

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
March 28, 2022

- 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 Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Minutes for the February 28, 2022 Meeting were tabled.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
There was no public to come before the Board.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$210,644.98. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 9 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 10 Director Huber reported the District had received a new rental request for a comic book exposition on September 17, 2022, from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm. The renter wants to use the large gym and the Dance Room and will need 40 tables for his exhibitors. He will charge an admission, and the show would run from 9 am – 3 pm, during which the District would run a concession stand. Rates for the large gym are \$50/hour and \$35/hour for the Dance Room for a total rent of \$765.00.

- Par. 11 Motion made by Commissioner Perretta, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the comic book rental on September 17, 2022, with a vendor charge of \$30 and an admission charge of \$5.00 per person. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 12 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 13 Director Huber praised the success of the Mad March Indoor Circus, which was a huge success and was well attended.
- Par. 14 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 Director Huber reported the District had received approval from School District 218 for the use of a school for a coming dance recital.
- Par. 16 ATHLETICS
Athletica Supervisor
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17 Supervisor Somerville reported on activities that he is experimenting with. Notable was the separate and private end-of-season pizza parties for the athletic teams. He added he is planning to schedule the gymnasium on Mondays for open volley ball and he is looking into increasing basketball opportunities with house leagues at the coaches' request.
- Par. 18 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 Manager Guerrero reported that both fitness centers have been busy with returning clients and a number of new members wishing to join. She noted 117 pool passes had already been purchased, and interviews for lifeguards begin soon. The manager requested permission to purchase a manual vacuum for the pool and secured three quotes for the purchase: Lincoln Aquatics, Aqua Pure Enterprises, Inc., and Halogen Supply Company, Inc.
- Par. 20 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the purchase of the Harsco Portable Vacuum from Halogen Supply Company, Inc. at a cost of \$2,227.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 21 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Superintendent McLaughlin reported that he had solicited quotes for District trash disposal and was requesting the award of a three-year service contract to Republic Services.

- Par. 23 Superintendent McLaughlin reported he had received a quote to have the softball field at Barnes Park re-crowned and was requesting Sportsfields, Inc. be awarded the contract.
- Par. 24 Superintendent McLaughlin reported he had received a quote to have the basketball court at Wilkins Park removed and replaced and a new accessible asphalt path installed.
- Par. 25 Superintendent McLaughlin requested approval of the sale of District personal property.
- Par. 26 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to award a three-year service contract to Republic Services for “Trash Disposal” as outlined on the Price Quote Form dated 3-8-22. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 27 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve having the softball field at Barnes Park re-crowned by Sportsfields, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$15,800.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve having the basketball court at Wilkins Park removed and replaced and a new accessible path installed at a cost not to exceed \$21,664.19. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 29 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to approve Ordinance 22-02, An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property of the Alsip Park District. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 30 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 31 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 Director Huber reported the recent purchase of ePact was very helpful in saving clients from coming in to fill out emergency forms for their children as that information can be entered at their home computer.
- Par. 33 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Director Huber’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 34 Controlled Burn
Director Huber reported that mid-April is being targeted for the planned Controlled Burn. She added a notice for residents and businesses had been prepared and would be disseminated once a definite date for the burn is confirmed.

- Par. 35 Budget Planning
Director Huber reported the 22/23 budget is in process and would be ready for the next meeting.
- Par. 36 Apollo Park
Director Huber reported the damaged playground remains to be repaired and should be scheduled soon.
- Par. 37 Skate Park/OSLAD Grant Application
Director Huber reported the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has indicated the Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Award will be delayed due to the large number of applications (154) submitted. The IDNR has asked for pictures of proposed project sites to save time and move along their process.
- Par. 38 Apollo Recreation Center Expansion/PARC Grant Update
** Director Huber reported the proposed construction management agreement was in process and some approvals need finalized and clarification before the agreement can be submitted to the Board for final approval.
- Par. 39 Laramie Park/OSLAD Grant Update
** Director Huber reported she continues to work on the Laramie Park closeout documents. She added the grant administrator advised delaying reimbursement until the project is closed out. The Director expects to schedule a final reimbursement meeting with the contractor when the weather breaks.
- Par. 40 Park District Special Events
** Director Huber reported the District is adapting the many planned special events to the ever-changing COVID guidelines. She added the Village of Alsip would like to partner on the Fall Fest in September and reiterated everyone's enjoyment of the Christmas Palooza on December 4th.
- Par. 41 Mad Bomber and Fun Fest
** Director Huber reported negotiations had resulted in a satisfactory three-year agreement with Mad Bomber for the fireworks display at the annual Fun Fest. She asked for approval of the agreement and the attachment to the agreement.
- Par. 42 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the three-year-agreement with Mad Bomber for a Fun Fireworks display in the amount of \$9,500.00 each year as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 43 Cal-Sag Trail Update
** Director Huber reported submitting a grant proposal to Invest in Cook 2022 for \$56,000.00 for assisting in supplemental Phase II Engineering for the Cal-Sag Trail. If awarded the grant, the District's match would be \$14,000.00, which has already been deposited to the City of Blue Island as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement on the trail. She added additional CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) program funds are out there to be sought through CMAP. That request could potentially be used to aid Phase III Engineering/Construction but would need requested by the City of Blue Island because of the previous IGA for the Trail.
- Par. 44 Cal-Sag Events
Director Huber reported on pending events connected with the Trail in May and June. The Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail will be participating in presenting their bench donation participation in June.
- Par. 45 **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
No report.

- Par. 46 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no New Business brought before the Board.
- Par. 47 President Kleina expressed concern at the lack of programming aimed at the 13 – 17-year-olds.
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- Par. 48 **OLD BUSINESS**
President Kleina reiterated her concern for the lack of advertisement on the food service business and that not enough public know about the available food.
- Par. 49 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 50 The Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required