



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, March 20, 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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Introduction of Joe Kawalek, new Golf Course Operations Manager

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Ms. Margarita Matulyauskas gave a personal account of how the impact the noise from the nearby pickleball courts is affecting her recovery from a recent surgery, describing the continuous noise as similar to "electric shocks" that disrupt her quality of life within her home, and stresses the overall impact the continued use of the courts has on her mental and physical health. She mentioned that the impact of the noise pollution also affects her husband's health as well. Ms. Matulyauskas implored the Board of Commissioners to rectify what she sees as a mistake in the placement of the pickleball courts and to address the issue before planning any future projects. Ms. Matulyauskas presented the commissioners and staff members with materials to review to support her request.

**V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

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

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 H including the voucher list in the amount of \$308,804.91. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Tapella, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Award Valley Forge Park Tennis Court Renovation Project.

Discussion: Director Garvy mentioned that a memo had been prepared and presented to the commissioners prior to the meeting, and that a bid meeting had been conducted by Superintendent Cerutti on Monday, March 17. Chicagoland Paving presented as the lowest bid by a difference of \$10,000. Due to concerns with past performance, Director Garvy noted that Superintendent Cerutti had a frank discussion with the owner of the company who offered assurances that this project would be given the highest priority.

Vice President Altpeter moved to award the 2025 Valley Forge Park Tennis Court Repairs and Maintenance Project to Chicagoland Paving from Lake Zurich, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$119,000.00. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Tapella, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

## **X. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Community Park South Shelter – discussion

Director Garvy briefly discussed the report presented to the commissioners. He mentioned that the budget presented prior to the meeting was \$1.66 million and did not include some items for consideration. However, Director Garvy pointed out that a previous project – renovation of the Van Kampen Stage – provided excess compensatory storage that staff hopes the County will allow to be applied to this project. Such action would be useful as it would limit some project components such as excavation, planting of native species, and other earthwork. Director Garvy then discussed the cost of the building and installation of the shelter, which has been allocated a total of \$900,000 with the opportunity of saving funds dependent on who bids the project. Director Garvy stated that there are still a few months to go before learning what the exact cost of the project will be, and that there is a scheduled meeting with DuPage County staff that will be held in the coming weeks to determine permitting requirements.

Vice President Altpeter inquired about the current setup of the bathrooms located in the shelter, and how that will change based on the current plan provided. She expressed concern with the wording regarding a concrete wall, and that it would provide children with access to the roof of

the structure. She also discussed her concerns over safety for patrons as the current wall prevents a clear view of the shelter/permits someone to hide from sight. Director Garvy assured her that more detailed information regarding the structure will be forthcoming in the following weeks as the process moves forward and that commissioners will have opportunities to provide feedback.

President Wessel then inquired what purpose the current wall was originally meant to serve. Vice President Altpeter replied that it was for privacy reasons for patrons using the restroom facilities which Director Garvy then expanded on with an explanation of requirements that had to be met due to the placement of the toilets within the structure.

Discussion moved on to a door listed on the side view of the plans and what purpose it will serve. Director Garvy explained that it would lead to a larger storage area intended to hold supplies and a golf cart used by Camp Summer Quest to reduce the amount of back-and-forth travel by camp staff to the Recreation Center.

Commissioner Hummel inquired if DuPage County is usually receptive to requests regarding topics like compensatory storage. Director Garvy replied that while unsure, he is hopeful that the County will be, and that the civil engineer who is working on the project has had success in the past with similar projects and would present a well-rounded argument to County staff. Commissioner Hummel then asked if the area being discussed had flooded in the past, to which Director Garvy responded that he is not aware of flood water ever reaching the current shelter location.

#### B. Indoor Recreation Space Feasibility Study – discussion

Director Garvy provided a summary of the progress regarding focus group scheduling and implementation. He stated that staff were expecting an update regarding stakeholder interviews the following day.

Commissioner Tapella asked Director Garvy how many people were going to be included in the focus group. He responded that the preferred group size would be 8-10 individuals, with invitations having been sent to over fifty people. Director Garvy also stressed that staff are focusing on inviting people who are familiar with the Park District to participate since they are the people most likely to make use of a new facility.

#### C. Benedictine University – Lisle Park District Pickleball Courts Opportunity – discussion.

Vice President Altpeter expressed excitement for the possibility of an agreement but would prefer to see a longer-term agreement (30 years) to ensure that taxpayer money is not put towards a facility that residents will either not be allowed access to use or has overly restrictive limits regarding usage. Director Garvy stated discussion with Benedictine University did include similar talking points and prorated rates were mentioned.

Vice President Altpeter also discussed wanting the Park District to have a cost-share agreement in place for any tournaments hosted by parties outside of the Park District that may take place since the maintenance of the courts would fall under the purview of the Park District. President Wessel also mentioned applying that concept to concession sales as well for such tournaments. Vice President Altpeter explained that her concern does not include that, as other intergovernmental agencies keep profits from concessions if they provide the staff for a concessions area. Commissioner Hummel also added that a cost-share agreement should be considered in the event that a professional team might ever make the courts their “home” court.

Director Garvy explained that staff feel like the proposed courts are a terrific opportunity, but that there is hesitancy to move forward until final costs for current projects are finalized. He

advised the Board to table further discussion until such time as the plans for the South Shelter and Feasibility Study are complete. Vice President Altpeter then asked for clarification regarding the property ownership of the proposed courts to which Director Garvy explained it would be set up as a lease agreement. Commissioner Hummel asked if Benedictine University has a set timeline that they are looking at to which Director Garvy responded that there are no concrete plans in place, and he believes they will be understanding of the delay in discussion.

D. Department Updates  
None

#### **XI. SEASPAR REPORTS**

None

#### **XII. OFFICER REPORTS**

A. President, Commissioner Wessel

President Wessel posed an inquiry to his fellow commissioners about researching prices for gates to pickleball courts that can lock as a way to enforce play hours and reach a compromise with other parties. Director Garvy mentioned that Facilities and Safety Manager Mendez has some recommendations for outdoor locks that are currently in use for other Park District facilities (i.e. Sea Lion Aquatic Park and the South Shelter), and any gate purchased would need to be customized for those specific lock and handle mechanisms. Director Garvy also proposed the use of signs with hours of operation and notice of trespassing for violations to be posted on the gate with such locks to deter rule breaking.

B. Treasurer Report – Financial Reports ending February 28, 2025.

Superintendent Silver said reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. Superintendent Silver reported slightly less income from interest being brought in. He also reported that River Bend Golf Club's earnings are three times higher than they were at this same time last year.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Vice President Altpeter requested a closed session be added to the April meeting of the Lisle Park District Board of Commissioners to review the Commissioner Meeting Attendance Ordinance.

Commissioner Tapella expressed excitement for the Adult Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 10.

#### **XIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Tapella moved to enter a closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Vice President Altpeter seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

#### **XIV. OPEN MEETING**

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

The Board returned to open session and President Wessel called the meeting to order at 8:16 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

**XVI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

*None*

**XVII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

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

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: Dombroski

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.