



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 16, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

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 In-Person:

Tapella
Hummel
Wessel
Altpeter

Commissioners Absent:

Dombroski

Staff Present Included:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. REMOTE ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS

None

V. ANNUAL MEETING

President Altpeter appointed Commissioner Tapella as the Temporary Chair for the purpose of overseeing the election of the President and Vice President of the Lisle Park District Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to dissolve the current slate of elected officials. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel, Tapella

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

A. Commissioner Altpeter nominated Commissioner Wessel for the office of President. Commissioner Hummel seconded the nomination. No other nominations were presented.

Commissioner Altpeter moved to close the election for President of the Board. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

Commissioner Tapella moved to elect Commissioner Wessel to the office of President. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Tapella, Hummel, Altpeter, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

President Wessel thanked the Board for the opportunity and expressed excitement for the year and projects ahead.

B. President Wessel nominated Commissioner Altpeter for the office of Vice President. Commissioner Hummel seconded the nomination. No other nominations were presented. President Wessel moved to close the election for Vice President of the Board. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel, Altpeter, Tapella
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

President Wessel moved to elect Commissioner Altpeter to the office of Vice President. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Wessel, Hummel Tapella, Altpeter
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

Temporary Chair Tapella turned control of the meeting over to President Wessel.

C. President Wessel entertained a motion to elect Superintendent Silver as Treasurer of the Board. Vice President Altpeter moved to approve the appointment. Commissioner Tapella seconded the nomination.

Discussion: Commissioner Hummel stated his belief is that a Commissioner should hold the office of Treasurer.

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Wessel
Nays: Hummel
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

D. President Wessel entertained a motion to elect Director Garvy as Secretary of the Board. Commissioner Tapella moved and Vice President Altpeter seconded the nomination.

Ayes: Tapella, Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

E. President Wessel entertained a motion to elect Director Garvy as Lisle Park District Representative to SEASPAR. Vice President Altpeter moved and Commissioner Tapella seconded the nomination.

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

End of the Annual Meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve Consent Agenda items A through C, including the voucher list in the amount of \$252,863.23. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski
Motion Passed.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

No Discussion

X. DICENNIAL COMMITTEE

A. Second draft document review

Discussion: Director Garvy discussed incorporating revisions proposed at the committee meeting in March 2024 and acknowledged Committee Member Ross for proofing the document prior to today's meeting. Commissioner Hummel stated that he had multiple comments to share. Vice President Altpeter stated that she would have liked to have received those comments prior to the meeting of the committee. Director Garvy expressed that he had requested that Commissioner Hummel provide his comments to the committee at the time of the meeting so everyone can be part of the deliberation.

Commissioner Hummel proposed striking the statement that it is extremely beneficial to be a separate unit of government because it is an opinion and others would argue that it is not

beneficial, citing other communities have a park and recreation department under the village. Commissioner Tapella said the following bullet points support the commentary about why it's beneficial. She said she has no problem rewording the language a bit. Vice President Altpeter stated that feedback provided by the community shows that there is benefit to be found and Commissioner Hummel stated it is not necessarily about the benefits themselves so much as the existence of two separate entities. Discussion ensued with consensus being to keep the language as-is.

Commissioner Hummel cited the protection of revenues section and separate entities and said if we were under a municipality we would have access to other revenues and operations can be streamlined. He said an argument can be made if we were part of a village we then could have access to other streams of revenue. Vice President Altpeter said Commissioner Hummel is talking in hypotheticals because that's not the way we are structured and she views this report as analyzing how we are structured and how our voters wanted us to be structured. Commissioner Hummel said the original intent of the bill was consolidation. He said if there is no support then we can move on. President Wessel said this all falls under the "General Overview" section of the report and should be viewed as such.

Commissioner Hummel said he would like the word "modest" removed from the "Providing the community more with less" section. He said the Park District portion of taxes is the third highest line item on property tax bills. Commissioner Tapella agreed the word modest can be removed. Consensus followed.

