

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting
July 23, 2009

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Vice President Schmitt called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30 PM.
- Par. 2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Those in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Par. 3 **ROLL CALL**
The Secretary called the Roll and there were present Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, and Schmitt. Absent were Commissioners Garetto and Schneider. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the combined Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2009, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 3 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
There were no questions or comments from the public.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba presented Commissioner Perretta with a Certificate of Election and suggested that she be sworn in for her new four-year term. Attorney Cankar then administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Perretta.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
COMMUNICATIONS/RISK MANAGEMENT
Manager
Brian McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Commissioner Schneider arrived at 6:43 pm.
- Par. 9 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve a budget not to exceed \$1,961.00 for fees and travel expenses for Brian McLaughlin to attend the L.E.R.N. Conference in Savannah, Georgia. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Youth Scholarship Program as submitted. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 11
** Director Huber reported that scholarship information is in process of being mounted on the website and it had been prominently featured in Fun Fest promotional material. Additional actions are also being considered to publicize the program.
- Par. 12
** Director Huber reported that she, Brian McLaughlin, and Commissioner Kleina were in discussion with two Girls Softball coaches interested in advancing and improving the league through clinics and additional practice opportunities. Commissioner Kleina stated that the individuals were very committed to Alsip's girl softball, and the Park District was fortunate to have the men willing to be more involved. She also expressed great satisfaction at the Girls Softball league's participation in a recent tournament. Commissioner Perretta expressed support for bringing back the clinics, which would likely increase enthusiasm and thus, enrollment in the program. Based on his past experience with the clinics, Commissioner Schmitt concurred and it might take money to kick-start the program again.
- Par. 13
FINANCE
Business Office Manager
Marion Bucht's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve purchase of three new computers from Dell in the amount of \$1,659.00, plus shipping. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 15
** Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the purchase of two new Cisco routers at \$1,800.00, if needed. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 16 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve payment of additional bills for June 2009 in the amount of \$77,098.17. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 17 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the payment of bills for July 2009 in the amount of \$360,427.04. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 18
RECREATION
Superintendent
Mike Baiardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19
RECREATION
Supervisor
Ashley Adsit's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par 20
PRESCHOOL
Supervisor
Laurie Nissen's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 21 **ATHLETICS**
Supervisor
Mike DeVito's final Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Commissioner Schmitt expressed his and the Board's appreciation to Mike DeVito for his service to the Park District. Each Commissioner then went on to congratulate Mike on his move to Texas and wished him luck with his new endeavor. Mr. DeVito thanked everyone for making his time with the APD such a valuable learning experience.
- Par. 23 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the purchase of 700 soccer uniforms from SCORE American Soccer Company. Prices were locked in for a year, but uniforms would be ordered seasonally. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 24 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 Director Huber reported that the new pool drainage was inspected and approved by Cook County. The inspector commended the District for the timely work and design.
- Par. 26 **PARKS**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Personal Protection Equipment Policy as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Confined Space Policy as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 29 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Lockout/Tagout Policy as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 30 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Respiratory Protection Policy as presented. Director Huber reported that employees will need to be "fit tested" to see if they are able to utilize the safety mask/respirator. Commissioner Schmitt explained the test and noted that more masks might be required. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 31 **SUSPENSION OF REGULAR BUSINESS**
Commissioner Schmitt called for objections to the suspension of the regular order of business. Hearing none, Commissioner Schmitt called for the Attorney's Report.

