



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
February 20, 2020**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lisle Park District Recreation Multipurpose Room, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Altpeter
Cook
Ferron
Olson
Richter

Also Present:

Director

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent of Finance

Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager

Superintendent of Restaurant & Golf

Superintendent of Parks

Museum Curator

Garvy
Pratscher
Silver
Nadeau
Shamberg
Cerutti
Gibson

Absent:

Superintendent of Marketing
& Fund Development

Leone

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Cook led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS

None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Cook stated if anyone in the audience is here to speak on the volunteer snow removal program, that they address the board during that discussion.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, February 20, 2020. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

- A. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 16, 2020.
- B. Approve the February 2020 Voucher List in the amount of \$318,435.90.
- C. Approve the reservation of Saturday, September 26, 2020 and Sunday September 27, 2020 for the DuPage Humane Society's Barkapalooza dog walk in Community Park.
- D. Approve the reservation of Saturday, June 6, 2020 for the Love>Fear walk in Community Park.
- E. Approve the 2020 License Agreement between the Lisle Park District and Eyes to the Skies Festival Committee.
- F. Ordinance 20-02, An Ordinance amending certain provisions of the Lisle Park District's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy.
- G. Approve updates to the Lisle Park District Equal Opportunity Policy and the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

President Cook reported he received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He thanked Superintendent Silver for his dedication to the district.

President Cook stated there was a nice report in the DuPage Monarch Project publication that included an article on the Lisle Park District and the District's environmental accomplishments.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 20-01, an Ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,139,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2020, of the District 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 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.

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Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Park Boat Launch Bid Results – possible action

Director Garvy stated the report is submitted and he is happy to answer any questions. Commissioner Ferron asked if the District has considered any programming opportunities once completed. Director Garvy stated staff intends to offer learn to paddle classes in the ponds that could also include adaptive programming for individuals with special needs. He said he has also had conversations with the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and Bolingbrook Park District about cooperative programs and events. President Cook asked what the next steps are. Director Garvy stated the bid would be approved, then the project would likely be started and completed in mid to late summer. He reported the expected construction is 20 days. President Cook asked about permitting. Director Garvy replied that all the permitting has been secured. Commissioner Olson asked if the Partners for Parks Foundation had any more funding available for this project. Director Garvy stated that the Foundation has expressed concern with their cash flow considering the last two years of Eyes to the Skies provided much less revenue. He added they have pulled back on some of their other funding opportunities in order to preserve it for what they believe is their core purpose of providing scholarships for families in need. Commissioner Altpeter stated she attends the meetings, agrees with what Director Garvy reported and added that the foundation has pulled back on marketing also.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to award the Community Boat Launch Construction Project to Semper Fi Land Service, Inc. in the amount of \$142,500.

Commissioner Richter seconded to motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

B. Volunteer Snow Removal – discussion

President Cook called for any public comment.

Mr. Gary Gray said he has lived in Lisle since 1982, he feels the Park District is outstanding and has something for everyone from toddlers to seniors. He said in the past, the trails and pathways have been cleared by residents and now they are being asked to stop. He said he is requesting consideration to allow for the volunteer removal of snow with the appropriate documentation.

Mr. Mark Clough stated he is the individual who was cited for clearing snow with his tractor, lives in Green Trails and likes the community. He said he didn't realize he was doing something wrong by clearing the trails and is hopeful the park district will support the continued clearing of snow by volunteers.

Mr. Peter Lewis stated he is a 25-year resident who likes to walk outside but had fallen previously and is very appreciative of the trails being cleared. He said he very much appreciates Mr. Clough's efforts and would like the park district to allow residents to clear the trails. He said it is a positive thing for the district and community to have the trails and pathways cleared.

President Cook stated he follows the Next-Door App and shared his concerns with some of the comments placed on social media. He stated that in the future, he hopes residents will reach out to the Park District staff directly with questions or concerns rather than posting information on social media without first having an exchange with the park district directly.

Commissioner Olson stated he appreciates staff working on this issue and thanked those willing to volunteer. He said he would like signage in the parks stating something along the lines of these trails are cleared by volunteers so should they cease being cleared, residents will know it had previously been done by volunteers and not Lisle Park District staff. He suggested volunteers should make sure they get consent from any other property owners whose property volunteers might have to cross to access park trails.

Commissioner Richter agreed with President Cook and Commissioner Olson and thanked Mr. Clough for calming the waters on Social Media with his recent post. He said he wanted to point out to Mr. Clough that he didn't do anything wrong by trying to better the community but he just needs to follow the process. He said he doesn't think the District would ever discourage the help.

Commissioner Altpeter also agreed with what was stated and requests the waiver and program be reviewed annually. She said she'd like volunteers to be identifiable as Lisle Park District volunteers while performing these duties.

