



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2023**

**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 Hummel Wessel
	Commissioners Remote (7:02 p.m.):	Costello
	Staff Present:	
	Director of Parks & Recreation	Garvy
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver
	Superintendent of Recreation	Pratscher
	Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager	Nadeau

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

President Altpeter led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. REMOTE ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION**

A. Permit the attendance and participation of Commissioner Costello by remote means.

Commissioner Hummel moved to permit Commissioner Costello's attendance at the February 16, 2023 meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners by remote means in accordance with section 7 of the Open Meetings Act and the Lisle Park District Remote Attendance Policy. Commissioner Wessel seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Altpeter

Nays: None

Absent: Costello.

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Costello joined the meeting via telephone at 7:02 p.m.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vitautas Matulyauskas – 6282 Timberview Drive

Mr. Matulyauskas demonstrated the difference between the sound of pickleball and tennis. He said he feels the noise barrier is partly effective and would block the view of the rest of the park and create safety concerns. He said he researched clear polycarbonate panels but that those are not cheap. He said the Abbeywood Park courts are being operated under an exception to the noise ordinance, but those exceptions are intended to be for special events and competitions, and it is up to the park board to determine if the exception is applicable to Abbeywood Park. He said there are two sides of his argument, one of which is valid health and environmental concerns of the neighbors, while the other is to maintain a venue to play a sport and

unlike the neighbors, players have a choice to use this venue or another site. He said he is not asking for a commitment but wants to know the board's current opinion. He suggested removing one of the pickleball courts and only have one operational court to reduce the overall use the site receives, and suggested the park district create more pickleball courts on existing tennis courts like it had done at Sun Valley and Beau Bien parks.

Mark Biesiada

Mr. Biesiada said he has been involved with the Park District through coaching and activities for many years. He said the community pathways are a blessing in Green Trails, but having a backyard up to the pathways is part of the deal, saying you hear people walking and talking within feet of your back yard. He said he also lived near a park in Chicago and over time, one needs to expect the park to evolve and expand over time. He said pickleball is a fast growing sport and is appealing to many different ages and ability levels, and since he started playing at Abbeywood Park, he has met many nice people. He said he thinks Tate Woods Park seems like a real good site with the existing road noise and it would relieve some of the pressure on Abbeywood Park. He said increased courts there and increased restrictions on the Abbeywood Park courts are a good idea.

Bill Littell – Pickleball Instructor

Mr. Littell stated the pickleball community appreciates the opportunities for pickleball and thanked the park board for entertaining these discussions. He said nobody expected the use Abbeywood Park is receiving and the pickleball community is sensitive to the concerns of the neighbors. He said he thinks through compromise we can come to workable solutions. He said park district staff has offered solutions including reduced hours, no machines, installing sound abatement, and expediting the construction of new courts at Tate Woods Park. He said the see-through panels might solve the problem and he supports that, but recognizes the cost is high. He said pickleball will continue to surge in popularity and he and the rest of the pickleball community are committed to working together. He said a more organized effort has been in effect, the pickleball community has been asking for courts for too long, demand is too high, and this is not the right time to remove the courts from Abbeywood Park.

## **VI. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Hummel moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, February 16, 2023. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve consent agenda items A, B, and C.

A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 19, 2023.

B. Approve the February 2023 Voucher List in the amount of \$271,200.08.

C. Approve the reservation of Saturday, September 23, 2023 for set up and Sunday, September 24, 2023 for the Barkapalooza Walk in Community Park.

Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.  
Motion Passed.

### **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Illinois Park & Recreation Association Magazine Article – Multi Sensory Rooms
- B. Chicago Region Trees Initiative Urban Forestry Award – Lisle Park District's Oak Regeneration Project

### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **XI. STAFF REPORTS**

#### A. Abbeywood Park Pickleball Courts

President Altpeter asked the board if they had additional questions. President Altpeter said from email communications she has seen with the neighbors, they don't want the sound panels because they think they would become an eyesore.