Commissioner Hummel recommended the whole IMRF section should be struck, saying the pension is a liability. Commissioner Tapella stated that her interpretation is not that the pension itself is beneficial, but that the way it has been funded is. Vice President Altpeter agreed on that point and requested clarification that the Park District is required to participate in the IMRF. Commissioner Hummel confirmed and then mentioned he does not think the IMRF needs to be mentioned in this report as it does not apply. Commissioner Tapella proposed retitling the section to include the word "management" because the management of the fund itself is where the efficiency comes in.

Commissioner Hummel said he supports the intergovernmental agreements and the partnerships. He suggested changing "most units of government" to "some units of government" in the "Reliance on non-tax revenue" section. He suggested removing reference to income tax revenue and keeping reference to the Local Government Distribution Fund (LGDF) as it is the most accurate. President Wessel proposed changing the wording from "income taxes" to "other taxes."

Commissioner Hummel stated there is a discrepancy in wording regarding CARES Act funding received by the Park District where it says the district did not receive direct CARES Act funding but then it is reported that the Park District did receive funding later in that section. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Hummel suggested "Wheatstack" be removed from the "Facilities" section. Director Garvy said it should remain because the heading of that section states these are facilities that were offered last year.

Commissioner Hummel said he agrees with the unfunded mandate section. He cited the second paragraph and recommended striking that line. Discussion ensued with consensus being to digest that statement and revisit it.

Committee Member Ross stated that her focus in the review process was to look for formatting and grammatical issues within the document. She expressed that she was not able to lend much

to a discussion on content but will rely on Director Garvy to help modify the document based upon the committee's suggestions.

Vice President Altpeter reviewed the changes discussed.

Superintendent Silver recommended against changing the section regarding the CARES Act, citing the purpose of the document is to highlight cooperation between government agencies. The verbiage in this section shows cooperation between the Lisle Park District and DuPage County. He said the park district was in fact not involved in the CARES Act and explained park districts received funding only because they worked with county representatives. Director Garvy agreed that it was a lobbying effort that resulted in DuPage County dispersing CARES Act to area park districts. He said the verbiage can be updated to show a clearer distinction of how CARES funding was provided to the Park District.

Committee Members Ross and Lavin expressed their opinions that, as residents, they believe that the draft report is comprehensive and thorough. Committee Member Lavin said Green Trails can promote the report. Committee Member Ross proposed adding verbiage to the Purpose section to clarify what exactly the report represents so it is more of a complete introduction. Discussion ensued with the consensus being Ms. Ross and staff will work together to make her suggested changes to that section.

B. Public Comments

None

C. Committee Session Adjourned

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Skate Park Equipment - Discussion

Commissioner Hummel stated he does not agree having a no-bid contract for a project this size and would rather do an RFP citing that there are several companies that have done work in the Chicagoland area. He said competition is good and there is no reason to hand this off to a firm the park district worked with 20 years ago. Commissioner Hummel stated that the credit offered by the original company for community engagement is not enough of an incentive and that bidding could get the Park District a lower price. He said he sees a conflict of interest in having the same firm doing the community engagement and doing the actual project because they have a motive to drive up the size and cost of the project and can steer the engagement process that way. He referenced his opinion on the Sea Lion Aquatic Park analysis that the same firm doing the planning should be disqualified from doing the construction. He questioned the need for a consultant to do the community engagement and said the Park District has professional staff that can handle it, and we can use Survey Monkey. Commissioner Hummel also raised concerns regarding the additional cost of travel by the vendor for meetings regarding the project. He said having a no bid project, even though the district has had success with their product over the years, there's no guarantee we'll get the same life this time.

Director Garvy stated this is not a no bid project and said going through Sourcwell is an accepted process that meets all state public bidding requirements. Commissioner Tapella asked for clarification. Director Garvy explained that Sourcwell is a cooperative purchasing alliance that facilitates public bidding on all sorts of products. He said from an efficiency

perspective, this process saves staff time in facilitating the process themselves. He said they do this on a national scale.

Vice President Altpeter said the reason they do the public engagement portion is because they know what's possible and not. She said she disagrees that they can direct how big the project is because we set the parameters. Director Garvy agreed and said a professional facilitator will assure the park will be a good balance between skill and talent levels.

