

**Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**January 23, 2023**

- 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 Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and President Gutierrez. Absent was Commissioner Becker. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4      **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Minutes for the December 22, 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**  
Secretary Poremba reported the last day for filing commissioner nomination papers for the Consolidated Election April 4, 2023 was Monday, December 19, 2022. No additional persons submitted petitions and no objections were filed. The final Ballot proof was sent to the Cook County Clerk on January 19. The secretary noted the election was unique in that without contention, each candidate would win election after receiving one official vote.
- Par. 7      **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**FINANCE**  
Business Manager  
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8      Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve payment of bills for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$240,534.16. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 9      **RECREATION**  
Superintendent  
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 10      Recreation Supervisor  
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 11      Preschool/Recreation Supervisor  
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12      Supervisor Perkaus reported the department was doing well with the preschool and youth programs. She added that a Power Play Grant application was in process.
- Par. 13      ATHLETICS  
Athletics Supervisor  
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14      AQUATICS/FITNESS  
Manager  
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15      Manager Guerrero reported the Aquatic Park opening would be the first weekend in June and already 20 of last year's life guards have committed to returning for the 2023 season. She added the fitness centers have been busy with returning and new members, possibly because of New Year's resolutions.
- Par. 16      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Perretta, to ratify the 2023 Aquatic Park Budget and Fees as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 17      PARKS/MAINTENANCE  
Superintendent  
Daren McLaughlin's Board report was placed on file.
- Par. 18      Superintendent McLaughlin reported the filter control air-line dryer was in disrepair. A new one has been ordered and will be installed by the end of the month.
- Par. 19      GOLF COURSE  
Operations Manager  
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20      MAIN OFFICE  
Manager  
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21      Manager Smith reported the RecTrac was still not fully functional. A support person from  
\*\* Visionary Webworks has been uploading the activities and entering registration.
- Par. 22      President Gutierrez ended the Committee portion of the Meeting and excused the staff at 6:46 pm.

- Par. 23      **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
Due to the illness of Director Huber, there was no prepared Director's Report. Manager Bruesch was in attendance to address important items needing attention.
- Par. 24      Mary J Lynch Skate Park  
\*\*      A call for bids for the Skate Park update is expected to be publicized within the month.
- Par. 25      Apollo Recreation Center (ARC) Update  
\*\*      All final agreements for the ARC redevelopment should be received very soon and work will commence shortly thereafter.
- Par. 26      Aquatic Park Operations  
At a previous Board Meeting it had been discussed and a consensus reached that allowing for a younger pool of candidate hires could potentially provide a greater number of Aquatic Park employees for the summer season. The subject was brought up early because additional time for youths under 16 is necessary for completion of the paperwork and work permits.
- Par. 27      Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve amending the employment policy to allow the hiring of 15-year-olds with the proper work permit at the Aquatic Park. Roll was called with Commissioners Kleina, Perretta, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 28      Real Estate Taxing/District Income  
It was noted that homeowners recently received breathing room for the first tax installment now due April 3. The change was endorsed by the Cook County Treasurer for delaying last year's September tax installment until December. The district may briefly be short of revenue because of this.
- Par. 29      **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**  
There was no report.
- Par. 30      **NEW BUSINESS**  
There was no New Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 31      **OLD BUSINESS**  
There was no Old Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 32      **ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 33      The Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

\*\* Denotes follow-up action required