

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 2021

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Perretta called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:32 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 Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported the Official Ballot had been filed with the Cook County Clerk’s office; however, the office had not released the ballot numbers
- Par. 6 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Breusch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 7 Director Huber reported the District had received \$5,000.00 from the COVID Grant.
- Par. 8 Director Huber reported that various CDs had matured so she would be laddering those funds looking for better interest as new accounts are set up.
- Par. 9 Director Huber reported having sent out RFPs (Requests for Proposals) to various auditing firms
** and added that the former representative from Knutte was a principal at a new firm. He would also be submitting an RFP response.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of February 2021 in the amount of \$260,575.32. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President 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 brochure had been printed and delivered and with probable mitigation tiers being relaxed, more programs will be up and running. The District will be using social media and advertising “pop up” events as well to expand program offerings. She added the recent “drive-in” movie had gone well with practice and was enjoyed by attendees.
- Par. 13 Supervisor
Denise Michalski’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 Director Huber reported the pop-up events were proving to be quite popular and the creation of a subscription list was being considered to get more notices in the hands of interested people. She added that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, and the Easter Bunny will be visiting.
- Par. 15 PRESCHOOL
Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus’ Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Director Huber presented fees for Kinder Care, Kiddie Kamp, and the summer Day Camp. A lengthy discussion ensued centering on current nearby markets and planning for potential registrations with regard to worsening or easing of COVID mitigation rules.
- Par. 17 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the Preschool budget for the 2021-2022 School Year. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 18 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the Summer Day Camp budget for the 2021 season. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 19 ATHLETICS
Supervisor
Brad Burke’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Director Huber reported that indoor volleyball and soccer athletic programs were running and that Girls Softball was on an apparent upswing.
- Par. 21 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Director Huber reported business in the two fitness centers was slowly increasing and that the less restrictive “open gym” policy was getting good attendance.
- Par. 23 Director Huber reported the aquatic season was unpredictable because of not knowing if/when
** the Aquatic Park could be opened for the season. A fee schedule is in discussion.

- Par. 24 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 Director Huber recommended approval for the purchase of new tires for the skid loader and noted three price quotes had been supplied.
- Par. 26 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the purchase and installation of new tires for the skid loader from TM Tire at a cost not to exceed \$1,281.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 27 Director Huber reported a price for the replacement of damaged playground equipment had been secured for Creekside Park.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to ratify the purchase of replacement playground equipment from Playworld Systems for Creekside Park at a cost not to exceed \$3,502.28. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 29 Director Huber reported a price for new flooring for the Multi-Purpose Room 2 in Apollo Park had been secured.
- Par. 30 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to ratify the purchase of purchase of flooring for Multi-Purpose Room 2 from Sam's Club at a cost not to exceed \$2,095.20. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 31 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 Director Huber reported pricing for the potential purchase and installation of a GPS system for
** cart monitoring and to speed play at the golf course. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the volunteer program and adequate staff to move play along, the need for a new range cart, and a three-year-lease of golf carts. Also covered was outright purchase of a used vs approval of a five-year-lease of a beverage cart with no equity when the lease ends.
- Par. 33 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the installation of GPS units to the existing cart fleet by Cartrac at a cost not to exceed \$3,150.00, plus the variable tracking fees. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 34 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the purchase of a used range cart from Harris Golf Cars at a cost not to exceed \$8,320.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 35 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 36 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 37 SWSRA Vacancy
** Director Huber reported interviews were still being conducted to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of former SWSRA Director Lori Chesna.
- Par. 38 IAPD/IPRA Conference
Director Huber reported conference programs would be available virtually until March 1. She added the virtual conference had gone very well and people appreciated the ability to enjoy more workshops at their own convenience. Also, Commissioner Schmitt had been elected to the IAPD Board.
- Par. 39 Apollo Park Playground
Director Huber reported that only warranty items remained and that all punch list items have been completed.
- Par. 40 IAPD Legislative Breakfast
Director Huber invited the commissioners to consider participating in the next Legislative Breakfast on March 5.
- Par. 41 COVID-19 Update
Director Huber reported staff continues to monitor and adapt operations according to changing COVID mitigation rules.
- Par. 42 Budget
** Director Huber reported the budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 is ongoing.
- Par 43 Laramie Park Update
** Director Huber reported the park closeout would take place in the spring.
- Par. 44 PARC Grant
** Director Huber reported nothing new on pending PARC (Park and Recreational Facility Construction) grants; however, the District was contacted with a specific question about plans for the shelter.
- Par. 45 Aquatic Park
Director Huber reported a new casing was required for the little heater at the pool, and the part would take five weeks. She recommended approval to cut the delay time.
- Par. 46 Telephone System
** Director Huber reported ongoing problems with the current phone system and is currently attempting to secure pricing of a package for comparison.

- Par. 47 Cal-Sag Trail
** Director Huber reported the petition to the ICC has been reactivated in Springfield since the railroad liability insurance covering the CSX is undergoing finalization. She noted the \$3,200.00 policy is 80% reimbursable through the construction contract for the Trail. Bid letting is anticipated for the Fall.
- Par. 48 131st Street
Director Huber reported the determination the Village of Alsip engineering had succeeded that of Cook County. The next step is an RFP.
- Par. 49 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve a federally reimbursable Railroad Liability Insurance policy with CSX in the amount of \$3,200.00 for the east end construction of the Cal-Sag Trail. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 50 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 51 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no New Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 52 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 53 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by President Kleina, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 54 The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required