

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
Apollo Recreation Center
August 24, 2020

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Vice President Kleina called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:34 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 Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina. Absent were Commissioner Schmitt and President Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
There were no Minutes for approval.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
Director Huber reported there were no electronic or telephonic inquiries in response to the Meeting Notice. No public was in attendance.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
The Secretary read a Thank You note from Cathy Krydynski in appreciation for the floral expression of sympathy on the passing of her mother.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Cathy Krydynski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Director Huber reported that Manager Krydynski was working with Sickich on an improved system for the annual audit of District finances. She is loading items into a portal that can more easily be accessed than pulling old files in the office.
- Par. 9 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve payment of bills for the month of August 2020 in the amount of \$489,732,46. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Par. 10 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 11 Superintendent Hooper reported that the printer had been very agreeable with respect to the District cancelling contracted printed program books with many offerings having been cancelled due to the Covid virus. He went on to express his hope that the return to printed material and additional programs would increase the number of paid registrations.
- Par. 12 President Perretta arrived at 6:42 pm.
- Par. 13 Superintendent Hooper reported on a new tactic whereby the various outdoor recreational activities, e.g., Movie in the Park, Car Show, Day of Play, a drive-in movie (new), were being presented at different parks in hopes of encouraging new populations to visit.
- Par. 14 Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 **PRE-SCHOOL**
Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Superintendent Hooper reported there were nine families registered for the new Kidz Care program. He added that registrations were still coming in for the Preschool and expansion for the new students to be socially distant would not be difficult.
- Par. 17 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the Partners Before/After School and Kidz Care Parent Handbook. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 18 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the Partners Before/After School and Kidz Care Staff Handbook. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 19 **ATHLETICS**
Supervisor
Brad Burke's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Director Huber reported the Girls Softball was proceeding well and there were eight Adult Softball teams that would be starting competition soon.
- Par. 21 ****** After a question from Commissioner Kleina regarding the size of the payments to professional umpires, President Perretta opened the floor for a lively discussion on creating an in-house pool of umpires as a savings over a service providing Athletic Officials at a substantially higher fee. She noted that 10-year-old girls did not need professional umpires and inquired as to where the professionals came from. This will be followed up.
- Par. 22 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 23
** Director Huber reported the shortened 2020 aquatic season had been safe and with only one repair issue. A brief discussion ensued regarding increasing revenue with pool rentals to school area swim clubs. It was the consensus that major effort be extended towards procuring rentals by area swim clubs, which don't require hiring life guards for the practices.
- Par. 24 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the hours of operation for the 2021 (swim) season to include a resident members-only swim time on Monday – Friday from 11 am – 12 pm as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 25 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 26 Director Huber reported the need for repairs to the backflow assemblies and the fire alarm systems at Apollo Recreation Center and the Fountain Hills Golf Club. She noted there was only one company that does that kind of work; hence, only one bid.
- Par. 27 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the repairs to the fire alarm systems and backflow assemblies at the Apollo Recreation Center and the Fountain Hills Golf Club at a cost not to exceed \$11,495.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to authorize the staff to prepare and advertise bid documents for the Aquatic Park roof replacement project. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 29 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 30
** Director Huber reported that after consideration the Wild Goose Chase was not retained for the goose problem at Fountain Hills. After some research, a totally new method of goose wrangling had been found at a better price and a no-risk opportunity. She recommended the Goosinator Remote Control unit be purchased, noting it can be returned if its performance is inadequate or unsatisfactory. It works on grounds, snow, ice, and water, and the Goosinator is tireless. Director Huber will investigate the warranty.
- Par. 31 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the purchase of the Goosinator Remote Control unit in the amount not to exceed \$3,797.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 32 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 33 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 34 Covid-19
** Director reported that she would be applying to FEMA to be reimbursed for purchase of some safety items used in connection with protection from Covid-19.
- Par. 35 Business Manager Position
Director Huber reported the Business Manager position had been posted online, with a closing date of August 31, 2020. She added the new person should be in place by November.
- Par. 36 Apollo Park Update
** Director Huber reported some playground items were still awaiting repair parts. She added that work had been done to the safety surface but the patching was not completely successful.
- Par. 37 Laramie Park
** Director Huber reported that work on Laramie Park continues, but the new plan for saving the trees requires a shortening of right field, altering the path, and moving some drainage. The projected cost is \$4,471.00. She reported another problem had arisen that was not anticipated. The new water fountain cannot be installed to the old fountain's supply line, and it will cost approximately \$4,000.00 to tap on to the Splash Pad water line. Another issue was the identification of an old foundation somewhat underground that must be removed. Lastly, an area resident is not happy with the elevation of the new sod installation.
- Par. 38 Rt83/127th St
Director Huber reported IDOT is working on the intersection and part of the project is expanding a portion of the existing Cal-Sag Trail there. Their plan involves amending the District/MWRD lease so that IDOT can buy that piece from MWRD. She noted there will be a new lease agreement with the MWRD, which has asked IDOT to purchase the easement. IDOT, in turn, will increase that portion from 7 ft to 10 ft. IDOT provided a new Tenants Release of Lease to allow for approval of their purchase.
- Par. 39 NRPA Congress
Director Huber reported the annual NRPA conference had been cancelled for 2020; however, there is a virtual option for some programs should anyone be interested in participating.
- Par. 40 Motions
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Change Order from Integral Construction in the amount of \$1,056.00 for path realignment due to tree location. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 41 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve Payment Application #3 from Integral Construction in the amount of \$138,505.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 42 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve Tenants Release of Lease with MWRD to IDOT as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0
- Par. 43 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 44 **OLD BUSINESS**
** Commissioner Kleina returned to the subject of allowing alcohol in conjunction with tournament operations at Commissioners Park. She is of the position that the District loses both bookings and consequently income by not offering alcohol. She recommended a little stand with a simple menu and reiterated that the sale of alcohol is more controlled than with visitors sneaking it in. A brief discussion ensued that it might be time to consider alcohol consumption while the addition of some type of fencing for tournaments was being investigated.
- Par. 45 **NEW BUSINESS**
** Commissioner Kleina suggested that the District reach out to the Alsip Little League to determine their interest in playing an occasion game under the lights at Commissioners Park. She suggested that the organization might be sufficiently interested in the unique opportunity to pay the small amount necessary to light the park.
- Par. 46 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 47 The Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required