

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
May 23, 2022

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Gutierrez 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, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Gutierrez. Commissioner Perretta was absent. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Minutes for the April 25, 2022 Meeting as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- 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 Manager Bruesch reported the budget was nearly complete and would make an appearance shortly. She and staff are still holding committee meetings.
- Par. 9 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to ratify the transfer of \$10,128.50 for the payment of interest on the Bonds. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the yearly membership dues for HR Source in the amount of \$1,465.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 11 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of May in the amount of \$377,207.30. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 12 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 13 Superintendent Hooper reported recreational activities were doing well and a number of events for the year are in planning phases. Fun Fest and the fireworks display are set for Saturday, June 18th and the Fall Flannel Fest is developing. He noted he was able to obtain two quotes and make a recommendation of a clothing vendor for the purchase.
- Par. 14 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the clothing order from Sunburst Sportswear for an amount not to exceed \$5,504.71. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 15 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Supervisor Michalski reported the Summer brochure had been delivered and added that scheduled activities, trips, and special events are on a fun increase.
- Par. 17 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 Supervisor Perkaus reported Preschool ends June 3rd while activities and programs are picking up for the summer. She noted showcase recitals are booked for the State Fair and at Shepard High school.
- Par. 19 Commissioner Kleina extended appreciation to staff for the Spring Open Gym, which was well received by attendees and noted to her by their parents how much fun it was for their children.
- Par. 20 **ATHLETICS**
Athletica Supervisor
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21 A brief discussion ensued about the creation of more opportunities for Pickle Ball.
- Par. 22 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 23 Manager Guerrero reported that testing was ongoing to increase available life guards. She noted more staff were also needed for the Front Desk and Concessions at the pool.
- Par. 24 Commissioner Perretta arrived at 6:45 pm.
- Par. 25 Manager Guerrero expressed her appreciation to the Parks department and other employees for the hard work getting Aquatic Park ready for the season. She noted that parts and equipment are aging and the pool likely will need a new and complete paint job before the 2023 season.

- Par. 26 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Superintendent McLaughlin reported that his department is working on a number of issues throughout the district and additional Safety Surface needed to be purchased. The superintendent reported that the slide at Commissioners Park was broken and must be replaced. There is no real way to keep people away from the equipment; thus, the entire playground was fenced.
- Par. 28 Lastly, he had solicited three quotes for the installation of additional fencing around the north side of the maintenance shop but received only two. The intent for the fencing is to create a more secure place to park all of the current vehicles.
- Par. 29 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve installation of a new fence around the north side of the Apollo Maintenance Shop by K Brothers Fence at a cost not to exceed \$9,372.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez 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 Manager Smith reported the Summer Brochure was being mounted in RecTrac. She added registrations are coming in and the touch screen for pool concessions in being finished.
- Par. 33 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 34 2022/2023 Committee Assignments 2022
Director Huber presented a table of Committee Assignments for review.
- Par. 35 Controlled Burn
Director Huber reported that the rainy spring season has caused further delay for the controlled burn to be performed by the Alsip Fire Department, now in July.
- Par. 36 Cal-Sag Trail Update
Director Huber reported that June 4 is National Trails Day with the Friends of the Cal-Sag Trail for a ribbon cutting ceremony for two new benches along Alsip's completed portion of the trail.
- Par. 37 Laramie Park Update
Director Huber reported on a complaint from a resident close to Laramie Park. The letter was about bad behavior of a group taking over the shelter with a large private barbeque. She noted that copies of the letter were also sent to Alsip Mayor John Ryan and to the police department.

- Par. 38 After investigating the problem and determining remedies, Director Huber had signage installed regarding food preparation, the maximum number of users (25) allowed in the shelter, and need to secure a permit for exclusive use. Director Huber reported she had quickly consulted with the police department to urge more observational patrols to head things off should a similar event happen again. The board and director discussed monitoring that park to see if any additional changes were needed. The consensus was that police must be more responsive to complaints and to spot improper congregation before resident complaints come in.
- Par. 39 NRPA
Director Huber reported the coming Nation Recreation and Park Association conference is set for Phoenix over September 20 – 22. She asked for a quick response from those who plan to attend as there will likely be a shortage of hotel rooms if not booked shortly.
- Par. 40 COVID – 19
Director Huber reported Cook County has moved to no capacity limits due to COVID, however, signage recommends masks but is not requiring them.
- Par. 41 Coffee with a Commissioner
Director Huber requested 1 – 2 volunteers to participate in a meet and greet effort with District residents. The date determined will be based on who plans to participate.
- Par. 42 Apollo Recreation Center/PARC Grant Update
Director Huber reported the proposed Construction Management Agreement with Henry Brothers is still under review with discussion of comments by and for the parties.
- Par. 44 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 45 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no New Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 43 **OLD BUSINESS**
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 44 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 45 The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required