



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 15, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Altpeter  
Costello  
Hummel  
Wessel

Staff Present:

Director of Parks & Recreation

Superintendent of Finance

Superintendent of Recreation

Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager

Assistant Superintendent of Recreation

Garvy

Silver

Pratscher

Nadeau

Dale

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

President Altpeter led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Introduction of Taylor Witter, new Recreation Facilities Manager- Aquatics & Fitness Superintendent Pratscher introduced Manager Witter to the Park Board. Manager Witter provided a brief history of her career, thanked the board for the opportunity and said she looks forward to the challenges and opportunities.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Costello moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, December 15, 2022. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Hummel moved to approve consent agenda items A and B.

A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 2022.

B. Approve the November 2022 Voucher List in the amount of \$1,661,221.09.

Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Ordinance 22-04, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Lisle Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Hummel said he agrees with the decision the board made tonight to move the funds out of IMRF so they can fund capital projects. He said it's time to stretch the dollar further and see a savings for the taxpayer. He said he is voting no on the tax levy.

Superintendent Silver clarified the exhibit to the ordinance changed only and the total amount levied doesn't change as the District is adjusting the levies from one fund to another. Commissioner Costello asked if there was enough headroom in the Corporate Fund levy authority to accommodate that increase, to which Superintendent Silver stated there is.

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessel.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Nay: Hummel

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

B. Resolution 121522, a Resolution authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the General Corporate Fund to the Capital Projects Fund pursuant to Section 5-1 of the Park District Code (70 ILCS 1205/5-1).

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Costello.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Costello, Wessel, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Nays: None.

Motion Passed.

C. 2023-2027 River Bend Gold Club Maintenance Services Contract.

Commissioner Costello moved to award the 2023 – 2027 River Bend Golf Club Maintenance Services Contract to Drendel Property Management in the amount of \$252,000 for 2023, \$259,560 for 2024, \$267,646 for 2025, \$275,675 for 2026, and \$283,945 for 2027.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessel.

Commissioner Hummel asked if the District has confirmed one-year options in case the rates go down on services. Director Garvy said the recommendation is to approve the contract for five years, but they are one-year contracts with the authority to extend it for four additional terms for the five year total. He said if the economy shows signs that the District can get more competitive pricing, then the park district has the discretion to rebid the project.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

D. Ordinance 22-0, An Ordinance regulating the procurement of goods and services by the Lisle Park District ("Purchasing Ordinance").

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Motion was seconded by Commissioner Wessel.

Commissioner Hummel stated he is against establishing the director's spending authority at \$30,000, saying he is more comfortable at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Discussion ensued regarding lower-level staff spending limits within the ordinance and how the director is involved and at what spending limit. Director Garvy added that staff can only purchase up to \$5,000 without his permission, and his authority as presented is consistent with other area park districts and similar organizations.

Commissioner Hummel said it should be revisited in three years.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Altpeter

Nays: Hummel

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

#### **X.STAFF REPORTS**

Commissioner Hummel thanked Manager Wise for working with the Woodridge and Downers Grove park districts to run basketball.

Commissioner Altpeter said she saw Lifetime Fitness is offering indoor Pickleball courts. Commissioner Hummel said Edwards Fitness Center is as well.

#### **XI.PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT**

The Partners for Parks Foundation report is in the Board Packet. Moving forward, Director Garvy stated, the foundation will meet every other month and a report will be submitted in those months only.

#### **XII.SEASPAR REPORT**

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

### **XIII. OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **A. President Altpeter**

None.

#### **B. Treasurer, Commissioner Wessel**

##### **i. Financial Reports ending November 30, 2022**

Discussion on transfers/Investments

President Altpeter said to Commissioner Hummel we're not going to be disrespectful towards staff. Commissioner Hummel stated he is opposed to additional payments to IMRF and stated he was given wrong information by staff when he asked in 2021 if there was an extra payment included in the 2022 budget. He said had he known, it would have affected his vote. He said this was a material misstatement by staff.

President Altpeter stated the next budget will have two line items for IMRF to avoid this sort of confusion, one for the required payment and one for any additional payment that might be recommended. Commissioner Wessel said he thinks that is a good idea. Director Garvy stated staff can also prepare a written recommendation for board consideration each December if staff feels an extra payment is still warranted.

Commissioner Hummel agreed there should be an action item each December related to IMRF for extra payments and said this board can't be handcuffed by what past boards did. He said he has followed this issue for years and thinks extra funds in the budget should be moved to the Corporate Fund so they can fund capital projects, or not levied at all and kept with the taxpayers.

Commissioner Costello stated the 2022 transfer amount was budgeted and included in the allocation in the 2022 Budget. He expressed that he has no issue with that and staff's logic is sound in making these additional payments to help fund the indoor walking facility that so many people seem to want. He said breaking down the allocation in the budget provides for more transparency and clarity.

Commissioner Hummel stated what happened in the past to build the account to 100% funding was fine, but now it's overfunded at 120%. He said it is not necessary to keep making additional payments when it is overfunded.

Commissioner Hummel asked about the meeting minutes of October 2020, stating that the Board at that time didn't want to make the extra payment in the 2021 budget and directed staff to move that funding to the Recreation Fund. He said an extra payment was made in December 2021 in conflict with that board directive. President Altpeter said he was not part of those discussions or the full extent of them. She said the park district was in the midst of the pandemic and had been making drastic cuts across the board like laying off long time employees, cutting services, and more because the present and future were completely uncertain.

Director Garvy stated he recognizes that and stated it was an oversight by staff and that action had no ill-intent. He said right or wrong, staff had looked at extra payments to IMRF as investments, and the park district's investment policy names the Superintendent of Finance as the park district's investment officer, who has the authority to make these sorts of investments. He cited the City of Winfield bonds and investments at Beverly Bank as examples of transfers of funds made without board approval. Commissioner Hummel stated IMRF is not an investment. Director Garvy reported Superintendent Silver and former President Richter had a conversation in December 2021 and both agreed making an additional payment was the right thing to do considering the District was in better shape than it had anticipated in October 2020. He said we all failed to remember the

discussion the board had 14 months prior, and moving forward breaking out the extra payment in the budget and staff making a recommendation for board consideration will prevent that from happening in the future. Commissioner Hummel stated that should have been the board's decision and not one that staff or one commissioner had the authority to make.

**C. Commissioners' Reports.**

None.

**XIV. CLOSED SESSION**

President Altpeter asked for a motion to move into Closed Session.

Commissioner Costello motioned to adjourn the regular board 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.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 7:56 p.m.

**XV. OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to open session at 8:42 pm

**XVI. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Director Garvy took role with Commissioners Costello, Hummel, Wessel, and President Altpeter answering present.

**XVII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

A. Director of Parks & Recreation Employment Agreement

Commissioner Costello moved to approve an employment agreement between the Lisle Park District and Dan Garvy. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hummel stated he is voting no because he does not agree with the evergreen clause.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Altpeter

Nays: Hummel

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

**XVIII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

Commissioner Wessel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Commissioner Costello seconded.

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