



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2025
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
Tapella
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

Dombroski

Staff Present Included:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Annual Photo Contest Winners

- i. First Place – Jacob Cooke
- ii. Second Place – Barry Wunderlich
- iii. Third Place – Beverly Axibal and daughter

Director Garvy and President Wessel announced the winners and presented each one with tokens of the park district's appreciation for participating in the contest.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

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

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Altpeter moved to approve Consent Agenda items A through G including the voucher list in the amount of \$320,536.27. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Medical Lending Closet Thank You

No discussion

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Downtown Lisle Development Land/Cash Contribution – discussion.

Vice President Altpeter expressed appreciation to Director Garvy for ensuring that the Board had the relevant information. Director Garvy mentioned his belief that the Park Board did not need to take any action at the moment. Vice President Altpeter briefly discussed the idea of taking a monetary contribution as opposed to park land since there are already park spaces within downtown Lisle. Commissioner Tapella agreed with the commentary submitted by other commissioners and mentioned that the Park District already has several other projects underway, so she does not see the benefit of adding an additional park space. Commissioner Tapella also expressed appreciation for receiving all the information regarding options for this space so that the Board can make informed decisions. President Wessel stated that his thoughts aligned with the other commissioners as well, and that his belief is that the monetary contribution would better serve more residents than more green space.

Commissioner Hummel asked if a cash donation would be restricted in use to a certain geographic area within Lisle. Director Garvy clarified that the intention for such donations is to be used in a location close to the new development and its new residents or in a community park where all residents would have access. Vice President Altpeter provided an example of how similar funding from the development of the Marq on Main complex was used to fund Discovery Playground in Community Park as it serves the whole community.

Director Garvy stated that he would communicate to Village Manager Ertmoed that the Board agreed upon and consents to the monetary donation. He stated it has been common practice that the village accepts the monetary donation on the park district's behalf, and he said he will ask that it be included in a development agreement like it has in the past. Commissioner Altpeter agreed.

Commissioner Hummel stated that he watched the Village Board meeting previously, and the property developer discussed that the Village could take over the plaza/park and redevelop it in the future. Director Garvy assured the commissioners that he will pay attention to the project's progress and that it has been at the village's discretion as to whether to defer such decisions to

the park district. He said that has been the practice for as long as he has been around, and he has no indication from the village manager that it will change.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Indoor Recreation Space Feasibility Study – discussion and set date for kick-off meeting.

Vice President Altpeter mentioned that a meeting on February 17th, 2025, will not work as that date falls on a Federal Holiday. Director Garvy offered Tuesday, February 18th or Thursday, February 20th as alternative dates. The meeting would be expected to take an hour of time and Commissioner Hummel proposed a start time of 6:00 p.m. with Vice President Altpeter agreeing that an earlier start time would be preferred. Commissioner Hummel asked if the agenda for the regular Park Board meeting would be full, to which Director Garvy replied he did not think it would be full. Director Garvy mentioned meeting with Vice President Altpeter and the consultants at the IAPD conference.

Vice President Altpeter suggested not having the meeting on the 20th so that audience members wouldn't feel they need to sit through an entire meeting if not needed. Commissioner Tapella mentioned that she would be remotely attending the regular meeting on the 20th and would therefore attend the feasibility study meeting remotely as well should it be held that day.

Director Garvy briefly summarized the topics that will be discussed at the meeting, and reiterated his belief that the meeting will not continue for longer than an hour. The Board members present unanimously agreed to hold the feasibility study kick-off meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. to allow for a majority of members to be present. Director Garvy briefly described steps that will be taken to notify the public regarding the kick-off meeting.

Vice President Altpeter addressed Superintendent Cerutti regarding how long the deck at the Depot has been there. Superintendent Cerutti replied that he believes it is original to the building being located to the museum area and was built in 1978. Vice President Altpeter explained she was curious about the age of the deck as she couldn't recall it being replaced in her memory. She then inquired about benches for a dugout and if they were not included as part of the whole park redesign. Director Garvy and Superintendent Cerutti clarified that the benches being discussed were at Tate Woods and then mentioned that they would be replaced with similarly constructed benches. Superintendent Cerutti explained that he was waiting for pricing, but that the benches should be installed before the season starts.

President Wessel switched topics to discuss the returning number of staff for Sea Lion Aquatic Park. Superintendent Pratscher responded to him that the pool requires about 160 staff to run efficiently, and currently eighty-two are slated to return.

Director Garvy requested to spotlight Vice President Altpeter and Assistant Superintendent Mejjicano for their service on Joint Conference committees – Vice President Altpeter on the IAPD Program Committee and Assistant Superintendent Mejjicano on the IPRA Program Committee. He expressed enormous amounts of gratitude and pride for the work they do on their respective committees.

XI. SEASPAR REPORTS

None

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Wessel

President Wessel requested staff to pass on appreciation to Camp Manager Erica Wise for the success of Camp Winter Quest.

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

Superintendent Silver said the reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. Superintendent Silver stated that the Park District will be ending the year in the black. He reiterated that the golf course did well in 2024 but spent more on capital expenses due to repairs on the roof of the clubhouse and restaurant as well as to the cart path. He also briefly discussed saving for future projects such as repairing the irrigation system on the course.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Tapella had no specific comments but wanted to reiterate that she was impressed with the work of staff throughout the holiday season.

Commissioner Hummel talked about driving past the sled hill in Kingston Park and said that both times the hill was packed with families. He jokingly comment about how he would have made use of the sled library if he could have found an empty parking spot. Superintendent Cerutti mentioned that sledders have been making use of the hill in Community Park as well.

Vice President Altpeter inquired if the Park District has received any complaints about coyotes at Kingston Park. Director Garvy and Superintendent Cerutti both responded in the negative. A brief discussion was held regarding the rogue cow that escaped its enclosure and was recaptured in Kingston Park.

XIII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

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

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Hummel, Altpeter, Tapella, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.