



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Marketing
& Fund Development
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

None.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Smith introduced himself as a member of the Lisle Heritage Society and said he is opposed to the Veterans Memorial being placed on Lisle Park District Property at Center Street. He stated he doesn't feel the Museum should be land locked and would like the Park Board to ask the Village of Lisle to put it on their property at Prairie Walk Pond. He showed the Board pictures of Prairie Walk Pond with his suggested locations and asked that they approach the Village and ask them to dedicate some of their property to this project.

Ms. Julie Rydell said she is a member of Lisle Heritage Society & Lisle Woman's Club. In response to a question from Commissioner Altpeter, Ms. Rydell replied she wasn't speaking for either organization; she is just involved in them. Ms. Rydell stated she would like the Park District to hold the land by the museum for a future historic piece if the Heritage Society were ever to acquire one. She stated she felt there was more parking by Prairie Walk Pond and more points of interest for tourism.

Mr. Brian Fornek spoke on how he felt Prairie Walk Pond was more visible to the general community. He stated the he feels because it was community funded it should be more visible and Prairie Walk Pond is much more visible than the property on Center Avenue.

Ms. Bea Bennett said she owns the property on Prairie Walk Pond, joking, "I'm one of the only people in town who can claim lake front property." She talked about the History of the museum and how that land is sacred to the Heritage Society. She said she feels Prairie Walk Pond would be a beautiful location for the Memorial. She also spoke on the size of the land and felt the museum needed that property for spill over activities, i.e. Children's petting zoo, during events at the Museum such as Depot Days and Once upon a Christmas.

Mr. Ron Lavin introduced himself as one of the blacksmiths at the Museum and spoke on the harmony that currently exists between the Heritage Society and the Park and Village Boards. He stated the Heritage Society's long term goals and plans and feels the Veterans Memorial would land lock the Museum grounds if the Heritage Society ever wanted to put something there in the future they wouldn't be able to. He said, "I can't think of any negative reason for the pond location."

Ms. Carol Carls spoke on the beauty of the Prairie Walk Pond location and how so many people could see the Veterans Memorial if it was there.

Ms. Maureen Lovick explained the Vietnam Traveling Wall exhibit that was in downtown Lisle on the old Village Hall site in 2007 and how people complained the land was too small for the exhibit. She stated the walls had to be redesigned with corners in lieu of being rounded or curved because it wouldn't fit on the property and that this was an inappropriate representation of that exhibit. She said people would leave hate letters about the redesign and trying to fit it onto a property that was not properly sized. She stated, "it was like putting a crucifix in a bottle of urine" and that the Lisle Veterans Memorial needs to be in an appropriate place that helps support emotional needs. She said Prairie Walk Pond and the openness that provides offers that emotional need.

Ms. Karen Burris introduced herself as a member of the Veterans Memorial Committee but was not on the committee that helped pick the location. She said she didn't think placing the Memorial in a flood plain was fiscally responsible. She said she also felt having the Memorial close to the cemetery and where the Memorial Day and 4th of July parades end was a nice touch. She added that having the Veterans Memorial in a less central location than Prairie Walk Pond allowed for more of a private moment and thanked the Park District for donating and offering to maintain the land. Mrs. Burris stated she joined the committee a little over a year ago and site selection had already occurred. She stated she cannot speak to specifics regarding dates and meetings prior to joining the committee or the facts behind some of the decisions that were made, but is hoping the Park Board can offer some clarification.

