

**Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**October 26, 2009**

- Par. 1        **CALL TO ORDER**  
President Schneider called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:31 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 Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4        **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2009, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5        **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**  
Mr. Todd Reynolds, 12555 S. Tripp, addressed the Board on behalf of the Alsip Falcons Football Club. Mr. Reynolds thanked the Board for the Park District's support of the Club. The Falcons were now asking for the Board's opinion on the Falcons' desire to erect an electric scoreboard and an elevated pressbox, which would also house a sound system; the total for both would be approximately \$9,000.00.
- Par. 6        President Schneider informed the Falcons' representatives that in the future, they should take their ideas and requests to the committee, after first giving Director Huber their information for the design team to consider.
- Par. 7        Brian Kilbacka, 4413 W. Jean Street, indicated that the Falcons would also like to run their own metered- electrical supply and want four rows of 27-foot portable bleachers, which would cost another \$7,800.00. Director Huber reiterated that the Board cannot make any decisions at this time because a review of the Accessibility Study is necessary, and any changes or amendments to the Sears Park redevelopment plan must be taken under advisement.
- Par. 8        Mr. Ryan Mayer of Speedy Gonzalez Landscaping, 3901 W. 163rd St, invited questions or comments from the Board with regard to the Sears Park bids. There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Par. 9

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary reported that selection of the annual IAPD Delegate and Alternate was due. Director Huber commented that Commissioner Kleina and herself were previous designees and would be in attendance at the conference. Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to appoint the same two individuals for 2010 as served for 2009 (Commissioner Kleina and Director Huber), with the provision that they are willing to accept the assignment again. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.

Par. 10

**DISPENSE WITH REGULAR BUSINESS**

Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the subject of the Sears Park Bid Project. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.

Par. 11

President Schneider invited Mr. Joseph Brusseau to address the Board about the recent bid opening.

Par. 12

Mr. Brusseau summarized the bid acquisition process and provided a Bid Tabulation Report, along with a letter of describing his Contract Award Recommendation. Mr. Brusseau indicated that his recommendation came from a review of the bids received and the information gathered from listed references. The recommendation of the Brusseau Design Group was to award the contract in the amount of \$1,398,881.18 to Fuerte Systems, Inc. for the project.

Par. 13

President Schneider opened the floor to the commissioners for questions or comments. It was the consensus of the Board that the references provided by Speedy Gonzalez Landscaping, Inc. were less than ideal. Especially disappointing was various SGL references reporting contractor-initiated change orders and general dissatisfaction with SGL's performance ratings. Attorney Cainkar gave the opinion that the references determine who is/is not the lowest responsible bidder, and the Board can accept or reject bids based on those references.

Par. 14

Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Garetto, to accept the Brusseau Design Group, LLC recommendation and reject Speedy Gonzalez Landscaping, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the Sears Park Redevelopment Project. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Par. 15

Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to accept the lowest responsible bid on the Sears Park project in the amount of \$1,398,881.18 and award the contract to Fuerte Systems, Inc. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Par. 16

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNICATIONS/RISK MANAGEMENT**

Manager

Brian McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 17 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the expenditures for printing 8,500 copies of the 2010 winter brochure by B. Allan Graphics at an amount not to exceed \$\$7,917.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 18 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve delivery of the 2010 winter brochure by Flier Delivery Service at an amount not to exceed \$960.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 19 FINANCE  
Business Office Manager  
Marion Bucht’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to pay all bills for October 2009 in the amount of \$370,262.51. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 21 RECREATION  
Superintendent  
Mike Baiardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to close the Apollo Center at 6:00 pm on January 8, 2010. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 23 Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Concerts on the Green budget at an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 24 RECREATION  
Supervisor  
Ashley Adsit’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par 25 PRESCHOOL  
Supervisor  
Laurie Nissen’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 26 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Garetto, approve the additions to the current Preschool Parent Manual. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 27 ATHLETICS  
Supervisor  
Matt Byrne’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 28      **AQUATICS/FITNESS**  
Manager  
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 29      Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve closing the Fitness and Women's Circuit Centers at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 5. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 30      Motion made by Commissioner Garetto to approve opening the Aquatic Park pool for the 2010 season on Saturday, June 5, 2010. The motion died for lack of a second.
- Par. 31      Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Aquatic Park hours of operation as presented for school hours, opening June 2, 2010, and closing the week before Labor Day, August 30 – September 2, providing those hours are the same as for 2009. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes, and Commissioners Kleina and Perretta voting no. Motion carried 3 – 2.
- Par. 32      Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Aquatic Park 2010 seasonal rates as presented, representing a 5% increase, excluding the Daily, Senior, and Care-giver fees, maintaining the same SPF Sale dates as for 2009. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes, and Commissioner Kleina voting no. Motion carried 4 – 1.
- Par. 33      **PARKS**  
Superintendent  
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 34      **GOLF COURSE**  
Operations Manager  
Rich Gottardo's amended Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 35      **MAIN OFFICE**  
Office Manager  
Cathy Villarreal's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 36      **SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS**  
President Schneider called for objections to a brief break to allow staff to depart. Hearing no objections, President Schneider ordered a break. The time was 7:59 pm.
- Par. 37      **RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS**  
The Meeting resumed at 8:10 pm.
- Par. 38      **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Jeannette Huber's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 39 Director Huber reported on a number of proposed and ongoing projects: a possible settlement with AGL for work on the Clubhouse expansion paid by the District; a dispute over billing for the number of truckloads of asphalt grindings delivered to the Fountain Hills over a four-day period; possible installation of a sign at Apollo Recreation Center paid for by a grant secured by Senator Maloney on behalf of SWSRA; and a promised meeting with representatives of the Alsip Little League that did not occur.
- Par. 40 Director Huber reported on the progress of talks with Little League board members. She noted that Mr. Lance Martinez had agreed to share with the League information about the many services the Park District has provided to the Little League over the years; however, the promised meeting did not occur. Commissioner Schmitt requested that the record reflect that not all the Little League officials appear to be bargaining in good faith with regard to Girls Softball. President Schneider opened the floor for discussion of additional special considerations the District could offer. Commissioners Kleina and Perretta supported paying umpires and the tournament fees when the girls participate. Commissioner Garetto reported that both he and the District have been mowing League fields for a long time, and the current Little League Board members were apparently unaware of this.
- Par. 41 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, that the Park District cut the grass inside the fencing of the Little League fields and between the fence and St. Terrence once/week during the playing season, with the provision that a minimum of four signatures (a majority of the Little League Board) be affixed to the signed partnership agreement, which shall be in force as long as the Alsip Park District Girls Softball is utilizing League facilities and association connections. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 42 Commissioner Kleina asked that the Minutes reflect that the Board of Commissioners has authorized Director Huber to continue conversations with the Village of Alsip regarding a possible intergovernmental project for a “safety town” on District land.  
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- Par. 43 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for the Establishment of the Cal-Sag Trail — West End and the Performance of Certain Engineering Services in Relation Thereto. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 44 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**  
Attorney Cainkar presented an amended tax levy ordinance for consideration and adoption.
- Par. 45 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to adopt Ordinance No 09-2 entitled “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2009, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2010, FOR THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS” with the Special Recreation Tax Levy amended to \$305,000.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, and Schmitt voting yes, and Commissioner Schneider voting no. Motion carried 4 – 1.

Par. 46        **OLD BUSINESS**  
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

Par. 47        **NEW BUSINESS**  
There was no new business to come before the Board.

Par. 48        **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.

Par. 49        The Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

\*\* Denotes follow-up required