

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
January 25, 2021

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Perretta 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 Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2020, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2020, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported the Preliminary Ballot had been filed with the Cook County Clerk’s Office. The Official Ballot is due in the Clerk’s Office on January 28, 2021.
- Par. 7 Secretary Poremba read correspondence from Cathy Krydynski thanking the District for 24 wonderful years of friendship and memories during her employment.
- Par. 8 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 9 Manager Bruesch reported that she was happy and comfortable in her new position as Business Manager.
- Par. 10 Director Huber reported that the audit contract with Sikich would expire on April 21 and staff
** have begun searching for new auditing firms to submit proposals.
- Par. 11 Director Huber reported Ms. Bruesch would be participating in a workshop for Authorized IMRF Agents.

- Par. 12 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$227,488.48. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 13 RECREATION
Superintendent
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 Director Huber reported the District was operating under Tier 1 Mitigation so building operations could open up a bit more.
- Par. 15 Supervisor
Denise Michalski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Director Huber reported the program book was at the printer’s; however, details on registrations were still being worked out.
- Par. 17 PRESCHOOL
Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus’ Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 Director Huber reported that the Before and After School program was still operating and that School District 126 had agreed to handle bussing from Lane and Hazelgreen schools.
- Par. 19 ATHLETICS
Supervisor
Brad Burke’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21 Director Huber reported the reservation system for the fitness center was working well and the locker rooms could reopen.
- Par. 22 President Perretta opened the floor for a brief discussion of the inconsistency of the Aquatic Park Splash Pad having a fee for use and the new, smaller splash pad at Laramie Park being freely accessible. Director Huber noted the Aquatic Park offers the purchase of a Family Pass for which the Splash Pad is included.
- Par. 23 Commissioner Kleina offered kudos to the fitness staff for making users feel safe and comfortable.
- Par. 24 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 25 Director Huber reported everything was prepared for the arrival of winter weather.
- Par. 26 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Director Huber reported the Fountain Hills staff was painting furniture, working on updating the layout, and gearing up for the Friday night fish fry events. Staff was also looking at seasonal activities, the concert series, and family golf nights for the coming season. She added the problematic geese had learned to avoid the Goosinator.
- Par. 28 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 29 Director Huber reported that Manager Smith was diligently working on computer cleanup so as to be ready for the migration of the new RecTrac system.
- Par. 30 Director Huber reported the telephone system was failing and that it frequently needs resetting.
** She added preliminary research had revealed a 3-year lease package that would include all the current features with the potential to save money over the current provider.
- Par. 31 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 SWSRA Vacancy
** Director Huber reported interviews were ongoing to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of former SWSRA Director Lori Chesna.
- Par. 33 Conference
Director Huber reported the swearing in for new IAPD Trustee Joe Schmitt was scheduled for the annual Conference and reminded everyone that completed virtual programs would be available for 30 days afterwards.
- Par. 34 COVID-19 Updates
** Director Huber reported that she had written to Cook County regarding COVID vaccination allowances for staff at the District.
- Par. 35 Commissioner Schmitt noted there is an increase in identity theft because so many people have lost work and applied for benefits. The 1099G form is for those who have lost income.
- Par. 36 Budget Planning
Director Huber reported that planning had begun for capital expenses for the 2021/2022 year.
- Par. 37 Laramie Park
Director Huber reported that Laramie Park was already being used and enjoyed.

- Par. 38 COVID Grants
Director Huber reported applications had been sent to FEMA and the Cook County Coronavirus Relief Fund. She reminded everyone to continue to track expenses in the event additional funds become available.
- Par. 39 Apollo Recreation Center/PARC Grant Update
Director Huber reported there had been no state action on PARC Grant applications.
- Par. 40 TIF Updates
Director Huber reported she had attended the annual meetings of the TIF Joint Review Boards where it was reported the Deer Park TIF was mature; however, the Village of Alsip was holding back \$100,000.00 each year for appeals and surplus. She added that the three remaining TIF Districts were still active.
- Par. 41 Cal-Sag Trail/ICC Update
Director Huber reported that a second amended petition and unopposed motion was filed with the ICC. She added that bid letting is still anticipated for 2021.
- Par. 42 Miscellaneous
** Director Huber reported that a portion of the Commissioners Park fence had been damaged and park grounds trespassed from the Pilot Gas Station. She noted hay and horse manure had been found in that area. The director added that she followed up with the Fire Department about performing a controlled burn when weather conditions allow.
- Par. 43 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 44 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no New Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 45 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 46 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by President Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 47 The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required