff has stepped up.

X.PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

The Partners for Parks Report is in the Board Packet.

XI.SEASPAR REPORT

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Cook

President Cook stated the Discover Playground looks awesome and cannot wait for the opening and appreciates all staff for working on it. He said the parks garage is nearly complete and looks great, too and is looking forward to the Parks Department utilizing the new facility. He reported he attended the shred event, it ran very smoothly and he was happy to see the District offer that to the community.

B. Treasurer, Financial Reports ending, July 30, 2020

Superintendent Silver stated the District's investments are all collateralized or FDIC insured. He reported the biggest challenge is the Recreation Fund, as it is losing money because of low enrollment in the limited programs but staff is working diligently trying to make up the losses. He reported River Bend is doing well, saying it can potentially make up a significant portion of the restaurant's loss. He stated the Social Security and IMRF funds are looking good because of all the staffing reductions. He said he is confident that the long term will be okay, but the short term has been very difficult, saying however he thinks staff is doing the right thing by making all of the cuts that have been made.

Commissioner Altpeter said she also want by Discovery Playground and it looks fantastic, as well as the garage, saying it is breathtaking seeing that and the years of use it will provide.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Richter congratulated Superintendent Leone on retirement and thanks staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Olson thanked Superintendent Pratscher' s father for doing the masonry work at the playground entry sign and appreciates his volunteerism. He acknowledged Superintendent Leone for her many years of service, her being so responsive for his years of brick orders, her commitment and contributions to Lisle Partners for Parks Foundation, Eyes to the Skies, and said he hopes she enjoys her retirement and does not become a stranger. He said he will sponsor a brick for Sea Lion Aquatic Park acknowledging her years of service.

Commissioner Ferron reported he attended the Drive in Movie and the Concert in the Park, saying he thought both events were great and went well and it is nice to get out. He complimented staff for how the hill was cordoned off to separate groups. He gave kudos to Camp Summer Quest and said Manager Wise and her team did an incredible job and it was so helpful to working parents. He thanked superintendents Silver, Pratscher and the whole team, saying the Park District was one of the government bodies that took everything seriously and made hard decisions, but made it work.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Altpeter moved to enter closed session at 7:44 p.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c) (21) Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Olson, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

XIV. OPEN MEETING

XV. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board returned to open session at 7:48 p.m. with Commissioners Olson, Ferron, Altpeter, Richter and Cook present.

XVI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the closed session meeting minutes of February 20, 2020. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Olson, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

B. Commissioner Altpeter moved to release the closed session meeting minutes of February 20, 2020. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Olson, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

C. Commissioner Altpeter moved to destroy the verbatim recording of the closed session meeting minutes of December 20, 2018. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Olson, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

XVII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Olson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Olson, Richter, Ferron, Altpeter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.