



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING
August 20, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Costello
Wessel
Hummel
Richter
Altpeter

Staff Present:

Director of Parks & Recreation
Superintendent of Finance
Superintendent of Recreation

Garvy
Silver
Pratscher

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. SITE TOUR

Director Garvy led the group through the Community Center, reporting the Fitness Center is an ongoing concern with its continued decline in membership and the aging facility. He said staff expects there to be some good information gleaned from the Strategic Master Plan project that will help with the direction of that facility. The tour continued throughout that facility and onto the Sea Lion Aquatic Park deck. Staff reported the air conditioner in the concession stand is down and staff is waiting for parts. Director Garvy called attention to some of the aging components including the octopus water feature, the teen spray play area, and slides, as well as an area adjacent to the snake feature where the concrete deck needs to be removed and replaced due to shifting concrete and the impact it is having on the steel pool gutters.

The group then drove individually to Arbor View Park, where staff and the commissioners walked to the construction area. Director Garvy highlighted the construction project's progress to date, reporting fencing is scheduled to be installed the following week. Commissioner Hummel asked where the naturalized area was going, and Director Garvy reported it is going along the south of the basketball court and shelter area adjacent to the existing bridge.

At Connelly Memorial Park, Director Garvy explained this is one of the District's pesticide free sites and reported that some challenges exist, particularly around the plaza area where the landscape block planting beds have settled quite a bit over time and the brick paver area is settling, and both features will require some focused attention in the coming year. He reported the brick paver area does not receive any chemical weed control and as a result it looks a little weedier than staff would like. He reported staff weed whips the bricks to keep the weeds down, but they come back within a couple of days. Commissioner Hummel reported the Kiwanis Club of Lisle is interested in helping maintain Connelly Memorial Park. Director Garvy thanked him and said he'll follow up with him next week.

The group went to Tate Woods Park where Director Garvy reported that site is a potential site for a multi-court pickleball court complex. He cited the noise from the adjacent tollway and Yackley Avenue and the absence of immediate neighbors. He said one concern with this site is the shared parking lot with DuPage AME Church, whose Sunday services consume the majority of the parking lot, which they purchased and allow the Park District to utilize. He said we would have to communicate Sunday conflicts with pickleball players should that become a site for pickleball. Discussion ensued about what trees would likely have to be removed, if a tennis court can stay, if the basketball court would have to be removed to accommodate pickleball courts, and others. Director Garvy replied that a landscape architect and engineer will be able to provide some options that would provide answers to all those questions.

At Beau Bien Park, Director Garvy called the group's attention to the gaga ball pit and explained that the feature had not been used for its intended purpose since about a year after it was installed. He said it has been used as a small dog pen and has become an eyesore. He said previously the area was a ½ basketball court that was subject to a lot of vandalism and misuse, and also as a small activity area with hopscotch and four square. He said staff's recommendation moving forward is to remove the gaga ball pit and the asphalt slab. Commissioner Hummel asked if it would be restored to turf, to which Director Garvy said yes, that is staff's plan. Director Garvy pointed out that the tennis courts there are also lined for pickleball, and that the playground equipment is scheduled for replacement in 2023.

The group then drove to Surrey Ridge Athletic Complex where Director Garvy highlighted the multi-use capabilities of the site, explaining why the ballfield backstops are all in the corners playing inward. He said this promotes site flexibility, but the layout of the parking lot and picnic shelter also hinder added flexibility. Superintendent Pratscher explained the District gets requests from many groups to use the site, including baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and cricket. Director Garvy explained this might be a candidate for pickleball courts, but the proximity of the neighboring homes may pose a challenge.

At Carriage Hill Park, Director Garvy explained the evolution of the landscaping at the park, and how over time many of the mature trees have died and been removed, especially around the tennis court, because of site drainage. He explained how one main section of the path had been converted to concrete the year before and should save the District money in the future. At the playground, he explained that the equipment is scheduled for replacement in 2023, but staff will conduct a detailed inspection prior to making any recommendation. Commissioner Wessel said he visits this site regularly and agreed that some of the components are wearing out. Director Garvy highlighted an area that had received attention to improve storm water drainage and keep storm water in the park as it drained to the street vs. traveling onto adjacent private property.

At River Bend Golf Club, Director Garvy showed the commissioners the sidewalk in front of the building where several sections have settled, leaving a change in grade between the sidewalk and curb, and reporting this will be included in the 2023 budget to repair. Commissioners Richter and Hummel asked if instead of replacing the sidewalk, could the slabs in question be lifted. Director Garvy replied he was not sure if that would be an option, but that staff will look into it. Superintendent Silver then facilitated a course tour by cart. He explained the desire to reorient the first tee in order to provide more options to move tee markers, highlighting all the worn areas and how limited moving tee markers around is with the current tee configuration. He said as the course's first tee and first impression, this current situation leaves a lot to be desired. He then led the group to other areas of the course and explained current projects like the sand trap renovations

that are ongoing and tree and large branch removals that either help limit potentially hazardous conditions or speed pace of play. He explained the recommendation to expand the asphalt cart paths to replace some of the current stone paths, which are in constant need of maintenance and do not provide a clean aesthetic. Superintendent Silver called the groups attention to the large planter between the 6th and 8th greens and the 7th and 9th tees, and reported staff strongly recommends the cart path approach to this area be paved versus the existing stone path, highlighting the rough edges, mud, and overall messy appearance.

Back at the clubhouse area, Commissioner Richter thanked staff for facilitating the tour on a Saturday.

IV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Hummel moved to adjourn the special board meeting. Commissioner Richter seconded.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 12:05 p.m.