



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING Thursday,  
August 21, 2025 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:

Altpeter

Nadeau

Pereira

Tapella

Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

None

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 Altpeter led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

A. PROS Consulting – Indoor Recreation Program Space Feasibility Study Public Engagement and Project Status Presentation

Director Garvy introduced Phil Parnin and Leon Younger from PROS Consulting. Mr. Parnin and Mr. Younger provided a brief summary of the data collection process that was utilized during the first phase of the study. PROS Consulting gave a comparison of Lisle residents' participation in different sports and/or fitness related areas compared to the national average for those same activities. The findings displayed that 71% of identified activities could be offered in such an indoor setting.

Mr. Parnin provided a breakdown of current facility usage within the Recreation Center. This portion of the presentation was broken down into three subcategories and included how those subcategories are decided. Dedicated spaces, such as the Gentle Learning Preschool, are usable for only the designated programming that takes place there. Semi-dedicated spaces, such as the Senior Center and multipurpose rooms, are maintained with specific uses in mind, but can also be used for differentiated programming. Ineffective spaces are defined as areas that no longer effectively serve a purpose as the original intent of the spaces may no longer be seen as viable demands. Moving on to the Community Center building, Mr. Parnin identified dedicated space for facility maintenance, but overall, the usage of the building was limited to

some programming with an excess of ineffective space. Mr. Younger provided a clarifying differentiation for facility usage between what is typically seen in recreation centers versus community centers, with community centers being open longer with a greater combination of registered and drop-in programming. Mr. Younger also mentioned that a community desire to have a wider variety of programs and facility availability was strongly presented in the data.

Mr. Parnin reported that over 1,500 individuals provided active engagements with the feasibility study project. Main trends and/or themes that were present in feedback from the community include, but are not limited to, a desire for gymnasium and fitness spaces including an indoor walking track; multifunctional spaces that can see multi-generational use; requests for fine arts programming, an indoor swimming pool, indoor playgrounds, and spaces for teen programming. Mr. Parnin briefly mentioned partnering with local schools to make use of some facilities such as basketball courts. President Altpeter asked for clarification on if that is something the park district makes use of to which Director Garvy responded in the affirmative. Superintendent Pratscher further clarified that the Park district partners with Lisle Elementary School for space to host the EDGE program and youth basketball league.

Mr. Parnin provided a summary of the data collected in the statistically valid survey. He shared that the response exceeded the expected rate for survey returns by 19% with a confidence interval of 95% in the provided data. Findings included such statistics as 68% of respondents using indoor recreational spaces, of which 23% responded that they use the facilities within the Lisle Park District Recreation Center. Based on the data, park district residents are looking for increased programming in the areas of adult fitness, athletics, and sports, in addition to aquatics/water fitness and pickleball. Public feedback shows that residents are looking for more fitness-related spaces (i.e. indoor track, gym space, indoor aquatic facilities, etc.). He reported that 84% of survey respondents stated that they were somewhat supportive to very supportive of creating a new indoor recreation space. Mr. Younger stated that in similar surveys of other communities, responses such as these were indicative of measures being passed to support further development of such a space.

Other questions on the survey showed that 74% of respondents travel between 5-15 minutes to take part in recreational activities at indoor facilities, with 59% of households spending \$51 to \$200 on recreation outside of the Lisle Park District. 76% of survey respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement saying they are *NOT* in favor of expanding indoor recreation spaces. The following data showed that survey participants largely indicated that they would be more likely to use such facilities on a weekly basis, with a large portion of respondents also indicating that they would prefer to have a monthly pass system in place for any new space usage.

Mr. Parnin presented an informational chart/matrix which showed an in-depth analysis of desired programming based on the age range of participants, where such programs fall in line with guiding principles such as needs and community hub potential, cost-benefit analysis, and opportunities for partnerships. Following programming, Mr. Parnin presented a second matrix that was organized by indoor space and/or facility type where he noted that many of the desired spaces were geared for multigenerational use.

Mr. Parnin finished the presentation with a summary of the next steps which include collection of additional data, identifying a building program, partnership and funding opportunities, and financial planning with a plan to present suggestions to the Park Board of Commissioners in the

fall. President Altpeter expressed gratitude for the comprehensive overview and anticipation for the final presentation. Vice President Wessel inquired if households that responded to recreational costs outside of the park district were spending a substantial amount above the \$200 limit within the survey. Mr. Younger responded that it is hard to provide a concrete answer because it depends on a range of factors such as individual vs. group activities, multigenerational activities, type of activities, etc. Commissioner Wessel asked for a comparison of the response for weekly facility usage to other surveys conducted by PROS Consulting. Mr. Younger responded that having multifunctional facilities/amenities that appeal to a variety of wider age groups with flexible usage are going to bring in higher numbers of patrons.

