



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 14, 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
Hummel
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

Dombroski
Tapella

Staff Present Included:

Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy
Superintendent of Finance Silver
Superintendent of Recreation & Marketing Pratscher
Superintendent of Parks Cerutti

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATIONS

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

Voice Vote:

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

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve Consent Agenda items A through C, including the voucher list in the amount of \$663,015.75. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel
Nays: None
Absent: Dombroski, Tapella

Motion Passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2025 Budget Draft – discussion

Director Garvy explained that Superintendent Silver will put the tentative budget and appropriations ordinance on display for the required 30-day period prior to it being presented for final action in December.

Commissioner Hummel inquired about impact fees from new townhomes being built near the Meadows subdivision. Director Garvy mentioned that he did not know off hand and mentioned checking with Lisle Township as they are in unincorporated Lisle.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 111424 – A Resolution determining funds estimated to be raised by taxation for the year 2024.

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve Resolution 111424. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski, Tapella

Motion Passed.

B. Illinois Association of Park Districts' Annual Meeting Designees

Vice President Altpeter will attend the meeting. Both Director Garvy and President Wessel volunteered to be alternates if Vice President Altpeter would be unable to attend. Director Garvy mentioned that he will be physically present at the conference regardless of being a delegate or not.

Commissioner Hummel moved to assign Vice President Altpeter as the official delegate of the Lisle Park District, with Director Garvy assigned to the position of First Alternate and President Wessel as Second Alternate. Vice President Altpeter seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Hummel, Altpeter, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski, Tapella

Motion Passed.

C. Board Policy Manual updates – discussion and possible action.

Commissioners present agreed that there would be a more productive discussion if all members of the Board were present and suggested postponing the discussion until the December meeting. Vice President Altpeter made brief mention of wanting to see more consistency in the verbiage used in the document.

Commissioner Hummel moved to postpone discussion of any updates until the December 19th board meeting. Vice President Altpeter seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Hummel, Altpeter, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski, Tapella

Motion Passed.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Regulation of Campaign Finance and Election Related Activities

Director Garvy reported that Commissioner Hummel expressed some disappointment in the way that the Park District's attorney provided opinion on campaign finance but the point he was trying to make was with respect to if a person or company made a donation to a campaign for a referendum, then the park district would then deduct points in ranking them in an RFP for example.

Commissioner Altpeter asked if she was an employee of a company who lived in Lisle, would she be banned from making a donation to Partners for Parks or someone else, saying she thinks this is a slippery slope. Commissioner Hummel suggested it would only apply to the company itself or the officers. A brief discussion followed on who, if anyone, within a company would be able to make donations. Director Garvy summarized a follow-up conversation with the District's attorney in which it was mentioned that certain actions, if pursued by the Board, could be construed as trying to change procurement laws for park districts by changing contractor requirements and the Lisle Park District does not have that type of authority. He said the conduct being discussed is not a prohibited political activity and can be seen as trying to limit one's First Amendment rights. President Wessel said he likes the spirit of it but questioned making a rule about something that hasn't been a problem yet and having to spend money trying to defend it with legal fees incurred.

Vice President Altpeter expressed wanting to close the discussion and have it removed from future agendas as she does not think it is a relevant topic due to not being an issue prior, or in the present, and is distracting the Board from other matters of importance.

Director Garvy mentioned briefly discussing the issue with counsel from the Illinois Association of Park Districts who said, without delving into it very deeply, that such an action could be seen as a violation of the First Amendment. Commissioner Hummel said he is not looking to prevent someone from making a contribution, but if they did, the park district can penalize them either in a scoring system or disqualifying them in a selection process.

Vice President Altpeter countered with her belief that his proposed idea does constitute violating companies' First Amendment rights. President Wessel suggested tabling any further discussion until after the new year to give the Illinois Association of Park District's counsel time to research the topic and respond to Director Garvy. He said he agrees with Commissioner Altpeter, but said out of respect to the other commissioners who are not present, he would like to continue the discussion with them here.

Discussion shifted to requirements for Commissioners to be present in person versus remotely attending meetings. Vice President Altpeter stated her belief that Park Board members should be present for all meetings. President Wessel presented his desire for clarity in policies on what is allowed or not allowed in terms of remote attendance, but also reiterated that discussion on this topic had previously been rescheduled for a later date.

