

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 28, 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 **PUBLIC HEARING**
President Schneider called to order the Public Hearing at 6:32 pm and called for a report from Attorney Cainkar. Attorney Cainkar announced that the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing was to take questions or comments on the proposal to sell non-referendum bonds in an amount not to exceed \$740,000.00 for the purpose of payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, or for building, maintaining, improving, and protecting park land and the existing facilities of the Park District.
- Par. 5 Attorney Cainkar then invited comments and/or questions from the public. There were no comments or questions from the public in attendance.
- Par. 6 Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0. The Hearing concluded at 6:33 pm.
- Par. 7 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2009, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 8 **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 Club’s construction of a storage facility, about the size of a three- to four-car garage somewhere on the site. Mr. Reynolds stressed that the Falcons would pay the entire cost for the building from savings and fundraisers. It was the consensus of the Board that the Falcons return with more definitive plans in about a year, after the Sears Park redevelopment plan is further along.

- Par. 9 President Schneider commended the Falcons for their fine, well-run homecoming festivities and parade. He also thanked the Club for inviting the Park District to participate. Director Huber also commended the Falcons for their Homecoming Game brochure.
- Par. 10 **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba read a "Thank You" letter from Chief Radz on behalf of the Alsip Police Department for the Park District's support of the annual Family Night Out program.
- Par. 11 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
COMMUNICATIONS/RISK MANAGEMENT
Manager
Brian McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve a \$15.00 discount off the Girls 12" Softball League registration fee for only those girls who register for a minimum of two Softball Clinics by Friday, January 8, 2010; in addition, no refunds will be made on Softball League registrations. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 13 **FINANCE**
Business Office Manager
Marion Bucht's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to pay all bills for September 2009 in the amount of \$341,434.08. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 15 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Mike Baiardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 **RECREATION**
Supervisor
Ashley Adsit's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par 17 Motion made by Commissioner Garetto, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Summer Camp budget and proposed fees for 2010. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 18 **PRESCHOOL**
Supervisor
Laurie Nissen's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 **ATHLETICS**
Supervisor
Matt Byrne's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 20 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the purchase of the Fall Soccer League trophies from Crown Trophy at an amount not to exceed \$475.10. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 21 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Garetto, to purchase three Toshiba 32” Class/720p/60Hz LCD HD televisions from Sam’s Club, with the three-year warranty at an amount not to exceed \$1,316.55. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 23 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the acquisition of three High Definition receivers/boxes from Comcast for an annual fee of \$323.64. During “Discussion”, Parks Superintendent McLaughlin stated that he would oversee the wall re-mounting and installation of the televisions at a convenient time during the winter. Roll was called with Commissioners Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes, and Commissioners Garetto and Kleina voting no. Motion carried 3 – 2.
- Par. 24 **PARKS**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 President Schneider and Director Huber praised Superintendent McLaughlin and his Parks Department for the extraordinary amount of work and fantastic job performance exhibited this year. Brian McLaughlin informed the Board that the Parks Department had re-crowned the softball fields, which were now in wonderful shape. Director Huber commended the Parks Department for their creative solutions to problems and their recycling of material from one place to another. Further, President Schneider commended the staff for the exceptional work done at the Sears Park project; a lot of water was pumped, fish were moved, and a lot of money was saved by the in-house work.
- Par. 26 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s amended Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 ****** Manager Gottardo and Director Huber reported that the initial application of asphalt grindings to the gravel cartpath is less than desirable, although some parts are very nice. A lively discussion ensued with the consensus that completion of the next two phases and sealcoating in the spring should show a nicely finished end product.
- Par. 28 **MAIN OFFICE**
Office Manager
Cathy Villarreal’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 29 President Schneider called for objections to a brief break to allow staff to depart and for Mrs. Bucht to secure the necessary signatures for the new Bank Resolutions. Hearing no objections, President Schneider ordered a break. The time was 7:12 pm.
- Par. 30 **RESUMPTION OF BUSINESS**
The Meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.
- Par. 31 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Jeannette Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 Director Huber reported on a number of proposed and ongoing projects: Alsip's own Bike Path plan and the recent public meeting; another intergovernmental agreement for the Cal-Sag Trail, the west end; a gymnastics team fundraiser; and the inability to schedule a golf outing with the Village. The intern was working on an action plan to comply with the suggestions made in the Accessibility Study.
- Par. 33 Director Huber announced a new mutually beneficial arrangement with School District 130 whereby the Park District gets free use of the school gymnasium in exchange for allowing the School District to use Commissioners Park fields.
- Par. 34 Director Huber described the progress at Sears Park and thanked a number of governmental entities for their assistance with the demolition and pond cleanup. She also exhibited a copy of the "What's Happening" brochure pages, describing the Park District's exciting plans and projects at the Sears site, with accompanying pictures. She reported on a resolution to the problem with the fencing along the property line. Lastly, Director Huber reported that the bids for the Sears Park project had come in disappointingly higher than expected, especially in light of today's economy and the amount of work already done by in-house staff.
- Par. 35 Director Huber asked if the project could be rebid. It was the consensus of the Board that the bids were disappointingly high and the project should be rebid as long as the schedule is not affected. Attorney Cainkar stated that sending the project out for rebid is allowed as the Bid Notice gave the Park District the right to reject any and all bids. In addition, the timeline should not be affected at this time of year.
- Par. 36 Director Huber stated that new bid packages could be put together in time for possible action at the Board Meeting on October 26th.
- Par. 37 Mr. Mayer and Mr. Gonzalez of Speedy Gonzalez Landscaping addressed the Board and expressed disappointment at not being awarded the bid. Mr. Mayer mentioned that SGL has a background in working with park projects, having completed jobs for \$400,000.00 and \$500,000.00, and a project at 16th and Jefferson in Chicago is near completion.
- Par. 38 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Garetto, to reject all bids for the Sears Park redevelopment project and to authorize the Director to commence with sealed bid acquisition and opening. Roll was called with Commissioners Garetto, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Schneider voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 39
** Director Huber thanked the gentlemen for their comments and information. Superintendent of Parks McLaughlin will inspect the Jefferson site and report back.
- Par. 40 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 41 Director Huber asked for an opinion on the need for legal documentation from ACGL with regard to the corporate partners’ change in ownership. Attorney Cainkar stated that ACGL’s partnership agreement should cover the District.
- Par. 42 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 43 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no new business to come before the Board.
- Par. 44 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 45 The Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up required