Director Garvy stated the District's Conduct Ordinance itself doesn't need to be changed because while we prohibit certain activities, many have the caveat "without a permit." Therefore he stated, the Park District can authorize this by requiring volunteers to sign a waiver and agree to certain conditions. He said some of the conditions being contemplated include snow can only be cleared during daylight hours; snow cannot be piled to create a hazard elsewhere; only shovels, snow blowers and lawn tractors can be used; volunteers must be courteous of and yield the right of way to other park users; volunteers are responsible for damage caused to their own equipment. He said staff can add the need for volunteers to be identified as volunteers, that volunteers must provide written authorization from private property owners should the volunteers require access to private property to access a Park District trail, and volunteers must renew their status annually. The District will promote widely via Green Trails Pathfinder, website and social media.

President Cook said the board agrees this is a good opportunity to pursue and directed staff to move forward.

X.STAFF REPORTS

A. 2019 Community Park Fitness Year End Report

Superintendent Pratscher recapped the changes in the fitness center over the last month saying Room B has become a functional training studio with added RX suspension straps, free weights, ropes, and kettlebells. He said this provides a safer floor space for training and accommodates requests from members to provide such space. He said Room C now has the spin bikes and Room A remains the dance studio.

Commissioner Ferron asked how the rooms are monitored. Superintendent Pratscher stated the District set up a camera in the space that has viewing and communication capabilities.

B. 2019 Sea Lion Aquatic Park Year End Report

Superintendent Pratscher went over the neighbor rate program the District started with Downers Grove to boost non-resident sales. He said there was an increase in birthday parties and thanked the facilities and parks departments for making drainage improvements in the birthday party turf area.

C. 2019 River Bend Golf Club & Wheatstack Year End Report

Commissioner Olson pointed out the expenses are still high and he understands labor will just get higher. Commissioner Altpeter stated it became even more evident last year that the facility's performance is largely based on weather. She stated there have also been a lot of improvements and associated expenses, too. Commissioner Altpeter asked Superintendent Shamberg if they considered permanent tee times. He replied there hasn't been an expressed need.

XI. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

XII. SEASPAR REPORT.

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Cook

President Cook reported he attended the IAPD conference and volunteered at the museum.

B. Treasurer, Financial Reports ending, January 2020

Superintendent Silver stated the District's investments are all collateralized or FDIC insured. Superintendent Silver explained how the Park District buying their own bonds saves the taxpayer interest on those bonds. He stated in 2010 the District used its Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) and issued bonds to purchase and remodel 1925 Ohio Street. The Board made a conscious effort to leave enough head room within the DSEB to come back every two years and issue the remaining portion of the District's non-referendum bonding authority to fund the District's capital projects for a two-year period. He said the District has been purchasing its own bonds and collecting 100% of the bond proceeds including the interest. He said if the District sells the bonds to a third party, the roughly \$25,000 of interest to be paid would be considered a cost of issuance and a lost opportunity to capture that money for our residents. By the District buying its own bonds, he said the Lisle Park District can capture 100% of the bond proceeds which includes the \$25,000 of interest that would have been lost had we not bought them ourselves. He said he would rather spend the money on the community than to give it to a bank. Superintendent Silver said he is always willing to meet or discuss the District's finances, please contact him if there are questions or concerns.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Altpeter reported she volunteered at the museum and wishes Ethan Peterman the best as he accepted a position at the Elwood House in DeKalb. She reported she attended the IAPD conference. She said she appreciates the board allowing her to go. She reported she also attended the Chamber After Hours at Country House and was impressed at how Concetta works the room for Museum donations. She said will also be attending the SEASPAR Fish Fry on Friday.

Commissioner Richter stated he attended the IAPD conference and reported it is a great way to get exposed to what other park districts are doing and learning the most current issues facing the industry. He said he will also be attending the Fish Fry on Friday.

Commissioner Ferron reported he attended the Dinner Theatre and thought it was a great event. He asked if the event's financial performance had been finalized. Manager Nadeau stated because the event happened in February the report will be in March, but she is very pleased with the turnout.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Olson moved to enter into closed session at 8:15 p.m. 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 and 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 Richter seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XV. OPEN MEETING

The Board returned to open session at 8:25 p.m. with Commissioners Olson, Ferron, Altpeter, Richter and Cook present. President Cook stated the purpose of the closed session was to discuss Director Garvy's employment agreement and previous closed session meeting minutes and which ones to approve, release and which verbatim recordings to destroy.

XVII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the employment agreement between the Lisle Park District and Dan Garvy. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the closed session meeting minutes of August 15, 2019; September 19, 2019 and December 19, 2019. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to release the closed session meeting minutes of August 15, 2019; September 19, 2019 and December 19, 2019. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to destroy the verbatim recordings of the closed session meeting minutes of February 15, 2018 and August 16, 2018. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XIV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Olson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:27 p.m. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.