



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
January 19, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:	Commissioners Present:	Altpeter Costello Hummel Wessel
	Staff Present:	
	Director of Parks & Recreation	Garvy
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Superintendent of Recreation	Pratscher
	Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager	Nadeau

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Altpeter led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Annual Photo Contest Winners

Director Garvy presented the 2023 photo contest winners.

4th Norbert Guzik "Gaid's Veiling Reflection" Lisle Community Park

3rd Ethan Erpenbach "Composure" Lisle Skate Park

2nd place Riley Ryan "Tree" Lisle Community Park

1st place Shawna Zakosek "Fun at Connelly Memorial Park" Connelly Memorial Park

Director Garvy thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged everyone to view the past winners in the hallway.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorraine Krzywosz- Rainer Drive

Ms. Krzywosz said she is a member of the pickleball community, she has lived in Lisle for 26 years and participated in a lot of programming. She said she is even a member of the Lisle Woman's Club who has adopted Abbeywood Park to help with cleanup. She passed out key points/solutions offered by the pickleball community which included designate a pickleball representative, consider conducting an independent sound study, realine other courts, reduce hours of operation of the Abbeywood courts, expedite a pickleball complex, and delay a board decision on Abbeywood Court until community members can get together to discuss solutions.

Bruce Montgomery – 6198 Shorewood Court

Mr. Montgomery said he loves the park district and all the programs; however, it's become a real problem living across the street from the pickleball courts. He said he works from home and the noise is literally from dawn to dusk, and has become unbearable. He said he recognizes the need for pickleball courts but would love see them in a location where they aren't surrounded by houses like the courts at Abbeywood Park are.

Saket Bhatnagar – 6286 Timberview Drive

Mr. Bhatnagar said It is a nice place to live and he is an athletic person himself who plays racquetball and other indoor court sports. He said he truly wants pickleball played in the community, but just away from houses. He said the noise has become a real problem and he has a hard time reading and focusing at home being so close to the courts.

John Leonard – New Albany Road

Mr. Leonard said he has lived in Lisle since 2000 and has enjoyed a lot of park district programs and had served on Lisle Baseball Softball Board. He said the access to parks and paths is why his family chose Lisle. He said tennis is on the decline and pickleball is on an increase. He said he plays three times a week and there are lines formed to get onto the courts. He said he understands noise is a factor and thinks Tate Woods Park is a good solution to have all Pickleball. He suggested the park district leave the Abbeywood courts in use until new courts at Tate Woods Park can be built. He said when people live by a park the need to have some expectation there will be noise and occasional inconveniences. He said restricting hours of operation can be a step in the right direction while new courts are built elsewhere.

Vitautas Matulyauskas – 6282 Timberview Drive

Mr. Matulyauskas said two years ago, he bought his house next to tennis courts and when one of them was converted to two pickleball courts, he immediately registered his concerns with the park district. He said he also plays pickleball and tennis and enjoys both sports. He said the joy of living so close to the courts is gone and said it is like living next to a constant construction zone. He said he would like the park district to remove the courts.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Hummel moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, January 19, 2023. Commissioner Costello seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

A. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of December 15, 2022.

B. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 15, 2022.

C. Approve the January 2023 Voucher List in the amount of \$257,644.82.

D. Award the 2023 to 2027 Turf Maintenance Services Award to G and G Lawncare, \$190,400.00 for 2025, \$196,000.00 for 2026, and \$201,600.00 for 2027.

E. Approve the Director of Parks and Recreation attendance at the IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, IAPD Legislative Reception and Conference, NRPA national Conference, IAPD Legal Symposium, and the PDRMA Risk Management Institute in 2023.

