

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
Video Conference
November 23, 2020

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Perretta called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:42 pm.
- Par. 2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Those participating in the video conference gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Par. 3 **ROLL CALL**
The Secretary called the Roll, and there were present Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Minutes of the Continued Meeting of October 26 and November 2, 2020, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported she would be in the Main Office for the opening of park commissioner candidate filing on December 14, 2020, at 9:30 am. She added that if a lottery were necessary, she would conduct it on a mutually agreeable date and time during the week.
- Par. 6 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Cathy Krydynski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 7 Director Huber reported that a bond payment was due and recommended approval of the expenditure.
- Par. 8 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the transfer of money for a bond and interest payment in the amount of \$940,660.50 on December 1. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 9 Director Huber reported a new Business Manager had been hired and Manager Krydynski would retire on January 8, 2021. The replacement has about six weeks to train.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$608,347.01. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 11 RECREATION
Superintendent
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12 Director Huber reported the district began following COVID-19 procedures for Tier 3 Mitigation on November 20th. She added that they were looking into ideas for Black Friday gifting specials.
- Par. 13 Director Huber reported a virtual tree lighting event was held and that Santa Claus would be handing out goodie bags on December 5th and December 12th. The “Winter Wonderland” drive-through event would run the month of December.
- Par. 14 Supervisor
Denise Michalski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 PRESCHOOL
Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus’ Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Director Huber reported that one preschool class was meeting in person, while another was meeting remotely. She added that area grammar schools are not on the same schedule regarding class meetings so Kidz Care registration is uncertain.
- Par. 17 ATHLETICS
Supervisor
Brad Burke’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 Director Huber reported Open Gym is still operational for basketball but for “single use” only because it’s labeled a high-risk sport by Tier 3 Mitigation. Leagues and clinics are on hold.
- Par. 19 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Director Huber reported the fitness centers were operational with social distancing and limits on participations and reservations. Masks are required and locker rooms are closed.
- Par. 21 Director Huber reported the aquatic park roof replacement by DCG Roofing Solutions was wrapping up, with new gravel currently being applied. She added a failure of the pool filtration pump had been detected and needed attention.
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- Par. 22 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 23 Director Huber reported staff was busy winterizing various parks and recreational facilities.
- Par. 24 Director Huber reported that the old dump truck needed new tires. In a brief discussion, she noted the tire company currently used had been working well and with reasonable prices.

- Par. 25 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the purchase and installation of six new tires from TM Tire at a cost not to exceed \$1,356.50. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 26 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Director Huber reported the golf rounds count was still doing very well and that former golfers were returning to the sport as something to do during COVID restriction periods. Gaming and indoor dining had been sidelined. She added the course would be winterized soon with staff reviewing various ways to do outreach and bring in more food and beverage business in 2021.
- Par. 28 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 29 Director Huber noted that long-time senior club organizer Bernice Hornick had passed away. She will be missed by members and staff alike. Mrs. Hornick did a lot to promote the club.
- Par. 30 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Director Huber’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 31 SWSRA
Director Huber reported news that Lori Chesna, Director of SWSRA, was retiring. The SWSRA Board would be meeting in the near future.
- Par. 32 Laramie Park Redevelopment
** Director Huber reported Laramie Park was essentially completed, with the playground needing an audit and safety certification. She added the playground turf was awesome, but there were issues with the zipline and the splashpad. The director said the punch list items must be attended to in the spring. The splashpad had had to be winterized earlier in the month and will be the first item inspected in the spring.
- Par. 33 COVID Restrictions
Director Huber reported the state issued new mitigation requirements on November 20th. The district will follow the Illinois Department of Public Health guidance, which builds on the resurgence plan for Tier 3 Mitigation. She added that paperwork for Cook County grant money had been submitted. A similar grant application to FEMA was in the works.
- Par. 34 Holiday Hours
Director Huber requested approval of the updated holiday operational hours for Apollo Recreational Center and a work schedule for full-time staff.
- Par. 35 Apollo Park Update
Director Huber reported work had been done to the Apollo playground safety surface twice more and it seemed to be fixed.

- Par. 36 Gym Pass Giveaway
Director Huber reported she planned to promote the Open Gym Pass giveaway (5) beginning on Giving Tuesday.
- Par. 37 Ordinance Update
Director Huber reported dog waste cleanup inactivity has become frequent along the walking path behind Apollo Park; there are no waste stations in that area and it has not been designated as a “dog friendly” area. She noted that Laramie Park has a walking path and should also be designated as dog friendly. She suggested adding several dog waste stations to the two areas.
- Par. 38 Cal-Sag Trail
Director Huber reported that the CSX railroad had sent a fact-finding sheet, which might be helpful in moving along the acquisition of protective liability insurance.
- Par. 39 IPRA/IAPD Conference
Director Huber reported highlights of the virtual conference, exhibition, and sessions for January 28 through January 30, 2021.
- Par. 40 December Board Meeting
Director Huber reminded the Board the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2020. She asked if there might instead be a preference for the meeting to be held on Monday, December 21st. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to change the next meeting date to Monday, December 21, 2020.
- Par. 41 Budget Planning
Director Huber reported budget planning sessions for 2020/2021 would begin with coronavirus operations being the starting point.
- Par. 42 Motions
Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve Pay Application #4 for Laramie Park from Integral Construction in the amount of \$293,416.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 43 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the 2021 Holiday Schedule and Hours as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 44 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to designate Laramie Park and the Walking Path along Kostner, in addition to Commissioners Park and Sears Park as Dog Friendly Areas, in accordance with Ordinance 08-03. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 45 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
Attorney Cainkar presented a copy of a levy ordinance tentatively numbered 2020-06 for approval and adoption.

- Par. 46 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adopt Ordinance. 2020-6 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY, 2020, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021, FOR THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 47 **NEW BUSINESS**
Commissioner Schmitt announced he had been invited to join the IAPD Board of Trustees for two years by President/CEO Peter Murphy. Hearty congratulations were extended to Commissioner Schmitt for the honor of serving the state park districts.
- Par. 48 **OLD BUSINESS**
Commissioner Kleina asked if the surveillance system was still working. Director Huber reported that further followup was needed.
- Par. 49 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 50 The Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required