



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Richter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Richter
Altpeter
Costello
Hummel
Wessel

Staff Present:

Director of Parks & Recreation

Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent of Recreation

Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager

Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

Garvy

Silver

Cerutti

Pratscher

Nadeau

Dale

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Richter led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Bob Goodwin, Lisle Heritage Society – recognition of years of service
Superintendent Pratscher presented Bob Goodwin with a plaque and thanked him for his year of service on behalf of the Park District. Superintendent Pratscher shared a few words, saying Bob Goodwin has been actively preserving and enriching the history of Lisle for 39 years. He gave a brief history of Mr. Goodwin's blacksmithing background and explained some of the contributions he has made to the collections at the Museums at Lisle Station Park, how he continues to be a wealth of information on the history of Lisle and the museum's institutional history, and that as a Blacksmith, Bob taught future blacksmiths that are today leading the park district's blacksmith courses, who in turn will create more blacksmiths. Mr. Goodwin thanked the Lisle Park District and all those in attendance for the honor of receiving this recognition.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, December 16, 2021. Commissioner Costello seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve consent agenda items A through H.

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021.
- B. Approve November 2021 Voucher List in the amount of \$1,666,921.60.
- C. Award the 2022 Trash & Recycling services contract to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. in the amount of \$19,107.42.
- D. Award the 2022 Portable Restroom services contract to Service Sanitation in the amount of \$17,100.
- E. Award the 2022 Aquatic Weed Control services contract to Clarke Aquatic Services, Inc. in the amount of \$23,446.
- F. Approve the reservation of Friday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 24th, 2022 for the Christmas in July Races in Community Park.
- G. Approve Whistle Blower Protection Policy.
- H. Approve amendment to Section 2.01 of the Lisle District Conduct Ordinance regarding the use of Aircraft/Drones in the parks.

Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hummel asked who the Whistle Blower auditing official would be, to which Director Garvy stated Human Resource Manager Welge.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Costello, Wessel, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 21-04, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Lisle Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Costello moved to approve Ordinance 21-04, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Lisle Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion.

Superintendent Silver reported that DuPage County is still undecided on if they will add a 1% additional increase on the tax. He said the bonds will receive the additional 1% and he will keep everyone updated as he hears more.

Commissioner Hummel stated he doesn't agree with maximizing the tax levy and he will only support a flat levy.

Commissioner Costello said he supports the levy, he doesn't want there to be a reduction in services, and he feels this is a reasonable approach.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Altpeter, Wessel, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: Hummel

Motion Passed.

B. Resolution 121621, a resolution authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the General Cooperate Fund to the Capital Projects Fund pursuant to Section 5-1 of the Public District Code (70 ILCS 1205/5-1).

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve Resolution 121621, a resolution authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the General Cooperate Fund to the Capital Projects Fund pursuant to Section 5-1 of the Public District Code (70 ILCS 1205/5-1). Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Costello, Wessel, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

C. Conduct of public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,300,000 for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,300,000 for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Commissioner Wessel seconded.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

President Richter stated at this time we will open the Bond Issuance Notification Act required hearing to receive any comments relative to the District's proposal to sell up to \$1,300,000 in Limited Park Bonds. He said all persons desiring to be heard on this matter will have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony to the Board of Commissioners. He said the proposed bonds are to be issued for building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. He stated before we take any testimony from the public, would any Board of Park Commissioner like to make comment regarding the proposal to issue Limited Park Bonds?

Commissioner Hummel asked why it was increased to 1.3M, rather than the 1.139M it was two years ago. Superintendent Silver explained that is the debt service extension base increase by CPI.

Commissioner Hummel stated he has an issue with the District buying their own bonds. Superintendent Silver explained paying the interest on bonds the District buys is money that goes back into the District, and if the District sold the bonds to a third party, the park district would be paying this interest to a third party, thereby not maximizing the

community's tax dollars for park district projects. President Richter stated there is usually more or higher fees when you are dealing with a third party.

President Richter asked if there are any residents or members of the public here this evening that wish to provide oral or written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Limited Park Bonds. There were none.

President Richter asked Secretary Garvy if the District received any written or other type of correspondence regarding the proposed issuance of the Limited Park Bonds, to which Secretary Garvy replied it did not.

President Richter stated with all persons desiring to be heard having been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony regarding the proposal to issue the Bonds, I will now entertain a motion to adjourn the hearing.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to adjourn the hearing and Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

President Richter asked if there are any further comments or discussion from members of the Board of Commissioners? Hearing none, he asked Secretary Garvy to please take the roll.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Costello, Wessel, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

President Richter stated the motion to adjourn the hearing is approved and the Bond Issuance Notification Act hearing is now finally adjourned.

D. River Bend/Wheastack Electronic Sign Replacement – discussion and possible action

Commissioner Hummel moved to table this discussion until April of 2022 so it can be discussed with the golf course capital projects. There was no second and the motion failed.

Commissioner Hummel moved to have Doyle Signs remove and scrap the existing sign in the amount of \$690. There was no second and the motion failed.