President Cook asked if there was any other person who wished to comment. There were none. He then stated he wanted to read the following statement on behalf of the rest of the Board of Park Commissioners and staff:

While I understand and appreciate the passion of some of our community members and that some feel the Center Avenue property is not ideal, I want to share some facts that influenced the Park District's decision to have the memorial on the Center Avenue property that I think have gotten lost or maybe have not been shared previously:

- The Park District had been seriously considering this project for years and the Heritage Society was aware of it since at least 2007
- The Heritage Society had ongoing knowledge and involvement through at least four different members who were either directly involved in discussions or stated a position or both.
- The Park District was aware of some concerns raised by a couple members of the Heritage Society but we were never approached in any official capacity by the society, only by individual members, not all of whom were even opposed.
- The Park District officially committed to the project and offered the Center Avenue site in April 2014 to jump start the project.
 - The site selection committee was formed in July/August 2014 after a couple meetings between myself, Director Garvy, Village Manager Sprecher, and Mayor Broda with the emphasis that it needs to be a community-driven project, not a Park District or Village one.
 - The committee was informed that the Park District committed the Center Avenue property for the project but that the committee's role was to identify other sites that might be suitable alternatives, based on selection criteria they were to develop.
 - They considered other publicly owned sites that in their opinion would be appropriate.
 - They presented their preferences to the Park Board and Village Board at a joint meeting in December 2014.
 - Their preferences were two different locations at/adjacent to Prairie Walk Pond. This was discussed at this joint meeting and some concerns raised by some Village Trustees at that time included the preference to try to keep the areas presented available for future commercial development or parking lot expansion. Further discussion was suspended until Village staff could perform an analysis of the sites.
 - The Village Board conducted a workshop in January 2015 where they again discussed the site selection committee's preferences. Village staff reported the sites could accommodate this project. Concerns were raised again about forfeiting property that could otherwise be used for commercial development or parking lot expansion. A Heritage Society Board Member was in attendance and was asked if they had an opinion. The response given was that some were opposed but some were not and that they, the Heritage Society, had no official stance. At the end of this Workshop, it was the unanimous consensus of the Village Trustees, despite the level of detail of these meeting minutes, that the Park District property at Center and School was the preferred site, and the Village did not commit any property at Prairie Walk Pond.
 - Director Garvy sent an email to members of the site selection committee the following day (January 20, 2015) providing a recap of the meeting. He asked the group if they felt the Center Avenue property was an appropriate site for the Memorial and if they would support the project at this location. Responses were:
 - o Verbal support from Dave Richter via telephone (1/20/15)
 - o Verbal support from Bob Tarasewicz after a School District Vision 202 meeting (1/20/15)
 - o Scott Fotre's email response (1/21/15) where he stated: "I believe placing the memorial on the Lisle station park site is our best option."
 - o Kim Carlson's email response (1/21/15) where she stated: "I agree with the location near Lisle Station Park"

o Steve Wandtke, VFW, email response (3/19/15) which stated: "We had our monthly meeting last night and discussed the Lisle Veterans Memorial issue. As a group, we kindly submit the following statement: "The Lisle VFW concurs with the opinion that the 4721 Center Avenue site is appropriate for the Veterans Memorial...""

- With support from 5 of the 6 members of the site selection committee, Member Cathy Cawiezel's opinion being already known, the Park District continued to move forward.

- Dan Garvy was contacted by Karen Burris on June 17, 2015 and she and her husband Dan, Kim & Larry Carlson, Dave & Daphnee Gleason, and Jorge & Angie Ortiz eventually agreed to be the steering committee in final monument design, project promotion, and fundraising efforts.

- Numerous print and social media advertisements were posted and circulated around town and presentations were made at various community group meetings in the fall and winter promoting the project and site

- To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, hundreds of Lisle residents and school children have participated in several fundraising efforts, and over 220 bricks have been purchased from the Lisle community in support of the project.

While the Lisle Park District certainly appreciates the contributions of the Heritage Society, the Society does not own any land and is largely dependent on the park district for resources to carry out its activities. Its last Master Plan, dated 1997, while thoughtful and detailed, is no more than a guide.

It is unfortunate that there are Heritage Society members who disagree with the Center Street location. Veterans from the Lisle area are a vital part of our nation's and local heritage. To deny their value and presence at the historical site is like denying the value of their service to the nation. Lisle has a rich heritage, and those who have served and given their lives for the freedoms we all enjoy today deserve to be honored where people go to learn about Lisle's history. I have lived in Lisle since 1951 and remember my friends going off to war. These guys lived in Lisle and are part of our heritage. I believe it makes sense to have the memorial by the cemetery too where some of our veterans are buried. It would also be appropriate to include the veterans memorial in the cemetery walk because then residents can make the connections between the gravesites and our veterans such as Ross Bishop and Andy Yender.

