

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
February 26, 2024

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Schmitt 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, and Kleina and President Schmitt. 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 January 22, 2024 Meeting as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 5 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported she had submitted the list of people required to file Cook County ethics statements for their 2023 financial dealings. She added the county will send out email notices by March 1, 2024 about the required filing and a date due of May 1, 2024.
- Par. 6 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
Director Huber extended a welcome to Mr. Chris Grubb who was present on the first day of his position as Superintendent of Parks.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Manager Bruesch acknowledged the front office had been helpful in getting “new employee” packets ready for the seasonal employees.
- Par. 9 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve payment of Bills for the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$568,969.16. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 10 **RECREATION**
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 2024 PowerPlay! Grant application had been submitted for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
- Par. 13 ATHLETICS
Athletics Supervisor
Chuck Somerville's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 14 Director Huber reported the tumbling team had finished its competition season, with Gymnastics out-of-town competition beginning. The district will host a Gymnastics Competition on March 16 in the new facility. She added the program is rebuilding nicely after the COVID decline.
- Par. 15 Fitness/Aquatics Manager.
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Manager Guerrero reported the new fitness centers were well received except there was some user concern about window exposure of the treadmill at night. A brief discussion ensued with regard to monitoring exposure once longer daytime develops.
- Par. 17 Manager Guerrero reported on a pool access problem for the water aerobics class held at the Doubletree Hotel. A swim school has begun to rent the pool at the same time for a number of small class lessons, drawing adults and unsupervised children to the area. Difficulty has arisen for the fitness leader and class members leading to complaints.
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- Par. 18 Manager Guerrero reported she has begun to receive responses from lifeguards returning for the pool season. They have until March 24 to confirm their positions for the season and she will be interviewing for new aquatic staff March 25 – April 8.
- Par. 19 PARKS/MAINTENANCE
No report.
- Par. 20 GOLF COURSE
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21 President Schmitt reported on a great turnout for the first Fish Fry at Fountain Hill's BackNine pub. He added that the new menu and food were very good. Commissioner Becker agreed and praised food she and her family had enjoyed. A brief discussion ensued.
- Par. 22 MAIN OFFICE
Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 23 Manager Smith reported registrations have begun to visit the office since the spring brochure's delivery. She added there have been many inquiries in person and on the phone about when the walking track opens. Resident customers have already been in to purchase passes to the track.

- Par. 24 **REMARKS**
Superintendent Grubb reported it was a good first day for him and he was happy to be aboard.
- Par. 25 Commissioner Kleina expressed her appreciation to everyone who stepped up and helped with the recent IAPD/IPRA Conference, which had approximately 4000 people attend.
- Par. 26 President Schmitt dismissed the staff at 6:58 pm.
- Par. 27 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Jeannette Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 28 Director Huber reported the IDOT would be closing the bridge on 127th between Cicero Avenue and RT 83 for major repairs. A brief discussion ensued about detour problems for nearby businesses, getting to residences, and any emergency services. The significant issue for the district will be traffic jams on Cicero during Freedom Park redevelopment.
- Par. 29 OSLAD Grant/Freedom Park
** Director Huber reported the district was selected for a 2024 Development/Renovation Grant for the OSLAD program to redevelop and expand Freedom Park. She added the IDNR agreement should arrive soon and she expects to kick off the project towards the end of the year. The director estimated costs may increase because bid time is far away.
- Par. 30 Skate Park
** Director Huber reported the skate park is in use but the site amenities and final audit need to be worked on for completion and re-opening celebration.
- Par. 31 Apollo Recreation Center (ARC) Expansion/PARC Grant
Director Huber reported work on the Apollo redevelopment has concluded within the scope of the project. The final village inspection was scheduled for February 28th and the lift was set for inspection on March 1st. She added punchlist items, some walkouts, and a few small jobs need closed out. Access to the director's office and opening up the wall have to be attended to as well, before a date for the grand re-opening can be determined.
- Par. 32 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve Pay Application #11 in the amount of \$281,012.09 for construction at the Apollo Recreation Center. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 33 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve payment to Henry Brothers in the amount of \$39,922.53 for Construction Management Services. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 34 Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to ratify payment to Sport Court Midwest for the Apollo Recreation Center in the amount of \$5,675.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 35 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve Change Order #5 to T.A. Bowman for a deduct of \$3,680.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 36 Motion made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve Change Order #7 to T.A. Bowman for a deduct of \$575.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, and Kleina and President Schmitt voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 37 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
** Attorney Cainkar reported the Village of Alsip had adopted an ordinance regarding exemption of the Illinois 40 Hour/Year Paid Leave Act for all employees. The ordinance would exempt the village and park districts within the boundaries of its home rule. He noted nothing can be confirmed until Cook County actually comes to a decision on accepting or rejecting participation.
- Par. 38 **NEW BUSINESS**
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- Par. 40 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 41 The Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required