Commissioner Hummel said he does not see the need to rush this decision, saying it will give staff time to seek other bids and other options. He said he would like to see staff also research what other restaurants in Lisle have these types of electronic signs and why we need one. He said he would also like to see a financial analysis of how this will benefit the Park District and the return on investment. He said the argument of getting 5% over \$1.1M is a false argument because the restaurant is already coming relatively close to that number and since 2014, the restaurant has always grossed over \$1.322M in revenue with the last four years between \$1.522M to \$1.654M. He said considering rising prices, it should be easier to match or exceed those numbers in the future and the only way a conversation could reasonably be had in regards to a benefit of adding an electronic sign is when revenue is around or above the \$1.7M mark. He said that entire complex has higher priority maintenance needs, mostly the golf course, but also the parking lot and the building itself not to mention other much more important and bigger

public benefit capital projects throughout the Park District. He said he thinks we should wait until we take full analysis of what we need at the golf course and the entire complex, prioritize our spending then see where a new sign ranks.

Commissioner Hummel referenced a January 2021 staff memo stating it is an unbudgeted expense, the panels are being replaced every few years and the financial benefit is greater to the restaurant than the golf course. He referenced additional communication from staff to the other commissioners in advance of him being informed, said he felt offended that he was not brought up to speed when the others were, and said staff's memo is one-sided.

Commissioner Altpeter stated it is unfair for Commissioner Hummel to address a memo from last January and apply the same opinions today. She said the District was in a completely different position financially with a different board. She said the Park District was not in an agreement then and discussion at that time involved having the burden of the full expense.

Commissioner Costello stated it is the landlord's role to fix things when they break, and while this is a license agreement and not a lease, it only specifies a split on certain items, the sign is not one of them and an argument can be made that the park district should bear the full burden of replacing it. He said the sign is on the premises, the licensee is trying to be a good partner by offering to pay half. He said the District can also program the sign with events similar to how the Village does with their sign on Route 53 and Main Street. He said this is good to talk about and have these discussions.

Commissioner Wessel and Commissioner Altpeter both commented how dark outside Wheatstack is without the lighted signage and that it gives the impression the facility is not open.

President Richter asked for staff's recommendation.

Director Garvy stated the recommendation is to fix the sign so the licensee can make more money which translates to the park district making more money. He addressed Commissioner Hummel and said he did not mean to offend him by not discussing this with him right away. He said he knows where he stands on issues related to the restaurant as he has made them known for over ten years, and knew he would not be in favor so he brought the opportunity to the attention of President Richter first. He said if he was not in favor of discussing it he would likely not have pursued it much further, but when President Richter was in favor considering the change in financial outlay, he then spoke with Commissioner Altpeter. With her consent to discuss it at the December meeting as well, he said he then had conversations with Commissioners Wessel and Costello, both of whom expressed support and an interest in discussing it at the December meeting. Director Garvy said he did not bring Commissioner Hummel into the loop until he had firm numbers because until recently, staff and the restaurateur were awaiting final pricing on various options and once pricing was secured he contacted him. Director Garvy said the restaurant's previous performance that Commissioner Hummel reported was accomplished with an operable electronic sign, so he doesn't think it is accurate to state that continued similar performance can be achieved without it. Director Garvy apologized again for offending Commissioner Hummel and said he understands why he feels that way.

Commissioner Hummel asked if the temporary sign and flags would be removed if the electronic sign is authorized. Director Garvy replied that the restaurant open sign would be removed, but unless he is directed to have the others removed he would not do so,

saying they are an attempt by the restaurateur Mr. Shamberg to promote various restaurant opportunities, and they have been effective to a limited degree. Mr. Shamberg stated he made that investment to better promote the restaurant and prefers to keep them intact. Commissioner Hummel asked how the park district would have access to the sign for general park district messaging, to which Director Garvy explained staff and Mr. Shamberg will work together to blend messages.

President Richter thanked everyone for the discussion.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to authorize staff to replace the electric sign at River Bend/Wheatstack in the amount of \$23,222, \$11,611 of which will be received from Simon Reese, LLC prior to placing the order. Commissioner Costello seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Costello, Wessel, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: Hummel

Motion Passed.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. DuPage Monarch Project Update is included in the board packet.

President Richter asked for a staff report/update from Naturalist Jensen, saying his enthusiasm is terrific and he thinks the board would benefit from hearing about all the work that's being performed.

Commissioner Wessel asked if there was an update on the Village of Lisle Lake Study that's being performed cooperatively with the park district. Director Garvy reported he does not but he and Superintendent Cerutti have a meeting with public works management tomorrow morning.

X. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

The Partners for Parks Report is included in the Board Packet.

XI. SEASPAR REPORT

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Richter

President Richter reported he attended the Lights of Lisle event, parade and tree lighting, all of which had a good turnout.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Wessel

i. Financial Reports ending November 30, 2021,

Superintendent Silver reported the investments are all collateralized or insured. He reported the last debt payment for the Enterprise Fund is being made this month. He reported the Recreation Fund is doing well, saying Superintendent Pratscher and his team have done an exceptional job throughout such difficult times.

C. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Hummel reported he also attended Lights of Lisle event.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Costello moved to adjourn the open meeting and move to closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter, Richter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion passed at 8:04 p.m.

XIV. OPEN MEETING

XV. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLE CALL

President Richter reconvened the open meeting at 8:59 p.m. and the following Commissioners were present: Richter, Altpeter, Costello, Hummel, Wessel. President Richter stated that the Board met in closed session to discuss the performance and compensation of the Director of Parks & Recreation.

XVI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

XVII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Costello moved to adjourn the open meeting. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 9:00 p.m.