



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2022**

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

A. Annual Photo Contest Winners

Director Garvy presented the 2021 photo contest winners:

4th Place Honorable Mention: Barb Risner "Grasshopper" - Lisle Community Park

3rd Place Winner: Cierra Barrette, "Beneath a Blue Sky" - Lisle Community Park

2nd Place Winner: Scarlett Winterburn, "Finally!" - Sea Lion Aquatic Park

1st Place Winner: Andrea Castro, "Red House" - The Museums at Lisle Station Park

Director Garvy thanked the winners and everyone else who participated, and encouraged those in attendance to view the previous winners' photos that are all on display in the hallway outside the board room.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, January 20, 2022. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Hummel asked to pull item C from the consent agenda. Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve consent agenda items A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I.

- A. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of December 16, 2021.
- B. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 16, 2021.
- D. Ordinance 22-01, an ordinance approving the disposal of personal property owned by the Lisle Park District.
- E. Approve the purchase of a Morbark Eeger Beaver Brush Chipper from Morbark Industries in the amount of \$90,301.60.
- F. Approve the purchase of one 2021 Chevy Silverado 1500 for \$33,179 from National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA.
- G. Approve the purchase of one 2022 Ford Escape for \$25,535.28 from National Auto Fleet Group, Watsonville, CA.
- H. Approve the purchase of Tate Woods Park playground equipment in the amount of \$38,507.85 from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc.
- I. Approve the purchase of Arbor View Park playground equipment in the amount of \$73,182.61 from PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc.

Commissioner Costello seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Costello, Hummel, Wessel, Richter

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- C. Approve the January 2022 Voucher List in the amount of \$282,277.48.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve item C on the Consent Agenda, the January Voucher List in the amount of \$282,277.48. Commissioner Costello seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hummel asked Director Garvy what his spending authority is and what the threshold is to competitively bid a project. Director Garvy responded his spending authority \$10,000 and the bid threshold is \$25,000. Commissioner Hummel asked how R&D Tree Corporation is selected. Superintendent Cerutti responded the park district has used a number of tree services over the years and R&D has proven to be the most cost effective, responsive, and considerate when working in the parks. Commissioner Hummel stated he feels the tree work should have been bid out, saying the park district has paid over \$34,000 to R&D since October. Commissioner Altpeter stated the jobs did not all come up at the same time and they were all different and she doesn't think it would have been possible to bid all the tree work together when it isn't always known. President Richter agreed, saying you can't predict the scope of work for the future because you don't know when trees will die or need to be removed. Superintendent Cerutti stated the District budgets an annual cost per year, and some years we have less work needed and in some years we have more. Director Garvy stated it is hard to predict the scope of the work the District will need or the cost, saying often times site influences cost. Commissioner Hummel said he has a concern that this could be seen as bid stringing. Director Garvy said bid stringing is deliberately breaking one project into multiple projects to avoid the bid threshold, and in this case these were all individual projects at different times and different sites. Commissioner Costello stated it would be good to look at it as a preferred vendor, saying they do good work at a reasonable price

and that's why they are used over and over. Director Garvy added if the board has any concerns he can run them by legal counsel.

President Richter stated if there is no more discussion, there is a motion and a second. There was no more discussion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Costello, Wessel, Richter

Nays: None.

Present: Hummel

Motion passed.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Illinois Association of Park Districts Research Survey

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Richter stated before the board discusses the bond ordinance, he would like to address something regarding the memo Superintendent Silver prepared. He said Commissioner Hummel told staff it was adversarial and inappropriate to include the statement in the memo that he questioned the amount of the bond and that he has an issue with the park district buying its own bonds. President Richter said previous staff memos included similar language referencing any comments made and he thinks staff would have been damned if they did and damned if they didn't, saying Commissioner Hummel takes issue that his comments were included and would have taken issue had his comments not been included. He said that no matter what route staff took it would have been wrong in his eyes. Commissioner Hummel said his comments were in the meeting minutes and including them again in the cover memo was redundant. President Richter said Commissioner Hummel's approach with staff has been counterproductive and the way he addresses issues turns people against him and brings down the morale of everyone. President Richter said he knows Commissioner Hummel wants to get things done in his four years, but this is not the way to go about doing it.

Commissioner Costello said he compliments Commissioner Hummel for his eye for detail and said taxes and bonds are hard things to understand. He said Superintendent Silver is very good at his craft, sometimes the methods and recommendations he makes can be confusing, and while certain language can be difficult, we all need to be courteous and productive. President Richer added he knows Commissioner Hummel can get frustrated, but a friendly tone would go a lot further.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve Ordinance 22-02, an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,284,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2022, of the District for the building, maintaining, improving, and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the Lisle Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and authorizing the sale of the bonds to the Corporate Fund of the District.