- Par. 32 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 33
** Director Huber invited Attorney Cainkar’s opinion on the bid for dredging the pond at Sears Park, explaining that disposal of the “spoils” from the pond is the problem. Attorney Cainkar recommended that the Base Bid for the dredging be accepted and to reject the Alternate Bid for the disposal. He suggested a provision to be added in the Notice to Proceed “that the dredging contract is contingent upon the Park District finding an alternate disposal site that is financially feasible by (supply a reasonable date), then the contract is void and terminated”. He offered to search for trucking companies and dump sites in order to secure more feasible bids for hauling away the spoils.
- Par. 34 **RETURN TO REGULAR BUSINESS**
Commissioner Schmitt called for objections to the return of the regular order of business. Hearing none, Commissioner Schmitt called for the Golf Course Committee Report.
- Par. 35 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s amended Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 36 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve the purchase and installation of a new PM Pump from Professional Pump & Irrigation in an amount not to exceed \$3,350.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 37 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the new greens fee pricing structures as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 38
** Director Huber reported that she had recently been presented with an alternative to blacktopping the cart paths. She explained that a regional company was proposing to deliver clean asphalt grindings, then grade and roll the material into the gravel paths. She estimated that approximately 80 loads would be needed, which is also the minimum purchase amount. She called the proposal appealing because it represents a huge savings to the District; however, the timing of the application would be critical so as not to interfere with any golf outings. Lastly, availability of material comes with a very short notice and she has not had a chance to inspect other projects to determine if the proposal would prove beneficial.
- Par. 39
** Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to give Director Huber full power to act in approving an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the delivery, grading, and rolling of asphalt grindings by Soil Locators. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 40 **MAIN OFFICE**
Office Manager
Cathy Villarreal’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 41 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve a lease with Chicago Office Technology Group in the amount of \$789.00 per month as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 42 Commissioner Schmitt called for a short break to allow the staff to exit. Hearing no objections, Commissioner Schmitt ordered a 10-minute break.
- Par. 43 The meeting was suspended at 7:45 pm, and business resumed at 7:55 pm.
- Par. 44 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
Commissioner Kleina introduced Mr. Tom Malloy, a coach for the Girls Softball program, who wished to make a presentation to the Board. Commissioner Schmitt invited Mr. Malloy to speak.
- Par. 45
** Mr. Tom Malloy expressed a strong desire, along with Mr. Scott Sullivan and Commissioner Kleina, to return the Girls Softball Program to its former glory. He noted that CLINICS were a major difference between the Alsip program and those in other communities as clinics allow the programs to start three or more months before the season starts. He also recommended separating the girls according to the skill sets required for different age groups. Mr. Malloy has identified other individuals interested in helping advance the program; however, a real boost in the program’s status would surely come about by compensating elite players to come in for the clinics. Another advancement for the program would be to allow only girls preregistered for the program to participate in the clinics. He added that he was hoping to get “incrediballs” for indoor practice and to secure locations for the clinics. Commissioner Schmitt expressed support for the clinics and that he appreciated hearing some new ideas. Commissioner Perretta endorsed giving the girls more opportunity to play under lights, having dugouts, and an attractively fenced ball field. Commissioner Kleina added that the girls really enjoyed the tournament experience and would like to see more participation in them. Mr. Malloy mentioned that he was also investigating grant opportunities, and he was strongly encouraged to work with Director Huber in that regard.
- Par. 46 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Jeannette Huber’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 47 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to accept the Base Bid from V3 to dredge the pond at Sears Park in the amount of \$120,018.50 and to reject the Alternate Bid. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 48 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to rebid the Alternate Bid for removing the spoils dredged from Sears Pond. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 49 Director Huber reported on the status of various portions of the Sears Park Redevelopment Project. The paperwork required by the OSLAD Grant for a public contract under the Department of Human Rights had been completed and returned.

- Par. 50
** Director Huber reported that the specifications for native plantings around the pond were due any time and would be incorporated into the bid documents. She added that there would be a meeting of the committee with Mr. Brusseau to go over the Bid Package before advertising. The permitting process for demolition is moving along with Cook County and Commonwealth Edison and NICOR completing their work. Director Huber mentioned that she would like to have a groundbreaking ceremony before the end of the year.
- Par. 51 Director Huber reported that a public meeting would be held to discuss the District's Bike Path plan on September 21st at 7 pm. A fundraiser for the Cal-Sag Trail, the Happy Trails Jamboree, is planned for October 2nd in Palos Heights; the goal is \$20,000.00 and the Committee is looking for donations. She added that the committee is also now working on securing property agreements, and the IDOT completed its review of the west end of the trail - coming back with only limited comments.
- Par. 52 Director Huber reported that the Accessibility Study investigation of Apollo Center noted only a few significant issues to be addressed.
- Par. 53 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve expenditures up to \$3,954.00 for registration and travel for up to six individuals to attend the NRPA Conference in October. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 54
** **OLD BUSINESS**
Director Huber reported an ongoing discussion with the Alsip Police Department regarding teens in the parks and interpreting "age-appropriate behavior" in the Park District Code. The Department has taken a zero-tolerance position with young teens having been ordered to exit parks. She stressed the need for a good balance between policing and recreational activity because heavy policing sends a wrong message about the parks. A section of the Code (4E) may need amended. It was the consensus of the Board that Director Huber initiate a meeting with Chief Radz to relay the Board's wishes for the police to focus more on obvious unsafe and/or destructive behavior on the playground equipment and to use better judgment when ejecting kids entirely from the parks.
- Par. 55 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no new business to come before the Board.
- Par. 56 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 57 The Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up required