



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Wessel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present In-Person:

Altpeter
Dombroski
Hummel
Tapella
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present Included:

Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy
Superintendent of Finance, IT & Golf Operations Silver
Superintendent of Recreation & Marketing Pratscher
Superintendent of Parks & Facilities Cerutti
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation, Mejicano

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wessel led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mr. Vitas Matulyauskas discussed a variety of topics related to ongoing issues with pickleball related programming being held at Abbeywood Park. These topics included, but were not limited to, the proximity pickleball courts to his home, consternation with the pickleball instructor employed by the Lisle Park District, perceived indifference and/or perceived retaliatory actions by the Lisle Park District Board of Commissioners. Mr. Matulyauskas went on to explain what he believes to be constitutional violations of his, and other citizens', civil rights in relation to the continuing discussion surrounding pickleball programming at Abbeywood Park. He expressed a request for all residents of Lisle to be treated equally regarding acceptable noise levels for recreational activities in all parks within Lisle.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve Consent Agenda items A and B, including the voucher list in the amount of \$629,321.24. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

VIII. DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Committee Members Present In-Person:

Vice President Altpeter

Commissioner Dombroski

Commissioner Hummel

Commissioner Tapella

President Wessel

Director of Parks and Recreation Garvy

Superintendent of Recreation and Marketing Pratscher

Citizen Member Ross

Committee Member Absent:

Citizen Member Lavin

A. Final Draft Document – Action

President Wessel inquired about the inclusion of monarch butterfly initiatives in the document which Director Garvy cited as being present by way of listing the Oak Regeneration Project and Chicago Trees Initiative. Ms. Susan Ross briefly discussed a formatting issue that needs to be corrected for the final draft. Commissioner Hummel reiterated a continuing issue with a few points within the document that were discussed at a previous meeting. Commissioner Tapella asked for clarification on the approval process with room for grammatical editing versus content editing. Citizen Member Ross reported that although Citizen Member Lavin is absent, he expressed his support of the document previously.

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve the efficiency report for the Lisle Park District and to direct staff to file the report, with noted changes, with DuPage County and to post the report on the Lisle Park District website. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Altpeter, Tapella, Dombroski, Wessel, Ross, Garvy, Pratscher,

Nays: Hummel

Absent: Lavin

Motion Passed.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Adjournment

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Community Park Ramp Park Equipment – discussion

Director Garvy reported that the memo has been submitted and staff are available to answer questions. Commissioner Hummel inquired about the potential of removing features that had low numbers attached to them in both Plan A and Plan B, and how removal would affect the project's budget. Director Garvy responded that the budget has not yet been finalized by the Board, and that American Ramp Company will work within the bounds of the approved budget to include the most sought-after items in the plans. Vice President Altpeter questioned the plausibility of an item in Plan B with regard to whether it's presence or absence would affect other structures shown within the plan. She expressed concern that removal of certain features would change the functionality of others. Commissioner Tapella gave positive feedback regarding interactions with both American Ramp Company and Lisle Park District residents that attended the open house regarding the new plans. President Wessel asked about one of the larger structures in Plan B which Director Garvy confirmed to be a half-pipe structure that is a more popular option for users of the facility. Commissioner Tapella briefly discussed the ability for features to be added and/or removed over time as a way to increase the functionality of the park design. Director Garvy expressed that there is no rush and staff can present a recommended project budget as part of their 2025 Budget presentation. President Wessel agreed that it would be prudent to wait on setting a budget until pending expenses for other facilities have been calculated. Discussion turned to estimated times for completion of the park facilities, as well as what might possibly happen to the retired equipment and structures. Discussion also included removal of two trees near the ramp park and pouring concrete where the trees were. Commissioner Dombroski asked about posting signage to engage community for feedback. Director Garvy indicated that staff posted signage on site previously, issued several social media posts, and conducted a community input survey. Vice President Altpeter expressed a desire to see movement on the project within the near future to keep up with community engagement and feedback that took place.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Award Annual Paving Contract

Vice President Altpeter moved to award the pathway paving contract to Murphy Construction in the amount of \$103,122.25. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Hummel expressed surprise that the project came in under the estimated budget. Director Garvy confirmed that other expenses do fall under the same general ledger account but maintained that the bid results are favorable. Superintendent Cerutti concurred with Director Garvy that the bid provided by Murphy Construction is good.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Community Center and Recreation Center Status – discussion

Vice President Altpeter thanked Director Garvy for preparing documentation for the Board regarding the needs of the Community Center building. Director Garvy pointed out the importance of allowing residents to drive this process and that it is staff's intent to engage the public widely and gain Board consensus about any next steps related to this topic.

Vice President Altpeter inquired about where staff would recommend starting on this project, particularly regarding funding with available revenue versus going to referendum, as she is

concerned with continuing talks without an idea of the park district's funding limits before it must go to a referendum. Director Garvy stated that if during public engagement the community wanted something that exceeds the park district's ability to fund it without a referendum, then it becomes a park board decision as to whether to move forward. Discussion regarding the community's interest in indoor aquatics ensued. Director Garvy reported that aquatics was the subject of a previous planning effort, but it was concluded that it would not be feasible, citing high operating costs.