Commissioner Wessel said he is in favor of moving forward with Tate Woods Park and putting pickleball courts there, but he is not willing to tie the hands of a future board by committing to removing the Abbeywood courts 18 months from now. Commissioner Hummel said he agrees with Commissioner Wessel and he is also supportive of the sound abatement that staff offered because they can be removed and brought to other parks in the future. Commissioner Costello said the sound barrier was an accommodation to try to make all parties happy, but apparently now that is not going to satisfy the neighbors at this time.

President Altpeter said she agrees and wants to see what the master plan says once it is completed as to where future funds should be allocated. She said the board can't commit today to remove the Abbeywood courts. She said the park district will not purchase the sound abatement staff has researched if the neighbors concerned with the sound do not want it.

Director Garvy offered to investigate the clear plexiglass panels, but that what Mr. Matulyauskas proposed and shared is in fact expensive at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$100,000. He said those panels would be too heavy to hang on the fence and a free standing barrier is likely what adds to this significant cost. He said while he appreciates that there is no firm commitment to remove the courts in 18 months, he cannot see the justification in such an expenditure if the intent of these panels would only be for that amount of time. President Altpeter said she is open to sound panels but not the plexiglass ones for reasons stated, and that the board continues to support reduced hours of operation and no automatic ball machines.

#### B. Tate Woods Park Design Services

Director Garvy gave an update on the Request for Statements of Interest, Qualifications and Performance Date (RFQ) for Tate Woods Design Services. He said the District has received proposals from four firms, all of which have good reputations. He reported at this time staff will rank them based on their qualifications, and said their success rate of getting OSLAD grants will be a determining factor. He said if anyone on the board would like to be involved in the process they are welcome. Director Garvy stated the grant application is due at the end of August, and the park district is currently planning to bid the project in the winter and will hopefully begin construction in the spring of 2024. He

said depending on the scope of the project, the length of construction will vary, and a condition of the grant is no project costs except architectural and engineering can be incurred prior to an executed grant agreement, so the soonest construction could commence would be spring 2024.

#### C. River Bend Golf Club 2022 Annual Report

The report is submitted in the packet.

Commissioner Hummel asked why resident greens fees were down while nonresident and other revenue is up. Superintendent Silver stated there was at least one league that did not renew last year, but he will investigate that in more detail and report back.

### **XII. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT**

No report.

### **XIII. SEASPAR REPORT**

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

### **XIV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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

President Altpeter reported she attended the annual state conference and it was great to see everyone back. She said she attended several interesting sessions including one on Open Meetings Act where it was explained that there really should be no discussion of agenda items amongst commissioners and members of the public immediately before or after a meeting, with an emphasis that all business and discussion should occur only during meetings.

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

##### **i. Financial Reports ending January 31, 2023**

Superintendent Silver reported all investments are FDIC insured and/or collateralized. He said the district's investment with Maxisafe is doing well as it is nice to see our money finally working for us with the higher rates. He said there is usually not a lot of activity in January and this year is no exception. He said some of the pathways at River Bend have been replaced this off-season.

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

None.

### **XV. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Hummel moved to enter into closed session pursuant to 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 Wessel seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Costello, Altpeter

Absent: None.

Motion Passed.

There was no further discussion and motion passed unanimously by 7:41p.m.

### **XVI. OPEN MEETING**

### **XVII. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Board returned to open session at 7:44 pm.

Roll Call: Altpeter, Hummel, and Wessel were present.

**XVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

A. Approval of certain closed session meeting minutes

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve the closed session meeting minutes of August 18, 2022; September 15, 2022; November 15, 2022; and December 15, 2022. Commissioner Hummel seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Absent: Costello.

Nays: None.

B. Release of certain closed session meeting minutes

Commissioner Wessel moved to release the closed session meeting minutes of August 18, 2022; September 15, 2022; and November 15, 2022. Commissioner Hummel seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Absent: Costello.

Nays: None.

C. Authorization of the destruction of certain verbatim recordings of closed session meetings.

Commissioner Wessel moved to destroy the verbatim recordings of the closed session meetings of February 18, 2021; July 26, 2021; and July 27, 2021. Commissioner Hummel seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter

Absent: Costello.

Nays: None.

**XIX. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

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

There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 7:46 pm.