

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting
June 23, 2025

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
President Perretta called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:35 pm.
- Par. 2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Those in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Par. 3 **ROLL CALL**
The Secretary called the Roll with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt and President Perretta present. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2025 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
There was no public in attendance.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba reported she had filed commissioner data for the Cook County Directory of Elected Officials. She noted the Directory is for the public, not to be confused with the more private information required from candidates or on ethics materials filed with the Clerk’s office.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
FINANCE
Business Manager
Sue Bruesch’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Manager Bruesch presented for review a draft copy of the budget amended by suggestions made
** at the finance meeting.
- Par. 9 Manager Bruesch reported new seasonal prices for the pool had been updated on RecTrac and employees trained in its use. She added staff from NFP Audit would be out to complete the fieldwork for the annual audit on July 15, 2025.
- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve payment of bills for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$595,911.26. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Gutierrez, Kleina, Schmitt and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- Par. 11 **RECREATION**
Recreation Superintendent
Jennifer Torres' Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12 Director Huber reported Superintendent Torres was in process of coordinating and updating risk
** management safety material for review by PDRMA, manual material from as far back as 2013.
She added PDRMA had conducted an audit at the Aquatic Park with another audit yet to be
scheduled.
- Par. 13 Director Huber reported everyone had done a great job with presenting Fun Fest. She added a
number of new recreational and athletic program offerings were in process.
- Par. 14 Recreation Supervisor
Denise Merlo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Madilyn Petrushevski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Athletic Supervisor
Payton Presler's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17 Aquatics/Fitness Supervisor
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 Manager Guerrero reported the new gym equipment has been installed and there were many
new high school and college-aged members enjoying workouts.
- Par. 19 **PARKS/MAINTENANCE**
Superintendent of Parks
Chris Grubb's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 Superintendent Grubb reported the safety play surface at Laramie Park has been regraded and
replaced. There are a number of other park maintenance projects in process.
- Par. 21 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 **MAIN OFFICE**
Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 23 Manager Smith reported Building Attendants who work at the front counter had been trained
and were now able to sell passes and accept cash or credit cards.
- Par. 24 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Jeannette Huber's Board Report was place on file.

- Par. 25 Freedom Park/OSLAD Grant Update
** Director Huber reported completion of the design documents for Freedom Park had been reviewed by the committee. She noted alternates and upgrades would be added to the development. Layout and access for soil borings have been ordered.
- Par. 26 Apollo Recreation Center Expansion/PARC Grant Update
** Director Huber reported grant reimbursement in the amount of \$337,087.24 of the \$500,000 had been received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. She added Terra Engineering is helping file the necessary paperwork for receipt of the remaining \$162,897.76.
- Par. 27 Skate Park/OSLAD Grant Update Rededication Ceremony
** Director Huber reported a rededication of the Skate Park was scheduled for July 2nd with a few special events in addition to the ribbon cutting ceremony. Local families look forward to attending the rededication and upgrade.
- Par. 28 Cal-Sag Trail/ICC Update
** Director Huber reported she had contacted the legal representation in Springfield for any news about Arkema and the Cal-Sag Trail. The company has been slow in approving a final agreement involving a portion of the trail needed to extend the east segment in Alsip. She hoped for a change in Arkema's position so the Trail project can move towards completion after years of being held up.
- Par. 29 Aquatic Park Facility Review Committee Update
Director Huber and staff are collecting the additional information the pool facility's review committee requested for the follow-up meeting.
- Par. 30 FY 2025-2026 Budget Planning
** Director Huber briefly reported on a Budget Meeting held earlier. The Committee had requested additional information be gathered for presentation of a 2025-2026 budget for approval.
- Par. 31 St. Terrence Parking Lot
** Director Huber reported she had received a verbal authorization from St. Terrence for overflow parking by pool users while the PJH parking lot was under reconstruction. In addition to the approval, the church representative advised her an agreement would be forthcoming along with a proposal for a general lease agreement due June 30th. Director Huber informed her that any such agreement would necessitate a formal review and discussion before its approval.
- Par. 32 **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 33 **NEW BUSINESS**
** Commissioner Kleina posed a question on the policy for food leftovers at the golf course banquet hall. She reported events at other facilities offer To Go boxes to take home leftovers from the service. She suggested a similar policy offering To Go might encourage more business or repeat customers at Fountain Hills. A brief discussion ensued with board members relaying their banquet experiences. Commissioner Kleina stressed the need for uniformity on food events at Fountain Hills.

Par. 34 **OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

Par. 35 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to adjourn the Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.

Par. 36 President Perretta adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required