Superintendent Cerutti stated that a similar process was used in the creation of Discovery Playground, and that the scope of that project would most likely have looked quite different from what it currently is if public engagement and planning had been handled solely by the Park District. Director Garvy said that 20 years ago, American Ramp Company was the lowest responsible bidder and Sourcewell bids this on a national level, where we just do so on the local level. Superintendent Pratscher also mentioned that after speaking with American Ramp Company there were concepts and ideas that were brought to his attention that we would not have thought of on our own.

Commissioner Hummel stated he has concerns with the preliminary costs. He said he knows the park is used and overall supports the project, but it is a niche facility for a smaller population. He suggested a cap of \$200,000.00 because the users will want the best of all worlds which would put the cost on the high range. He spoke about the upcoming costs associated with the Sea Lion Aquatic Park Assessment and cautioned against spreading finite resources too thin.

Vice President Altpeter questioned what next steps would be if the cap were to be adjusted and what the process would look like. Director Garvy stated he is not sure what a \$200,000 skatepark will look like and said that is why staff's position is to engage with the community to be a representation of what the community wants. He stated that American Ramp Company would provide the Park District with a few design options based on community feedback which would then be presented to the board and said it would be similar to the Tate Woods project. Vice President Altpeter mentioned that the skate park is a high use facility and Director Garvy pointed out that Superintendent Pratscher had noted that the primary demographic for the skate park is teenagers, a group which is normally difficult to engage in Park District related activities.

Commissioner Tapella supported starting the research process for the project so that there would be options to discuss for future budgeting needs. Vice President Altpeter said she is in favor of starting the process as she feels the skate park is a high use amenity. Commissioner Hummel restated his support of the project and the desire to see the project bid-out. Director Garvy reiterated that the project is not yet at that stage.

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Pratscher informally introduced Sarah Mejicano to the Board of Commissioners as the new Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and mentioned she will be officially introduced at the June meeting.

XIV. SEASPAR REPORTS

None

XV. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Wessel – President Wessel said he is excited for the summer programs and events.

B. Treasurer, Superintendent Silver
Financial Reports ending April 30, 2024.

Superintendent Silver reported all Park Districts funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized for protection. The Enterprise fund is showing an improvement over the same time span in 2023 and everything else is status quo.

C. Vice President Altpeter reported she attended the IAPD conference on May 8th, 2024 in Springfield. She reported that the conference was informative and provided good opportunities to network with legislators and other districts. She reported she was reappointed to the IAPD Conference and Education Committee for the next year.

Commissioner Hummel asked if the Park District is taking any steps to protect trees from the cicadas. Director Garvy cited that the Park District does not currently have the capacity to monitor the number of trees that would need protection. He stated that the Parks department is monitoring the situation, especially regarding young trees, and will take action on an as needed basis. Superintendent Cerutti has received multiple calls from patrons regarding this issue and has advised concerned patrons that they cannot place nets over Park District trees. Superintendent Cerutti also stated that in a previous cicada outbreak the total number of trees that were lost was ten at most, and those trees were successfully replaced and replanted afterwards. When asked, Superintendent Cerutti confirmed that most public outreach on the issue has been patrons wanting to personally place netting on younger trees in an effort to protect them from cicadas. Discussion ensued.

Vice President Altpeter asked if there was a plan in place for camps should the cicada outbreak be more disruptive than expected. Superintendent Pratscher replied that there is not currently a plan in place, but that staff will investigate alternative arrangements should there be a need to adjust locations.

Vice President Altpeter mentioned bringing a booklet back from the conference with a tab specifically marked with upcoming legislation that could impact park districts and suggested Director Garvy make it available to others if they're interested.

Commissioner Tapella reported her excitement for summer programs to start and mentioned that she has had an increased number of residents from neighboring towns share with her that they are excited about the programming at Lisle Park District.

President Wessel shared that he has had similar interactions, particularly regarding Camp Summer Quest and the variety of field trips offered within the program.

Director Garvy asked Superintendent Pratscher to report on the summer theater program's start. Superintendent Pratscher shared that the theater program has expanded from the prior year and staff are actively working to accommodate the increased demand.

XVI. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Hummel moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Altpeter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote at 8:04 pm.