Commissioner Altpeter stated there is a large need for indoor facilities that could include amenities such as gyms and a walking track, but she wants to do their due diligence about costs and community support and what avenue to pursue. Commissioner Hummel stated he is not interested jumping in with anything at all but would like to see data on Lisle usage of other park districts like Downers Grove, Naperville and Woodridge and would like to see financials of these other park district facilities, saying funding to build a facility is one thing and funding to operate and maintain it is another. He said some of these facilities exist in the private sector, and stated he would oppose indoor pickleball programming because there are private facilities that are opening up in the area. He said he opposes an indoor pool, citing other area facilities that have them. He asked if the Community Center location be better for accommodating summer camps, saying camps are not provided by the private sector. He said it might be a good spot for outdoor pickleball courts, but he doesn't want to commit until he sees the impact Tate Woods Park has on local demand. Commissioner Hummel inquired about a past design from Williams Architect which Director Garvy confirmed was for the buildout and expansion of the current Recreation Center.

Director Garvy stated staff's vision for a new facility would be something modest like two courts with lines for different sports, an indoor walking track, a couple multi-purpose rooms for party rentals, a staff office, reception area and bathrooms. He said the more the district can accommodate in the existing Recreation Center, the smaller and less costly a new building would be.

Vice President Altpeter observed that available gym space within Lisle is becoming limited due to increased school demand and resulting programming conflicts, as well as the loss of Tate Woods School and Schiesher Elementary School. Director Garvy said they need to look at the overall programmability of available spaces and that a feasibility study would help identify that, and it would include public engagement. Commissioner Hummel said he would rather have these services provided by the private sector. Director Garvy stated staff is responding to the Strategic Master Plan and the community survey, where our public has told the Lisle Park District they want indoor recreation space.

Commissioner Hummel said there are alternatives for Lisle residents to use other facilities or park districts to meet their expressed wants for facilities without costing the Lisle Park District twenty million dollars. Director Garvy stated he doesn't think that is a fair statement to make because we have not even identified the scope yet, and that is part of the public engagement process, what do they want and what are they willing to pay for. Commissioner Tapella stated that beginning the process with a feasibility study would be the best starting point to opening any further discussion on the topic. President Wessel inquired if neighboring communities have smaller facilities akin to what Director Garvy previously mentioned, can we learn from them. Director Garvy said we would tour as many other comparable facilities as part of due diligence.

Commissioner Dombroski stated that having a larger building that could house multiple spaces (i.e. offices, multipurpose rooms, athletic spaces, etc.) would be beneficial in reducing overhead operational costs when compared to having multiple smaller buildings that divide the usable space. Commissioner Dombroski also talked about the upkeep costs of having multiple buildings. He said he agrees with Commissioner Hummel in that a lot of these sorts of facilities are run more efficiently in the private sector and he doesn't see our residents wanting to pay more in

property taxes for something that can be run more efficiently in the private sector. He said we can put it to a vote via referendum after we provide as much relevant information as possible.

Commissioner Altpeter said she agrees with Commissioner Tapella that a feasibility study is the next step because the park district engaged with the community, asked what they want in recreation, and we owe it to them to see how we can give it to them. She said that someone may feel a service is better provided by the private sector, but if our public wants the park district to provide it, then we owe it to them to direct their tax dollars that way.

Commissioner Hummel asked Director Garvy if he knows anything regarding Downers Grove Park District's plan to build a facility on Walnut Avenue. Director Garvy reported he was unsure exactly what is being considered but he believes it is indoor turf and is not sure if there are courts planned. Commissioner Hummel then inquired about how a feasibility study would be conducted. Director Garvy explained he spoke with Williams Architects about the process and explained that it would involve public engagement and ultimately presenting the board with a concept rendering. He said a pro forma may or may not be included, but that we surely want to know if it would be a viable option. Commissioner Hummel expressed a desire to bid out for an architectural firm to see what kind of pricing range is available for a project of this magnitude. He said depending on the outcome, maybe a new facility would not require a referendum. Commissioner Dombroski concurred with Commissioner Hummel that the Park District should get multiple quotes to make informed decisions, while also noting that Williams Architects is a reputable firm with thorough drawings. He said it's a matter of what is the top priority in the master plan, can we accommodate it, and what is the community willing to spend. Discussion ensued about the condition of the Community Center and the status of the facility. The Board agreed that the starting point is a feasibility study, and staff were directed to provide a draft Request for Proposals to be presented to the Board at the meeting next month, and to explain what would happen if the park district did nothing about a new facility.

XII. SEASPAR REPORTS

None

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Wessel had nothing formal to present, but expressed the Summer Concert Series was very enjoyable and that Camp Summer Quest was a wonderful experience for his child.

B. Treasurer Report – Financial Reports ending July 31, 2024.

Superintendent Silver said the reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. He said that generally the park district is in comparable financial situation as last year at this time.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Vice President Altpeter expressed admiration for Manager Breihan and the success of the Senior Picnic event. Commissioner Tapella discussed the Skate Park Open House and her enjoyment of having discussions with a wide age range of Park District patrons. Commissioner Dombroski gave positive feedback on the 4th of July Parade.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session is called 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.

XV. OPEN MEETING

Returned to open session at 8:15 PM.

XVI. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present In-Person:

Altpeter
Dombroski
Hummel
Tapella
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present Included:

Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy

XVII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

A. Vice President Altpeter moved to approve and release closed session meeting minutes from February 15, 2024. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

B. Vice President Altpeter moved to authorize the destruction of verbatim recordings of closed session meetings on August 18, 2022; September 15, 2022; November 15, 2022; and December 17, 2022. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

XVIII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Hummel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Hummel, Tapella, Altpeter, Dombroski, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.