



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

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

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 Altpeter led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Introduction of new Recreation & Registration Assistant Alexis McCurdy. Superintendent Pratscher introduced Alexis to the Park Board. Alexis told the board about herself and thanked them for welcoming her.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

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

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

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

B. Approve October 2022 Voucher List in the amount of \$648,735.05.

Commissioner Wessel asked to amend the minutes to show he wasn't at the Fitness Trail Ribbon Cutting.

Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Costello, Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Jane Foulser Habitat Award – Lisle Park District Oak Generation  
Director Garvy shared the plaque the District received with the Park Board.

B. West Suburban Community Pantry – Donation Acknowledgment

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Illinois Association of Park District's Annual Meeting Delegate(s)  
Commissioner Costello moved to designate President Altpeter as the Lisle Park District's delegate, Commissioner Costello as its alternate and Commissioner Wessel as second alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts to be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hummel

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. 2023 Budget Draft Discussion

President Altpeter thanked the board for sending in their questions ahead of time. She addressed Commissioner Hummel and said the tone of his emails to staff are disrespectful. She said that while she appreciates he wants answers, he also needs to be mindful of how his emails come off, and said the board and staff have enjoyed a collaborative and productive relationship with each other based on trust and respect and she wants that to continue. Commissioner Hummel asked for examples. President Altpeter said referring to the newsletter as "fluff" and replying "government is broken" doesn't help in getting answers to questions.

Commissioner Wessel asked for a P & L for the Summer Entertainment Series. Director Garvy said he will provide that to the board after the meeting.

Commissioner Costello asked if the CPI or 5% wasn't taken, what would the impact to the budget be? Director Garvy passed out a spreadsheet with different levy scenarios that showed the long-term effect of freezing the levy for just one year using what staff believes is a conservative estimate of 2.5% levy increases for each of the next 20 years – reporting that not collecting approximately \$261,000 in 2023 can result in losing close to \$6.7 million over 20 years. He explained that staff not recommending to balloon the levy and ask for more than 5%, which he believes could result in capturing about 7.5%, is actually leaving \$130,000 on the table. He continued and said staff recommending a 5% increase and not 7.5% will still result in losing over \$3.3 million over 20 years, but staff recognizes the current economic climate and trying to find a balance between being fiscally conservative and maintaining district assets.

Commissioner Hummel questioned the projected 2.5 % levy increase in the report. Director Garvy stated that is an estimate only, and he feels no matter what staff presents he will find fault with it.

Commissioner Hummel asked if there has been thought into creating a senior partnership with other Districts, referencing a SEASPAR (special recreation cooperative) type of organization being formed. Director Garvy said he is not aware. Superintendent Pratscher stated staff is always looking for creative solutions to lower costs and increase participation.

Commissioner Hummel pointed out that Downers Grove is the top Non-Resident user of our pool and asked if anyone knows if they are planning for one of their own? Director Garvy stated he did not think so, but believes they were looking into a large indoor/outdoor sports facility on their western border.

Commissioner Hummel said non-resident fees are not high enough. He said residents pay fees but when you add in what they pay in taxes and bonds they are actually paying more than non-residents. President Altpeter pointed out that the non-residents are needed too to help offset the costs and we don't want to price them out to where they'll go to other communities. Director Garvy said our pricing is in line with our competition and agrees that we can't raise non resident rates too high for fear of losing them and the revenue they bring.

Commissioner Hummel asked if at the Intergovernmental meetings if there is talk about shared services. Director Garvy said there is and referenced examples of working with the library, Village of Lisle public works, Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District, and School District 202 on ongoing regular basis. He said as the school district considers its future use of the Schiesher and Junior High properties, he is hopeful for some large-scale collaboration.

Commissioner Hummel stated he still questions the conference expense. President Altpeter suggested he attend conference before he has an opinion. Commissioner Wessel stated attending conference helps get Lisle known around the state and it makes him a better board member.

Commissioner Costello stated the budget is a goal and is what the board and staff thinks at the current time, and just because the money is there, the District doesn't have to spend it.

President Altpeter asked if there were any other questions that have not been asked and answered before. There were none.

Director Garvy stated staff will go through the document again, highlight any changes, and present a revised budget will at the November 15 meeting.

## **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Strategic Master Plan Update**

Director Garvy reported the board will meet on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to go over initial findings and have a values exercise.

### **B. Department Updates**

Director Garvy called special attention to the "Spot on Emotions" initiative in the preschool, and said the preschool team has been dynamic and on the ball as they have made some observations on the emotional development of the school's participants and the affect the pandemic has had on them.

President Altpeter asked the date for the Hall of Fame concert the District is planning with the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Director Garvy reported it is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **X. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT**

The Partners for Parks Foundation Board did not meet in October.

## **XI. SEASPAR REPORT**

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

## **XII. OFFICER REPORTS**

### **A. President Altpeter**

President Altpeter reported that being this close to the election she does not think the board needs to fill the vacancy created as a result of former Commissioner Richter's resignation last month. She said the District has created a precedent by the process it has followed previously, saying an 8 – 10 weeks process and the upcoming holiday season puts the current board into January by the time it can name a replacement. She said holding off now allows whoever wants to run to run and the voters will then decide in April. Consensus followed.

Director Garvy reported President Altpeter was asked to be on the Illinois Association of Park District's Program Committee, which is the group that coordinates continuing education opportunities. President Altpeter stated she is very excited to represent the Lisle Park District in this capacity. She said she and Commissioner Wessel volunteered at Scarecrow Scramble and had a great time. She reminded everyone Monster Madness is this weekend.

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

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

Superintendent Silver reported that the district's investments are all FDIC insured and collateralized. He reported the enterprise fund and specifically golf is doing well. He said everything else is pretty much in line with no surprises and the District should once again finish the year with revenue in excess of expenses.

### **C. Commissioners' Reports.**

Commissioner Wessel reported he volunteered at Scarecrow Scramble.

## **XIV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

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

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 8:10 p.m.