A few have said Prairie Walk Pond is an appropriate site. While it is indeed a pretty, well used area and there may be undeveloped land at that location, it is important to remember that Prairie Walk Pond is a constructed and landscaped water retention area located entirely within the floodplain. While it may be floral today, it is a flood plain and the entire site is designed to take on water overflow and flood. It would be irresponsible to knowingly invest the \$100,000 of numerous citizen and corporate donations on a memorial only to have it exposed to potentially devastating events outside of everyone's control. Our veterans deserve a lasting memorial, not something threatened by every bad storm. While some think Prairie Walk Pond would be enhanced by the Memorial and the Memorial enhanced by Prairie Walk Pond, the fact remains this entire property is subject to flooding. Why deliberately place something of such importance, such value, in such a place?

We believe strongly that having the Memorial by the Museum area is not taking away from the area but enhancing it. It provides a bookend of sorts for museum events such as Depot Days, Once Upon a Christmas, the Memorial Day Parade

events, and the Fourth of July Parade events. All of these events are possible because our men and women were willing to pay the ultimate price for our freedom. When visitors leave the Blacksmith shop or the Beau Bien Tavern, their last stop can be at the memorial, where they can say or acknowledge, "Because of these veterans, we can enjoy what we have just seen - thank you, veterans, for your service."

In closing, I want to reiterate that the Lisle Park District appreciates the efforts, contributions, and passion of the Lisle Heritage Society. Unfortunately however, the Park District's vision and priorities for the Museum campus are different than yours.

Thank you, everyone, for your input on this matter. We will now move on to our next agenda item.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Hough moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, August 18, 2016. Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Altpeter asked to pull consent item A.

Motion: Commissioner Hough moved to approve consent agenda items B and C:

- B. Approve August 18, 2016 Voucher List in the amount of \$375,774.11.
- C. Approve the purchase of one 2016 Chevy 1500 4x4 truck from National Auto Fleet Group in Watsonville, CA for an amount not to exceed \$29,938.70.

Commissioner Buchelt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hough, Buchelt, Altpeter, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Consent Agenda item A., Approve Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2016. Director Garvy reported there was a typo in the minutes in the Treasurer's report section, where the Treasurer was stated as Commissioner Hough, when it should state the Treasurer is Commissioner Altpeter.

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve Consent Agenda item A as amended. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Wheatstack Event – Thank You

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lisle Park District-Lisle Community Unit School District 202 Land Swap

i. Ordinance 16-03, an ordinance requesting the conveyance of certain school district property and the granting of a certain permanent access easement from Lisle Community Unit School District 202 pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ)

Commissioner Altpeter moved to adopt Ordinance 16-03, an ordinance requesting the conveyance of certain school district property and the granting of a certain permanent access easement from Lisle Community Unit School District 202 pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ). Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Buchelt, Cook

Nays: Hough

Absent: None

Motion passed.

ii. Resolution 081816- a resolution approving and authorizing the conveyance of certain park district property and the granting of a certain permanent access easement to the Lisle Community Unit School District 202 pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ)

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve Resolution 081816- a resolution approving and authorizing the conveyance of certain park district property and the granting of a certain permanent access easement to the Lisle Community Unit School District 202 pursuant to the Local Government Property Transfer Act (50 ILCS 605/0.01 ET SEQ). Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Buchelt, Cook

Nays: Hough

Absent: None

Motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Ashton Place Development

Director Garvy reported there is currently no update since the matter was not discussed at the recent Village of Lisle board meeting. He stated he hopes to have a report next month.