Commissioner Wessel Seconded the motion.

President Richter asked if there was any discussion. Commissioner Hummel said his comments are the same as last time. Commissioner Wessel stated he has no problem with it and said by issuing the debt ourselves, the district saves more in interest payments to a third party than the cost of the golf course sign. Commissioner Costello said there are other advantages and cost savings such as more competitive rates.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Wessel, Costello, Richter

Nays: Hummel

Motion passed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Strategic Master Plan

Director Garvy reported staff's memo is in the packet and he would like direction on to what level the park board would like to be involved.

Commissioner Costello said he would be happy to volunteer to be part of the process of reviewing responses from consultants. Commissioner Wessel said he would like to help as well and as a new commissioner he thinks he can learn a lot from being involved.

Commissioner Altpeter stated she wants to make sure we provide some remote options to participate as an alternative to the in-person process, and she asked if inclusion and diversity initiatives will be considered. Director Garvy reported both concepts have been added to the Request document that will go out to prospective consultants.

Commissioner Hummel said he would like to interview the top three firms. Commissioner Altpeter stated she does not feel it is appropriate for the park board to be that involved in the vetting process and would rather see a committee make a recommendation to the whole board. Discussion ensued about which commissioners wanted to be part of the review committee.

Commissioner Hummel asked what the financial analysis of the plan would include. Director Garvy stated it will involve reviewing the District's budget, fund balances, capital replacement schedules, debt limits and more, compare them to industry best practices, and make recommendations for improved processes. Director Garvy said he wants the plan to be community driven and we need participants who are not all park district users, but to get those who do not use park district services and those who have been critical of the park district in the past to be involved. Commissioner Hummel said he wants to make sure fees and property taxes are discussed.

After some discussion, the board reached consensus that Commissioners Costello and Wessel will join administrative staff on an internal committee that will collect and review all responses and make a presentation at the February board meeting on who the committee recommends be interviewed and with whom a fee be negotiated. Director Garvy stated at the February meeting, the Board can direct staff on next steps.

B. Review of Lisle Park District Investment Policy

Commissioner Costello asked Superintendent Silver of a broad overview of collateralization. Superintendent Silver explained collateralization and asked if there were any questions about that or anything else in the policy. There were none.

X. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

The Partners for Parks Report is included in the Board Packet. Director Garvy reported the foundation is currently planning on selling beverages at the Summer Entertainment Series to raise funds for the foundation. He said last year, the board had expressed interest in

allowing concert goers to bring their own alcohol into the park and asked if that was still the case. The informal consensus was it was, to which Director Garvy reported he will be presenting a temporary waiver of policy to permit the possession and consumption of alcohol during the summer concerts in the coming months.

Commissioner Hummel asked if the District allows smoking in the parks, saying he was curious because he thought there is a State Law banning smoking in parks. Director Garvy said he is not aware of a state law prohibiting smoking in the parks and said it is permitted as long as it is not within a certain distance from a building. He said he is aware of some local districts that have banned smoking, and some that only allow it on their golf course.

XI. SEASPAR REPORT

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Richter

President Richter said it was a quiet month and he attended the Lights of Lisle event in December which had a nice turnout. Director Garvy asked if he could give an update on the Community Park Fitness Trail. He reported Trustee Duffy and President Richter have raised close to \$10,000 so far, not including about \$3,000 from SEASPAR, which was their target when they presented this opportunity in August. He also reported the cost of equipment has increased from about \$24,000 to just over \$27,000. He said the Park District budgeted \$10,000 so with fundraising and the park district's allocation, we are about \$4,000 short. He said Trustee Duffy and President Richter will consider their next steps and will report back accordingly.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Wessel

i. Financial Reports ending December 31, 2021,

Commissioner Wessel reported it was a quiet month for him too and turned the floor over to Superintendent Silver. Superintendent Silver reported the investments are all collateralized or insured. He reported the District is still accruing expenses for 2021 and some revenue will need to be deferred, so it is likely we will see some 2021 revenue go down and 2021 expenses go up, but all in all the District will finish the year strong.

C. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Hummel asked if there was an update on the sprinkler at Wheatstack that went off twice. Director Garvy said staff is working with PDRMA on that claim and if there is an opportunity to recoup any money staff will do so. Commissioner Hummel stated there is a good article on grant funding in the Parks & Recreation magazine for the Foundation to look at and that the board should have voted on the Director's salary in open session last month.

Commissioner Costello reported that the Open Meetings Act training website is finally up and working again.

XIV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Wessel moved to adjourn the regular board meeting. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 8:27 p.m.