

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting
August 26, 2019

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Becker called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:38 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 Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Becker. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2019, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
There was no public in attendance.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba read a Thank You note from the Perretta Family in appreciation of the remembrance and kindnesses extended at the passing of Commissioner Perretta’s mother.
- Par. 7 Secretary Poremba read a Thank You from the Alsip Police Department in appreciation for the District’s support of the annual “National Night Out” on August 6, 2019.
- Par. 8 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Office Manager
Cathy Krydynski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 9 In the absence of Ms. Krydynski, Director Huber reported on activities connected with the Business Office. She called attention to fund transfers, a CD renewal, and a gaming activities report for Fountain Hills. Lastly, Director Huber reported the District was in receipt of half of the \$400,000.00 OSLAD Grant for the redevelopment of Laramie Park.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve payment of the bills for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$578,997.81. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 11 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12 Superintendent Hooper reported that the District had received four vendor bids for the brochure printing and recommended acceptance of a bid from a previous vendor, KK Stevens Printing. He also recommended ratification of the approval for a Kiwanis group's use of the small gym.
- Par. 13 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to accept the printing bid for four issues in the 2020 brochure series from KK Stevens at an amount not to exceed \$19,544.33. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 14 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to ratify the approval for use of the Apollo Recreation Center small gym on September 7th for the Kiwanis children's carnival. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0
- Par. 15 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Rebecca Perhaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the Before and After School Staff Manual as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 18 **ATHLETICS**
Supervisor
Brad Burke's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Aquatic Park Early Bird Special Rates for Residents for the dates of December 2, 2019 – February 14, 2020 as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 21 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Aquatic Park fees for residents and non-residents for the 2020 season as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 22 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Hours of Operation for the 2020 season to include a “Resident Members Only Swim” on Monday – Friday from 11:00 am – Noon as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 23 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve a Black Friday Special for resident Aquatic Park passes as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 24 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Opening of the Splash Pad on May 18, 2020, and Closing on September 13, 2020, for an extended season. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 25 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 26 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the replacement of Roof Top Unit #8 by Key West Metal at a cost not to exceed \$11,435.48. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 27 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve signing a 1-year-contract with Wild Goose Chase for an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 29 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 30 **ANNOUNCEMENT**
Commissioner Kleina reported a compliment from a new Life Guard at Aquatic Park who said that working for the Alsip Park District was a wonderful place to work and a real privilege.
- Par. 31 President Becker excused the staff at 6:57 pm.
- Par. 32 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Gymnasium Floor
Director Huber reported the new sport court floor has been installed and was already in use.

- Par. 33 Laramie Park Redevelopment
** Director Huber reported that construction documents were under review and the equipment would be going out for bids soon to take advantage of 2019 pricing. Needed yet, the MWRD permit. She added that the residential family adjacent to the proposed walk path has decided they would rather not have a fence installed to separate their property from the park.
- Par. 34 Mary J Lynch Skate Park Redevelopment
** Director Huber displayed two possible equipment layouts for the new park that are within the budget. She noted they are still in discussion but some favorites have been identified from the surveys, a Half Pipe, Stairs, and Benches. A Pump Track is still a possibility.
- Par. 35 NRPA Conference
Director Huber reminded the Board the next meeting is scheduled for September 16th, a week earlier than usual to allow for participation and travel in connection with the conference.
- Par. 36 Cal-Sag Trail
** Director Huber reported IDOT is readying for the improvement of Route 83 (at 127th Street) over the Cal Sag Channel and wanted to close down the Trail at the bridge for five months, contingent on weather. In response, Director Huber requested more information about the project and suggested that IDOT look into providing a temporary path and bridge approaches.
- Par. 37 As for progress on the east portion in Alsip, things are still being worked through with the ICC after a recent status hearing. Director Huber reported on the need for Arkema engineers to consult with trail engineers with respect to the vault work that must be done so that bid letting can transact early in 2020.
- Par. 38 Apollo Park Update
** Director Huber reported the punch list is still receiving attention; thus, the project has not been closed out with final payment.
- Par. 39 Copy Machines and Printers
Director Huber reported the attorney had completed his review of the proposed lease agreement from Proven IT and it may be approved.
- Par. 40 Temporary Outreach Specialist
Director Huber reported that Allison Schuldt had completed her internship in the marketing position. The director added that she liked having a designated marketing person and was evaluating whether creating a permanent position would be beneficial to the District.
- Par. 41 Park District Foundation
** Director Huber reported the next step in setting up a 501(c)(3) foundation is to identify three individuals whose names would go on the incorporation application papers.
- Par. 42 Director Contract
** Director Huber reported her employment contract runs on a calendar year terminating the end of December and the Board would like future ones to run on the fiscal year. She noted that a short time contract might be necessary to fill a gap from January 1 to the next fiscal year.

- Par. 43 Motion
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the 5-year lease agreement for copy machines and printers from Proven IT in the amount of \$744.78 per month. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Becker voting yes. Commissioner Perretta abstained. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1.
- Par. 44 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 45 **NEW BUSINESS**
** Commissioner Gutierrez suggested a trying out a semiannual event along the lines of “Coffee with a Commissioner” as a way to engage the public in a social environment. It was the consensus of the Board that it could be beneficial. Director Huber will follow up for possible dates and/or locations.
- Par. 46 Commissioner Kleina raised for discussion the subject of a casino complex with a large
** multistory hotel being considered for construction on the south side of the Cal Sag Channel, east of Cicero in Crestwood. She noted that the associated noise from such a development would likely disturb Alsip residents living adjacent to Freedom Park, thus prohibiting any attempt by the District to remove buffering trees to expand recreational opportunities. A lengthy discussion ensued and a copy of the proposed layout was reviewed. Cainkar will review the situation to determine what the Park District’s options are.
- Par. 47 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 48 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 49 The Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required