President Cook asked Superintendent Cerutti about the meeting with V3 at Woodglenn Park regarding the storm water permit. Superintendent Cerutti explained some of the plant material is not meeting the performance requirements for storm water permit compliance. Superintendent Cerutti reported he is working with Village of Lisle and DuPage County to seek relief on some of the performance expectations, stating what was required in the permit application is simply not able to withstand the site's conditions.

Commissioner Altpeter asked Superintendent Toohey about the program participation numbers being down for July. Superintendent Toohey stated he believes it was due to heat and family vacations but will look into it further.

Director Garvy showed the Park Board and staff samples of new signs for the parks. He reported they will be about half the cost of the current signs and because of the material, there will be little to no maintenance. He reported most of the current park signs are over 15 years old and while many of them have been repaired, Superintendent Cerutti reported many of them are beyond such continued repair. Director Garvy reported the District estimates that because of the cost of less than \$900 per sign, all the signs can be replaced within 2 years without compromising the District's capital budget.

Superintendent Toohey reported the new program registration software company will be out in September to begin training. Superintendent Toohey stated he will email the board an invitation should anyone be interested in observing the process. He added that himself, Manager Patterson and Manager Nadeau are currently having weekly conference calls with Etrak, the software company.

XI. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Leone reported that the foundation raised \$770 at the flower pot auction and will be considering adding three new board members whose names will be released upon acceptance to the Lisle Partners for Parks Foundation Board. She reported the foundation will donate an additional \$2000 annually to help support the Lisle Teens with Character and the Board also approved four scholarship requests.

XII. SEASPAR REPORT

Director Garvy reported that SEASPAR did not meet in August and there is nothing else to report other than what was included in the packet.

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Cook

President Cook reported he attended the Family Fun Night, Annie Jr. performance, National Night Out, Cardboard Boat Regatta, the Veterans Memorial Decommissioning Ceremony, and the Village of Lisle Board Meeting.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Altpeter, Financial Reports ending July 31, 2016

Superintendent Silver reported the District's investments are FDIC insured. He added the District is approximately \$76,000 above where the District was this time last year. He emphasized that in the 10 years he has been with the District, he believes River Bend and Wheatstack are experiencing the highest revenues to date.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Buchelt reported he attended the National Night Out, Annie Jr. and the Village of Lisle Board Meeting.

Commissioner Altpeter reported she attended the Lisle Partners for Parks Foundation's Community Art Auction.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings and Grounds

None.

B. Recreation and Golf

None.

C. Personnel/Technology

None.

D. Policies and Procedures

None.

E. Intergovernmental

Commissioner Buchelt reported School District 202 has hired 14 new teachers; they are working on their strategic plan which would include a new K-5 school at the Meadows location. He added the Lisle Convention and Visitors Bureau booked a lot of rooms with the Veggie Fest and the Summer read program started at the Lisle Library. He reported the Village of Lisle started their concert series on Prairie Walk Pond, a Whisky Bar will be going into downtown Lisle, and they are almost done cleaning up the gas station at the corner of Main and Ogden. He stated the Lisle Woodridge Fire Protection District reported that as a result of them outsourcing their HR and Finance Department, the District has saved approximately \$300,000 a year.

F. Finance

None.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Commissioner Hough moved to go to into closed session at 8:12 p.m. for the purpose of the semi-annual review and discussion of previous closed session meeting minutes. Commissioner Buchelt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed by voice vote.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hough, Buchelt, Richter, Altpeter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

XVI. OPEN MEETING

XVII. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board returned to open session at 8:24 p.m. with Commissioners Buchelt, Hough, Altpeter, Richter and Cook present. President Cook stated the purpose of the closed session was to discuss previous closed session meeting minutes and which ones to approve, release and which verbatim recordings to destroy.

XVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve closed session meeting minutes of February 18, 2016 and March 17, 2016. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to release closed session meeting minutes of February 18, 2016 and March 17, 2016. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to destroy the verbatim recordings of the Closed Session Meetings of August 21, 2014 and December 18, 2014. Commissioner Richter

seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XIX. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Richter moved to adjourn the open meeting at 8:27 p.m. Commissioner Hough seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.