

**Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 24, 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, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Gutierrez. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4      **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Minutes for the September 26, 2022 Meeting as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 5      **PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**  
President Gutierrez reported a two-hour Trick or Trunk Halloween event was scheduled for Saturday, October 29th and that additional activities were planned as well.
- Par. 6      **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**  
There was no public in attendance to come before the Board.
- Par. 7      **SECRETARY’S REPORT**  
Secretary Poremba read correspondence from the Alsip Fire Department expressing appreciation to the district for its efforts in support of the Fire Department’s annual open house.
- Par. 8      Secretary Poremba reported receipt of a Thank You note expressing appreciation to board and staff for the kindnesses extended to the family of the late Scott D. Kleina, a retired Alsip Police Officer.
- Par. 9      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FINANCE**  
Business Manager  
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 10     Manager Bruesch reported on plan reviews she and Director Huber had completed of staff members’ health care benefits. They decided to retain prevailing healthcare options for covered staff from which the following will be chosen: PPO without HRA and Rx; PPO with an HRA; and HMO with Rx.

- Par. 11      Manager Bruesch reported the completed audit would require a claims report to meet its GASB75 obligation of reporting postemployment benefits other than pensions and recommended Segal Consulting to prepare the report.
- Par. 12      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the hiring of Segal Consulting at a cost of \$2,500.00 to provide the report needed to meet the GASB 75 obligations for the annual audit. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 13      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$347,385.32. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 14      RECREATION  
Superintendent  
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15      Superintendent Hooper reported the outside Halloween Carnival was scheduled outside on Saturday, October 29th. He added staff were preparing the Winter Festival with Santa's Landing December 3rd adjacent to Sprayfari Aquatic Park.
- Par. 16      Superintendent Hooper reported staff was judging winners for the Halloween House decorating contest. He added top addresses would be publicized once decided.
- Par. 17      Superintendent Hooper reported staff safety instruction was continuing during the month with  
\*\* additional annual trainings conducted and that an evening fire drill was planned.
- Par. 18      Recreation Supervisor  
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19      Preschool/Recreation Supervisor  
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20      Supervisor Perkaus reported the majority of programs and classes are running with good participation. The Partner Before and After School are going well. She added only one teen event, Fright Fest, was cancelled due to registration numbers.
- Par. 21      ATHLETICS  
Athletics Supervisor  
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22      Supervisor Somerville reported the soccer league would be ending soon and indoor athletics would be picking up. He noted a new gymnastics offering would be scheduled: Parent Play-nastics, a supervised and unstructured time for children and parents to be active together.
- Par. 23      Supervisor Somerville reported new winter offerings added: Girls Softball, All Sports, Ice Skating, eSports, Junior Pillow Polo League (ages 4 – 7), and a CPR class on a Sunday.

- Par. 24 Supervisor Somerville reported he will participate in School District 218's College and Career Fair and was invited to regularly visit St. Xavier's on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Par. 25 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**  
Manager  
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 26 **\*\*** Manager Guerrero reported the deep water well in the swimming pool was still holding water and that Park Department staff were working to eliminate it so recent cement work can be sealed before winter.
- Par. 27 Manager Guerrero reported a new fitness class for winter was being introduced by two free sessions with Hula Hoops. The class is being announced in the brochure, on Facebook and on the website.
- Par. 28 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**  
Superintendent  
Daren McLaughlin's Board report was placed on file.
- Par. 29 Superintendent McLaughlin reported the new fence was installed at the Apollo Park maintenance shop and the asphalt could finally be expanded.
- Par. 30 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve new asphalt installation at the Apollo maintenance shop at a cost not to exceed \$15,651.81. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 31 **GOLF COURSE**  
Operations Manager  
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 Manager Gottardo reported the bunker restoration was well received and resulted in a decrease of reparative maintenance by workers, which allowed for more effort at daily maintenance of the course.
- Par. 33 **\*\*** Commissioner Perretta suggested repairing cracks in the club house building, especially the banquet room. She also requested immediate examination of the ductwork vents.
- Par. 34 **\*\*** Commissioner Schmitt asked about changing the time of year for the annual Bob Schneider Tough Day golf event to draw more participants. Manager Gottardo reported that the event could be moved to the 4th Friday in September.
- Par. 35 **MAIN OFFICE**  
Manager  
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 36 President Gutierrez thanked the staff for their efforts and released them at 6:58 pm.

- Par. 37      **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 38      Annual District Giveaways  
Director Huber reported she was planning to begin the annual gym pass giveaway on Giving Tuesday. In the past five passes were awarded.
- Par. 39      Skate Park/OSLAD Grant  
Director Huber reported receipt of the Skate Park grant agreement from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and requested ratification of the document.
- Par. 40      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to ratify approval of the OSLAD Grant Agreement with the State of Illinois, Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the redevelopment of the Mary J Lynch Skate Park. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 41      Annual IAPD Conference/Business Meeting  
Director Huber reminded the Board of the coming IAPD annual Business Meeting and asked for a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to be identified for the meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that Commissioner Schmitt serve as Delegate and Commissioners Becker and Gutierrez serve as Alternate Delegates.
- Par. 42      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Credentials Certificate for the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park District to be held on January 28, 2023. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 43      Apollo Recreation Center Redevelopment/PARC Grant Update  
Director Huber reported with finalization of the construction agreement and bid documents Henry Brothers will receive bids for the Apollo Recreation Center on November 1, 2022.
- Par. 44      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to authorize  
\*\* Henry Brothers Construction to solicit and receive bids for the redevelopment of the Apollo Recreation Center. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 45      Cal-Sag Trail/Invest in Illinois Funding Update  
\*\* Director Huber reported receipt of a draft of the Arkema Agreement and that the CSX Agreement was final. She added an Intergovernmental Agreement needs executed so Invest in Cook Funding can be directed to Phase II when supplemental engineering occurs. Bid letting has been moved to later in 2023.
- Par. 46      Laramie Park/OSLAD Update  
\*\* Director Huber reported the OSLAD Grant construction audit of the project was complete and its paperwork submitted for the state reimbursement of \$200,000.00. She noted the remaining balance for construction was being withheld from Integral Construction.

- Par. 47      PDRMA Health/Open Enrollment Options  
Director Huber opened a discussion about previous and new health insurance plans for staff.
- Par. 48      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve PDRMA Health Open Enrollment Options. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 49      COVID-19 Updates  
Director Huber reported that Cook County maintains its position that masks are recommended but not required.
- Par. 50      **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**  
Attorney Cainkar presented an ordinance allowing the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$990,000.00
- Par. 51      Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to adopt Ordinance No. 22-04 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$990,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2022, OF THE ALSIP PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 52      **OLD BUSINESS**  
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 53      **NEW BUSINESS**  
\*\* Commissioner Kleina asked for a discussion to consider age eligibility for potential retiree health insurance.
- Par. 54      **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 55      The Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

\*\* Denotes follow-up action required