Commissioner Costello seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) Risk Management Review

Director Garvy commended Superintendent Cerutti, Facility & Safety Manger Mendez and all the staff for prioritizing safety and keeping safety at the forefront of everything the District does.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 011923-1 – A Resolution certifying the extension of less than the maximum amount permitted under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for the 2022 Levy Year pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/18 – 190.7

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Costello.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Nay: Hummel

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

B. Resolution 011923-2 A Resolution approving the emergency expenditure of funds without competitive bidding for the purchase of a replacement high recovery water heater for Sea Lion Aquatic Park from Stanton Mechanical, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$38,000.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessel

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

C. Sea Lion Aquatic Park link seal replacements

Commissioner Hummel moved to approve the Sea Lion Aquatic Park link seal replacements.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessel.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Pickleball Courts

Director Garvy said his memo is included in the board packet. He said he had shared emails he received from those advocating for continued use of the Abbeywood Park courts with the park board. He said nobody expected those courts to be used to the extent they are, including the park district's local USA Pickleball Association ambassador, pickleball players themselves, or park district staff. He said he recognizes the impact the courts have had on their immediate neighbors and said he does not think anyone should question this impact, because in his personal experience in visiting the courts while they're in use, it is much more than anyone anticipated. He said he recommends the park district do something to address their concerns while trying to meet the overwhelming demand for courts in Lisle. He said he agrees with the suggestions to reduce hours of operation and restrict the use of automatic ball machines as ways to help address the immediate neighbors' concerns. He recommended the pickleball players themselves do everything they can to self-police these restrictions because while park district staff will do what they can, we should not expect the Lisle Police to prioritize pickleball court usage as they have more important things to tend to, and the quickest way for the park board to reconsider its position, assuming they are amenable to these recommendations, is to have these new restrictions ignored.

Director Garvy suggested the park district also look into sound abatement panels as a means to further help reduce the impact on the courts' neighbors. He said he recognizes they would obstruct the view of the park beyond them, but they are an effort to reduce the overall impact the noise has on the neighbors. He said should the park board wish to remove the Abbeywood courts once new courts are built elsewhere, these panels can be relocated to the new courts.

Director Garvy reported that at this time Tate Woods Park is the most viable option for pickleball courts because of its adjacency to the I88 Tollway and Yackley Avenue, and the nearest neighbors are in excess of 250 feet from the existing tennis courts. He said the existing tennis courts and playground are at end of life and are scheduled for replacement. He explained staff's recommendation to issue a request for qualifications for design services that would include public meetings to gather information from the park's neighbors and other interested parties, as well as proven experience in obtaining grant funding. He said a projected timeline for that project could be the park district starting construction in the spring of 2024. Commissioner Hummel asked if the park district would consider just the tennis courts at Tate Woods park or everything. Director Garvy said he would suggest the park board consider three different options of varying scopes.

He said his timeline for the RFQ would be to make a recommendation to the park board to award the work at their meeting of March 16 and asked if any commissioner wanted to serve on the selection committee, similar to the process they followed with the strategic master plan services, to please let him know.

Commissioner Wessel agreed with the recommended course of action and suggested looking into the sound panels as soon as possible, and if they are available he would like consideration given to get them installed as early in the season as possible. President Altpeter agreed. Director Garvy said he will prioritize getting pricing and will keep everyone informed.

XI. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

The Partners for Parks Foundation did not meet in December.

XII. SEASPAR REPORT

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet. Director Garvy added that the Village of Willowbrook has expressed interest in becoming a member of SEASPAR, and added their addition would not impact any existing member's financial contribution and would likely cause a reduction. He said the entire SEASPAR community would then have access to Willowbrook's amenities. He said the board will likely see an action item in the future amending the SEASPAR joint agreement to add Willowbrook.

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Altpeter

None.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Wessel

i. Financial Reports ending December 31, 2022

Superintendent Silver reported the District will end the year in the black and all investments are FDIC insured and/or collateralized.

C. Commissioners' Reports.

None.

XIV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Hummel moved to adjourn the regular board meeting.

Commissioner Wessel seconded.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 8:04 p.m.