

**Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting**  
**October 28, 2019**

Par. 1      **CALL TO ORDER**

President Becker called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners 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 Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and President Becker. Absent was Commissioner Schmitt. A quorum was present.

Par. 4      **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2019, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.

Par. 5      **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

There was no public in attendance.

Par. 6      **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Poremba read a Thank You note from Director Huber for the kindness extended to her during her recent illness.

Par. 7      Secretary Poremba read a Thank You note from Cathy Krydynski for the kindnesses and sympathy extended to her at the time of her father-in-law's passing.

Par. 8      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Business Office Manager

Cathy Krydynski's Board Report was placed on file.

Par. 9      Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the hiring of Segal Consulting at a cost of \$2,500.00 to provide the report needed to meet the GASB 75 obligations for the annual audit. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Par. 10      Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$382,024.61. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 11      **RECREATION**  
Superintendent  
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12      Superintendent Hooper reported that the Halloween Carnival and the Trick or Trunk were both fun and successful, in spite of the poor weather. At least 233 guests attended the Carnival and many more visited the parking lot for additional treats.
- Par. 13      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to close the Apollo Recreation Center at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 7, for Santa's Landing. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 14      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the preschool partnership agreement with School District 126. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 15      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the Comic Book Rental on September 12, 2020, with a vendor charge of \$30.00 per table and an admission charge of \$5.00 per person. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 16      Recreation Supervisor  
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17      Superintendent Hooper reported for Supervisor Michalski that the Winter program book had been sent out for delivery.
- Par. 18      Preschool/Recreation Supervisor  
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19      Superintendent Hooper reported for Supervisor Perkaus that programs were doing well and added that applicants for the 2020 summer camp programs are being sought.
- Par. 20      **ATHLETICS**  
Supervisor  
Brad Burke's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21      Supervisor Burke reported the fall season athletic seasons were complete or in process of wrapping up. He added that the Girls Softball 14U went undefeated and 12U had a successful first season in the division. Fall coaches will be helping recruit for the spring season.
- Par. 22      **AQUATICS/FITNESS**  
Manager  
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 23 Superintendent Hooper reported the pool had been winterized; however, the drop slide needs a routine inspection and probable wax treatment.
- Par. 24 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**  
Superintendent  
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 Superintendent McLaughlin asked for items on his list of old surplus equipment to be approved for disposal. A brief discussion ensued regarding the old Snapple cooler, which might qualify for sale to the highest bidder.
- Par. 26 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the list of items as Surplus to allow for proper disposal. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 27 **GOLF COURSE**  
Operations Manager  
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 28 **MAIN OFFICE**  
Manager  
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 29 President Becker excused the staff at 7:05 pm.
- Par. 30 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 31 IPRA/IAPD Conference  
Director Huber solicited volunteers to serve as Delegate and Alternate Delegate for the 2020 Park and Recreation Conference in January and asked for approval of the conference budget. Commissioner Gutierrez agreed to serve as Delegate and Commissioner Becker will be the Alternate Delegate.
- Par. 32 ESports  
Director Huber reported learning about an opportunity to reach a new population of park users via video gaming. She suggested a budget of \$5,000.00 for equipment to develop programming.
- Par. 33 Budget Planning  
Director Huber asked board members to submit ideas for new activities or projects for inclusion in the 2020/2021 budget.
- Par. 34 Gym Pass Program  
Director Huber reported she would be repeating the November Gym Pass Giveaway Program by inviting nominations of worthy recipients on social media.

- Par. 35      Skate Park  
\*\*      Director Huber reported having received samples of potential surface material suitable for both skateboards and bikes. Another survey is under consideration.
- Par. 36      Cal-Sag Trail  
Director Huber reported two benches had been donated by the FOSCT (Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail). Also, the grant application had been approved by the Mainstreet Organization of Realtors so new amenities would be installed to beautify a resting area near Rt. 83 and 127th Street. The MWRD had approved both projects.
- Par. 37      Director Huber reported having received a declination from the IDOT on her request for temporary trail approaches during the future five-month shutdown for new bridge decking and rehabilitation at 127th. However, the IDOT will provide a detour.
- Par. 38      Laramie Park Redevelopment  
Director Huber reported she anticipates playground bidding on the project by year-end. She added that the new shelter would require additional engineering work. Amenities, such as benches and a fountain, would be purchased outright.
- Par. 39      PARC Grant Application/Apollo  
Director Huber reported small adjustments to the original redevelopment plan for the Apollo Recreation Center are necessary for the Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant (PARC) application, which is due around January 17, 2020.
- Par. 40      Park Planning  
\*\*      Director Huber requested that commissioners select two or three parks for which to schedule an inspection.
- Par. 41      Motions  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the delegate credentials for the IAPD Meeting on January 25, 2020. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 42      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve the registration for the IAPD/IPRA Conference for Board and Staff in an amount not to exceed \$4,225.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 43      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve a budget of \$5,000.00 to begin ESport programming. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 44      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the purchase of benches, picnic tables, play benches, and litter receptacles from Parkreation in the amount of \$13,349.90. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 45 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve an engineering plan for a shade structure and shelter for Laramie Park from Parkreation in the amount of \$1,900.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 46 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the purchase of a water fountain, including pet bowl, from Most Dependable Fountains in the amount of \$3,099.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 47 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to authorize staff to initiate the bid process for the purchase of playground equipment for Laramie Park. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 48 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**  
\*\* Attorney Cainkar presented two ordinances and an agreement for approval.
- Par. 49 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve Ordinance No. 19-2 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 2, 2019, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2020, FOR THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 50 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to ratify the Bond Engagement/Underwriter Agreement as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 51 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve Ordinance No. 19-3 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$990,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, Perretta, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 52 Commissioner Perretta departed the Meeting at 7:50 pm.
- Par. 53 **NEW BUSINESS**  
Commissioner Becker reported she had received an inquiry about the District renting out Commissioners Park two or three times in the summer of 2020 for a baseball tournament. The proposed tenant requires a facility with outfield fencing; however, the park is not fenced and the tournament cannot be accommodated. A brief discussion ensued on suitable options.
- Par. 54 **OLD BUSINESS**  
Commissioner Gutierrez reported the Coffee with a Commissioner had gone very well as both parents of preschool students and members of the senior club had dropped in.

- Par. 55      **EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of land acquisition, personnel, probable litigation and other subject matters as allowed by the Open Meetings Act. Roll was called with Commissioners Gutierrez, Kleina, and Becker voting yes. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Par. 56      The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7:56 pm.
- Par. 57      The Board of Commissioners returned to the regular order of business at 8:20 pm.
- Par. 58      **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 59      The Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

\*\* Denotes follow-up action required