Director Garvy proposed a special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners for the final presentation to be held at some time in late October or early November.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Tapella moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Nadeau, Pereira, Wessel, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve Consent Agenda items B and C including the voucher list in the amount of \$554,541.84. Vice President Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Nadeau, Pereira, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

Vice President Tapella moved to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting on July 17, 2025 as amended to also state "turned to question Mr. John Gerding's opinions as a doctor at which time President Altpeter state public comment is to address the Board and not the public...". Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Nadeau, Pereira, Wessel, Altpeter

Nays: None

Absent: None Motion

Passed.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Award the 2025 Annual Sealcoating Project Contract

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve the awarding of the Annual Sealcoating Project Contract to Murphy Construction Services of Burr Ridge, Illinois for an amount not to exceed \$83,395.00. Vice President Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Nadeau, Pereira, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

## **X. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Timber Park Perimeter Enhancements - discussion

Vice President Tapella inquired about the timeline for removal of more permanent hardscaping before work can begin, and whether the responsibility for removal of such items in residential areas will fall to the residents or the park district. Director Garvy explained the process for the enhancements beginning with notifications to residents followed by property surveys. Director Garvy explained that any residents found to have encroaching hardscape will be notified and given a specific timeframe to have any materials removed prior to the crew beginning work. After that period, any remaining items will be removed and disposed of by the park district. The Board reached a consensus for staff to move forward with plans as they have been presented.

Commissioner Pereira asked if there is a way to permanently mark the borders between private property and land owned by the park district. A brief discussion followed on whether some kind of permanent marker could be installed that would be visually unobtrusive or unoffensive to residents.

B. Community Park South Shelter & Trail Connection Project – discussion

President Altpeter addressed Erica Wise, Lisle Park District Program Manager for Camps and Special Events, who was sitting in the audience and asked for her opinions on the plans. Manager Wise described her priorities for this project in terms of what is desired for campers and staff during the summer. President Altpeter also mentioned that having a larger shelter would allow for an increase in rental revenue as well.

Director Garvy provided a summary of some finishing details (i.e. metal roofing and siding materials) that are still being decided upon with final decisions to be discussed with the contractor within the coming days. His recommendations would be for the Park Board to authorize the purchase of the shelter at the September meeting if pricing is provided by then. President Altpeter asked if it would be possible for the Board to grant authorization for spending up to a certain amount in the event that finalized costs are not available for the September meeting in an effort to reduce delays. Director Garvy responded in the affirmative. Commissioner Wessel asked if there are any concerns regarding using timber beams in the shelter versus steel beams in terms of the need for maintenance in the future. Superintendent

Cerutti provided an explanation for what the actual structure would look like and assured the commissioners that there were no serious concerns regarding the use of timber beams. Commissioner Nadeau asked if new picnic tables would be included in pricing estimates as well to accommodate more campers. Director Garvy explained that new picnic tables would be purchased for the new shelter.

C. Department Updates

None

## **XI. SEASPAR REPORTS**

None

## **XII. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President Altpeter, Commissioner

President Altpeter gave commendations to Alexis McCurdy and the rest of staff involved in the Summer Entertainment Series. She expressed special admiration for the last band for getting children in the audience involved and making it a great community event. B. Treasurer – Financial Reports ending July 31, 2025.

Superintendent Silver said the reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. Superintendent Silver reported that he transferred \$1.5 million from the corporate fund to the capital fund in line with the budget. Commissioner Tapella asked if there would be any implications for moving funds earlier than the original December date, to which Superintendent Silver responded there would be no negative effects on park district accounts. The River Bend Golf Club was reported to be about \$33,000 ahead of where it was at the same time last year. Superintendent Silver ended his report by stating that recreation earnings are up by \$53,000 from the same time last year.

C. Commissioners' Reports

None

## **XIII. 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.

Vice President Tapella moved to enter a closed session of the Park Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Wessel, Nadeau, Pereira. Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

## **XIV. OPEN MEETING**

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

President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present In-Person:

Altpeter  
Nadeau  
Pereira  
Tapella  
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present Included:

Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy

#### **XVI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

A. Approve certain closed session meeting minutes.

Commissioner Wessel moved to approved meeting minutes for closed sessions held on February 20, 2025, March 20, 2025, and May 15, 2025. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Nadeau, Pereira, Tapella, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

B. Release certain closed session meeting minutes.

Commissioner Wessel moved to release meeting minutes for closed sessions held on February 20, 2025, while leaving the minutes of March 20, 2025 and May 15, 2025 closed and confidential due to the ongoing nature of items discussed in the closed session. Vice President Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Nadeau, Pereira, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:

None Motion

Passed.

C. Authorize the destruction of certain closed session meeting minutes.

Commissioner Wessel moved to destroy the verbatim recordings of the closed session meeting held on August 17, 2023, December 21, 2023, and February 15, 2024. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Nadeau, Pereira, Tapella, Altpeter

Nays: None Absent:  
None Motion  
Passed.

**XVII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

Vice President Tapella moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pereira seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:  
Ayes: Tapella, Pereira, Nadeau, Wessel. Altpeter  
Nays: None Absent:  
None Motion  
Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.