

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lisle Park District Recreation Multipurpose Room, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle, IL 60532.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present:

Altpeter
Buchelt
Cook
Hough
Richter

Also Present:

Director
Superintendent of Recreation
Superintendent of Operations
Superintendent of Parks
Superintendent of Finance
General Manager
Golf Operations Manager

Garvy
Toohey
Leone
Cerutti
Silver
Shamberg
Culbertson

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Cook led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mr. Mike Shuta, Eyes to the Skies Festival Committee Chair
Mike Shuta, Chair for Eyes to the Skies Festival, thanked the District, Board and employees for all they do for the festival and announced that Gin Blossoms will be performing this year and that the committee will have a country night and a retro night. He reported the committee is putting a large 8 page ad in the Tribune. Mr. Shuta stated that the festival is unique to any other festival in the area due to the 110 acres, hot air balloons and Children's Area. He reported that military personnel admission is free on July 4th and residents are free until 3pm. He also stated that the emergency evacuation plan would be difficult to comply with considering the 3 hour timeframe in regards to clearing the floodplain, but the committee will do its best to comply in the case of a water emergency. Director Garvy stated that this group has been easy to work with and they have consideration for the grounds which the District appreciates. President Cook also thanked Mr. Shuta for his commitment to Partners for Parks and for being President of the organization.

President Cook announced that Superintendent of Operations Lisa Leone celebrated her 20th anniversary with the park district in late May. He thanked her for her 20 years of service to the District and said she does a terrific job.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, April 17, 2014. Commissioner Buchelt seconded the motion.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: Commissioner Hough moved to approve the consent agenda items A through C:

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 20, 2014.
- B. April 17, 2014 Voucher List in the amount of \$413,157.25.
- C. Approve 2014 Eyes to the Skies License Agreement

Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hough, Altpeter, Richter, Buchelt, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

President Cook read a letter he received from Mr. Thomas Smeed thanking Museum Curator Brian Failing for the tour and blacksmith show. President Cook reported he also received an email from Mr. David Powers regarding the trees being cut down on Yackley Avenue and Robin Lane. He thanked Director Garvy for his timely and informative email back answering all of Mr. Powers questions. Director Garvy reported staff is in the process of having a sign made for the pathway that will explain the project and that the contractor will begin the installation of the native plants once the initial weed control process is completed. President Cook also referenced an invitation for the Lisle Education Foundation Golf Outing, a handout from the SEASPAR brochure on the new Lisle space and their Wonders sensory room. Director Garvy reported that the Lisle SEASPAR space will be hosting a Friday night social club that will watch professional wrestling on the television there.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Veteran's Memorial

Director Garvy referenced his memo which outlines a concept for establishing a new Veteran's Memorial that would be located on part of the Museum site. He reported in many people's opinion, is an ideal location due to the Memorial Day & 4th of July parades ending in the same location. President Cook stated he thinks there is ample parking in the commuter lot and downtown during these parades. Director Garvy reported that the Village Trustees, while they don't object to the idea of a new memorial, they reportedly objected to the location citing parking concerns and possibly other site constraints. Discussion ensued regarding the Trustees' objection and the importance of having the memorial downtown, close to the parade route and cemetery. President Cook stated he would like to have a follow-up meeting with Mayor Broda to discuss appointing a small committee that would be charged with identifying a suitable site and

to begin initial fundraising efforts. Commissioner Altpeter recommended Commissioner Richter consider being on this committee due to his interest and passion with the project.

Commissioner Hough moved to approve the concept of a new Lisle Veteran's Memorial to be located on Lisle Park District property at 4721 Center Avenue or another downtown location that would be mutually agreed upon by the appropriate parties. Commissioner Buchelt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hough, Buchelt, Richter, Altpeter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Information Technology Services

Superintendent Leone reported that Requests For Proposal's were delivered to thirteen (13) different IT firms soliciting IT support services. She stated the district received 3 proposals and that after review by a staff committee, it was determined that the services being received by the district's current provider, React, are still in the district's best interest. President Cook asked if React is up to date on all the current technology and if the district is receiving all the support it requires, to which Superintendent Leone replied it is.

