

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
June 26, 2021

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Kleina 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 Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina. Absent were Commissioners Becker and Gutierrez. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 3 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
No public was in attendance.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported that the problem with the Cook County Statements of Economic Interest Filer List had finally been straightened out.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Breusch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Manager Breusch reported budget discussions were near completion. A budget for 2021/2022 will be presented at the July Board Meeting.
- Par. 9 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve payment of bills for the month of June 2021 in the amount of \$359,224.86. Roll was called with Commissioners Perretta, Schmitt, and President 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 the Aquatic Park had opened on June 5th for reservations but opened fully the following week. He added the recent hot weather had stimulated the purchase of seasonal passes, with more than 600 sold overall. The single-person passes have proven to be a hit with residents and non-residents alike.
- Par. 12 Superintendent Hooper reported the Park & Party event worked very well and drew many compliments. The fireworks display was excellent. He added that the annual Fishing Derby had taken place with only catfish having been caught. The Department of Natural Resources has not been stocking Illinois ponds due to an issue with the fisheries.
- Par. 13 Superintendent Hooper reported that the District was very close to hiring a new Athletics Supervisor, with someone being in place before the next meeting. Interviews were conducted and references are being checked.
- Par. 14 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 Preschool/Camp Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Supervisor Perkaus reported there were about 150 campers, with 61% being residents, and they appreciate the designated pool space. PDRMA is making an inspection on July 15.
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- Par. 17 ATHLETICS
Supervisor
No report.
- Par. 18 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 Manager Guerrero reported that PDRMA had ordered a surprise four-hour Safety Audit by Councilman-Hunsaker Aquatics for Life at Aquatic Park. Inspectors entered as guests to observe events at the facilities before revealing themselves. The District passed.
- Par. 20 Manager Guerrero reported 18 new and 4 returning Life Guards were hired for 2021. She added she is investigating a method of logging "non-swimmers" for banding at subsequent entrances so as not to allow them access to the blue water slide.
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- Par. 21 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Director Huber reported the Parks staff was busy cleaning parks and keeping up with tree trimming and branch chipping. She added at least five trees need to be taken down.
- Par. 23 Superintendent McLaughlin recommended approval of the quote for playground safety surface from Homer Industries because of the known high quality of the material.

- Par. 24 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the purchase of 400 cubic yards of playground material from Homer Industries at a cost not to exceed \$6,780.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Par. 25 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 26 Director Huber reported golf rounds were up substantially and the second concert had gone off well. She added that fountain aerators on Holes #7 and #9 need to be replaced.
- Par. 27 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the purchase of two new aerator fountains from Scott Aerator not to exceed \$7,500. Roll was called with Commissioners Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Par. 28 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 29 Director Huber reported office staff is cleaning up old records of patrons who have not registered for classes in the last eight years.
- Par. 30 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Director Huber’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 31 SWSRA
Director Huber reported Ms. Nicolette Lahman had been hired as Director of SWSRA.
- Par. 32 COVID-19 Update
** Director Huber reported the state was now in Phase 5 of Illinois Restored, which has eliminated capacity restrictions but still mandates safety procedures.
- Par. 33 Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Planning
Director Huber thanked the commissioners for participating in the productive park inspections and tours.
- Par. 34 Phone System
Director Huber reported the new phone system was scheduled to be installed June 29th.
- Par. 35 Laramie Park/OSLAD Grant
** Director Huber reported the asphalt Handicapped Parking spot was replaced with concrete and is ready for painting. The IDNR’s final inspection of the OSLAD project needs rescheduling.
- Par. 36 President Kleina opened the floor for a brief discussion of the rain garden’s drainage. Water
** may or may not be being absorbed fast enough, although it was noted the pond’s water is designed to drain away slowly. Director Huber reported that the engineering will be checked to answer residents’ concerns over perceived stagnant water.

- Par. 37 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve a budget of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of an interpretive sign for the rain garden. Roll was called with Commissioners Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 3 – 0.
- Par. 38 Cal-Sag Trail
Director Huber reported receipt of the reimbursement from Palos Heights Recreation Department for its share of costs for engineering on the west end of the Trail.
- Par. 39 Apollo Recreation Center Expansion/PARC Grant
** Director Huber reported that preliminary meetings on the PARC project have centered on the costs of phasing construction and partial relocations versus an all-at-once rebuild and building shutdown. Various locations for displaced programs are being sought.
- Par. 40 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
Attorney Cainkar reported the 2021-2022 Budget will be ready at the July meeting.
- Par. 41 **NEW BUSINESS**
** President Kleina inquired about when the Main Office would resume the later hours on Monday in as much as the building is fully open. Director Huber agreed the late hours are allotted for in the budget and she expects the Monday night hours to return by Fall.
- Par. 42 President Kleina inquired about the newly enacted Juneteenth national holiday. Attorney Cainkar
** stated the question will require legal study and operational policy decisions by the Board for handling the holiday.
- Par. 43 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business brought before the Board.
- Par. 44 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 3 – 0.
- Par. 45 The Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required