

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
February 27, 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 Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and President Gutierrez. Absent was Commissioner Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Minutes for the January 23, 2023 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 final ballot proof for the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023 had been approved; however, vote punch numbers were not yet available from the county.
- 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 February 2022 in the amount of \$299,829.73. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 9 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 10 Superintendent Hooper reported the program book had been delivered. It was noted the different residential areas had varied in the quality of the book delivery but every area had been covered.

- Par. 11 Superintendent Hooper reported staff had been busy clearing out areas of the Apollo Recreation Center for coming construction. He appreciates the staff's hard work.
- Par. 12 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 13 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Rebecca Perkaus' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 ATHLETICS
Athletics Supervisor
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 Supervisor Somerville reported he had done a number of marketing efforts at area locations to promote the district's mix of athletics in gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and volleyball.
- Par. 16 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17 Manager Guerrero reported meeting with a designer with roomier fitness areas suggested for the new building. Much of the equipment from the old center, plus any new equipment, could be spread comfortably throughout the larger room with machines arranged by body use. If the free weight area moved into the Women's Circuit Center, there would be room for non-weight pieces. She added as many as 14 duplicate pieces can be eliminated by having one room.
- Par. 18 Manager Guerrero presented a sample of the 1500 tokens she purchased to replace the former Free Swim paper passes. She noted people had photo copied paper passes to cheat admissions; the sturdy token would make forgery attempts more difficult.
- Par. 19 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Superintendent McLaughlin reported that paint had been purchased from Sherwin-Williams to re-paint the pool and the mushroom and asked for ratification of the purchase.
- Par. 21 Superintendent McLaughlin reported he had received three identical price quotes for a new trim mower and recommended approval of the purchase of a 60" Kubata mower.
- Par. 22 Superintendent McLaughlin reported the large area mower had been acting up with trouble not having it able to work. The repair shop performed the annual service work and identified the mechanical problems and replaced the parts. The superintendent asked for approval of the work.
- Par. 23 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to ratify the purchase of pool paint from Sherwin-Williams at a cost not to exceed \$4,577.60. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 24 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the purchase of one new 60” Kubota trim mower at a cost not to exceed \$16,261.72. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 25 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the service work to the large area mower by Burriss Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$2,104.27. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 26 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Manager Gottardo reported the anticipated lease agreement on golf carts did not go through as anticipated. He is currently looking into a new arrangement. Also, he requested permission to increase green and cart fee for the 2023 season and noted the slight increase would still be competitive with other nine-hole courses.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the increase of \$1.00 to green fees. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 29 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the increase of \$1.00 to cart rental fees. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 30 Commissioner Kleina reported cases where parents are riding along and playing golf with their child after paying for only the child’s game. Director Huber will investigate.
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- Par. 31 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 32 Manager Smith reported new registrations began arriving when program books were delivered.
- Par. 33 Commissioner Kleina expressed appreciation to the staff who had volunteered and worked at the IAPD/IPRA conference by moderating programs or working at the registration desk.
- Par. 34 President Gutierrez ended the Committee portion of the Meeting and excused the staff at 7:12 pm.
- Par. 35 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
Mary J Lynch Skate Park
Director Huber reported receipt of only one bid for the skate park redevelopment. she asked for approval. Expected delivery of equipment is not until July with completion by the end of August. Effort will be made to get the park completed earlier. Director Huber also reported the drinking fountain was already secured.

- Par. 36 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by commissioner Becker, to accept the bid from American Ramp Company in the amount of \$298,638.15 for the purchase and installation of skate park equipment at the Mary J Lynch Skate Park. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 37 Annual Fun Fest/Mad Bomber Fireworks
Director Huber reported that the Mad Bomber is holding to last year’s price in spite of an addendum allowing for a potential price increase for 2023.
- Par. 38 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by commissioner Becker, to accept pricing for year two of the fireworks agreement for Fun Fest from Mad Bomber at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, and Gutierrez voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 39 IAPD Legislative Events/Parks Day
** Director Huber reported Illinois park districts and forest preserves will showcase their programs, and operations with exhibits at Parks Day on Tuesday, May 2 in the Capitol rotunda. A Legislative Conference on Wednesday May 3 is designed to provide directors, commissioners and professionals the newest information and any pending legislation.
- Par. 40 IPRA Healthy Communities Grant Opportunity
** Director Huber reported the GameTime equipment company is participating in a joint initiative with the IPRA to provide matching playground grants to enrich childhood and create inclusive play spaces. Director Huber is scheduled for their workshop on April 12 to help with preparing a playground grant application, which might be a good fit for renovation of Progress Park.
- Par. 41 2023/2024 Budget Planning
** Director Huber reported final figures from the recent SSPRPA and the Management Association will be available for 2023-2024 budget planning, along with considerations for the minimum wage increases. She asked for suggestions, items, or ideas to be addressed in the planning.
- Par. 42 Aquatic Park Operations
** Director Huber asked for consideration of make-up passes to give 2022 seasonal pass holders as compensation for last year’s reduced swim season because of the pool closures.
- Par. 43 Apollo Recreation Center (ARC) Update
** Director Huber reported staff has been working hard in preparation for construction at the ARC. A site superintendent, who happens to be from Oak Lawn, has already been around acquainting himself with the facility. The director noted there would be a hard hat area set up and that different colored warning flags would be around the project.
- Par. 44 Cal-Sag Trail
** Director Huber reported work is continuing through the ICC process. The CSX Agreement with the railroad is final, and a draft of the Arkema Agreement is in hand. She is currently working on the cost-change paperwork for Phase III/Construction engineering to submit for CMAP, required for the Invest in Cook County funding that has been received.

- Par. 45 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
There was no report.
- Par. 46 **NEW BUSINESS**
** President Gutierrez commented that he would like more promotions of Pickle Ball and asked for information on whether purchase of gymnasium passes was required. A brief discussion ensued.
- Par. 47 Commissioner Schmitt reported that one Pickle Ball equipment set was available at the ARC for play but not everyone is aware of this. President Gutierrez asked for clarity on fees for gymnasium games and those outside. Players are keeping their own ball and paddle handy in case a court is free and are inquiring about court policy. The president also suggested giving free games to a Pickle Ball expert so he can be seen playing and thus promote the game to interested watchers. It was noted that having more than one game set available for checkout might be advisable since the easy game is growing in popularity.
- Par. 48 **OLD BUSINESS**
** Annual Holiday Party
Director Huber reported that having the staff holiday and anniversary party at the local area entertainment theater would be expensive for the size of the staff and selecting a date would be difficult. Commissioner Schmitt suggested having an entertainer join the usual party. Lastly, President Gutierrez suggested simply picking a date not attempting a survey to have everyone support make a date selection.
- Par. 49 Delivery of Program Guide
** Commissioner Kleina reported the program books were very poorly delivered; few, if any, were put at front doorways or on porches. Some were thrown in driveways. Other commissioners agreed that books they had seen lying around were not delivered correctly.
- Par. 50 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 51 The Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required