B. SEASPAR Space/Senior Center Vestibule

The Board and staff agreed to tour the SEASPAR space and Senior Center vestibule area at the end of the meeting.

Wheatstack General Manager Todd Shamberg presented a year to date comparison for the restaurant. He stated overall sales are up 7%, food sales is up 2%, liquor sales is up 13%, wine sales is up 15%, beer sales is up 13% mostly by bottled beer and events are up 7%. He reported overall, expenses are down 4%. He also reported on food to alcohol sales ratios, stating the 2012 food to alcohol ratio was 65% to 35%, 2013 was 62% to 38% and so far in 2014 the ratio is 61% to 39%. He reported this trend leads to higher profits since the margins in alcohol sales is much higher than in food. He also reported that to date, overall profit & loss for 2012 was -\$15,800, in 2013 it was -\$12,600 and so far in 2014 it's at -\$5,700.

President Cook told Golf Operations Manager Culbertson it was nice to see such a detailed and informative report from the course's new contractor.

XI.PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Leone reported that there was no meeting in April due to low attendance. She reported the Chef by Request event went well and everyone in attendance is looking forward to next year's event.

XII.SEASPAR REPORT

Director Garvy reported that there are still tickets available for the SEASPAR fundraising concert on May 8th at Tivoli where 7th Heaven will perform. He said tickets are \$20 a person. He reported the Lisle EAGLES program is scheduled to officially begin on October 6th. He also reported the SEASPAR board recently approved the SEASPAR 2014-15 Budget which included a zero increase in member contributions.

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Cook

President Cook reported that he attended the Arbor Trails subdivision open house on March 21, 2014 and stated it was a very nice event. He reported that he and Director Garvy met with Lisle Heritage Society President Wayne Dunham regarding the First Congregational Church being donated to the Heritage Society. He said that Mr. Dunham reported he was merely letting the park district know the Heritage Society was interested in receiving the donation and that the Park District made absolutely no commitment of resources to this endeavor. President Cook stated he had attended a meeting with Director Garvy regarding a storm water utility fee currently being considered by the county. He also reported he had attended the Chamber of Commerce lunch with presentations by Lisle High School baseball coach Pete Meyer, Deputy Fire Chief Keith Krestan and Police Chief Dave Anderson. He reported that the election of officers will be at Mays Board meeting and that anyone with any committee preferences should let him know ahead of time.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Hough, Financial Reports ending March 31, 2014

Superintendent Silver reported that the district is in good financial standing. He reported District's restaurant revenue is up compared to last year at the same time and that the district is currently waiting for the reimbursement from SEASPAR for the construction of the new space in the Recreation Center.

C. Commissioners' Reports

None.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings and Grounds

Commissioner Hough asked how the pathways in the parks weathered this winter. Superintendent Cerutti stated there are some cracks in the pathways that need to be repaired but the tennis and basketball courts so far are not as bad as originally expected. He reported the district will be bidding the courts and pathways later in the month and he will be making recommendations to award the work during the May meeting.

B. Recreation and Golf

C. Personnel/Technology

None.

D. Policies and Procedures

None.

E. Intergovernmental

Commissioner Altpeter reported on the Intergovernmental Meeting. She said it was reported that a Hardees will be going where the Granny's Restaurant was and that school district 202 has appointed a new principal at the Lisle High School. She also stated that the school district reported the percent of families at or below the poverty level is now close to 30%. She said discussion ensued regarding how other governmental entities can help, citing the park district's and Partners For Parks' scholarship programs. low income students for the district is up to 30%. She also reported that Cruise Nights will

again be held in Downtown Lisle on the last Saturdays of the month throughout the summer.

F. Finance

None.

The park board, staff and meeting attendees then toured the Senior Center vestibule and SEASPAR space. Director Garvy referenced the uses of the various spaces and pointed out the remaining tasks to be completed prior to owner occupancy. He reported the move in date for SEASPAR staff will tentatively begin the first week of May and that the ribbon cutting and grand opening for the SEASPAR space will be May 31st from 1pm to 3pm.

XIX. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Altpeter moved to adjourn the open meeting at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.