B. Indoor Recreation Space Feasibility Study – Update

Director Garvy reported that twenty-eight firms have expressed interest in participating in the Requests for Proposals process with only two companies backing out. Director Garvy advised the Board to hold a couple of special meetings within the next month to approve/award the work in December 2024. He reported the deadline for proposal submission is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd, and then he will provide all proposals received that day to all Board members. He said one special meeting can be held the week of December 2 to discuss opinions and narrow the choices down, then the week of December 9 to conduct interviews and deliberate at that time and possibly award the work, or it can be tabled and discussed again at the Regular Meeting of December 19th. All commissioners present tentatively agreed to Tuesday, December 3rd for the first special meeting, with a proposed start time of 6:00 p.m., and Tuesday, December 10th for the second special meeting with a proposed start time of 6:00 p.m.

C. Staffing Levels 2019-2024

No Discussion

D. Department Updates

Vice President Altpeter mentioned noticing that there were pickleball paddle holders installed at the Recreation Center Athletic Space in one report. She inquired as to whether the courts had been re-lined. Superintendent Cerutti clarified that the paddle holders were installed at the new courts at Tate Woods, and that there was an error in the report as submitted to the Board.

Vice President Altpeter questioned the need to remove a camera labeled as obsolete, and what the reasoning is behind the camera being considered obsolete. Superintendent Cerutti explained that the camera, located in the Sea Lion Aquatic Park parking lot, is an old license plate reader that no longer communicates with the facilities located at 1825 Short Street and that it has been out of service for a considerable period of time so it has been removed. Commissioner Hummel asked when the camera was installed and asked if the camera would be replaced. Superintendent Cerutti said there are no plans to install a new camera.

Vice President Altpeter offered positive feedback to Superintendent Silver for the increase in revenue of River Bend Golf Club as compared to the same time last year. She then also asked Director Garvy if there was a date yet for SEASPAR's annual Believe and Achieve event. She expressed positive feelings for the event and that she looks forward to it every year. Director Garvy informed the Board that the Believe and Achieve event takes place on the third Thursday evening in January, which conflicts with the regular board meeting time.

XI. SEASPAR REPORT

None

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President Wessel stated that he would be present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new improvements to Tate Woods Park on Saturday, November 16th. President Wessel also reminded the Board that there will be a closed session in December for performance reviews. He also offered positive feedback on the Veterans Day ceremony that was held at the Museum at Lisle Station Park on Sunday, November 10th.

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

Superintendent Silver said the reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. Superintendent Silver reported that he received word from DuPage County that there are no tax objections which means that the Park District is in compliance. He also mentioned that the Park District will finish 2024 in the black, and that the River Bend Golf Club is \$63,000.00 ahead of where it was at the same time last year. Superintendent Silver reported that the Golf Club's revenue increased by \$37,000.00 compared to the same time last year. He also complimented the recently completed cart path and expressed that it is really impressive. Superintendent Silver ended his report with summarizing information regarding taxable limited bonds, as requested by Commissioner Hummel.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Hummel reported he attended the Veterans Day ceremony and will also be present at the Tate Woods ribbon cutting ceremony.

Director Garvy thanked the Board for their support of the Tate Woods project. There was a brief discussion regarding the OSLAD grant funds and the process for completing all the necessary documentation in order to receive the funds.

Vice President Altpeter shared her appreciation for how nice the new improvements to Tate Woods Park look. Director Garvy discussed working with DuPage AME Church to purchase a replacement parking lot sign to replace the existing deteriorating sign. Vice President Altpeter inquired as to whether there will be some assigned spaces for patrons wishing to play pickleball on Sunday mornings since parking space is an ongoing issue for churchgoers. Director Garvy responded that this topic was previously discussed with the church who informed him that their congregation has been smaller since the COVID-19 pandemic, so they rarely use the parking lot at the park. Director Garvy further explained that the church has been a good partner and recommended that if parking ever does become an issue, that the Park District consider putting prohibitions on court usage during specific times on Sunday mornings.

XIII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

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

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski, Tapella

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.