

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT
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REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2016**

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	Garvy
	Superintendent of Recreation	Toohy
	Superintendent of Marketing & Fund Development	Leone
	Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
	Superintendent of Finance	Silver
	General Manager	Shamberg
	Absent:	
	Golf Operations Manager	Culbertson

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

III. PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Toohy introduced the new Museum Curator Concetta Gibson. Concetta stated she is excited to be working for the Park District's Museum Campus and is looking forward to having a positive impact on all that's already been accomplished. She reported that among other projects, she is working on a fundraising/grant plan and a collective vision plan. President Cook welcomed her to the District.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, October 20, 2016. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve consent agenda items A, B, and C.

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 15, 2016.
- B. Approve October 20, 2016 Voucher List in the amount of \$404,577.52.

- C. Approve Resolution 102016, a resolution of the Lisle Park District accepting membership as a member of the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Initiative ("HIHI") sub-pool which is a member of the intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter Buchelt, Hough, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Wheatstack Thank you

President Cook stated a very nice thank you to the restaurant is included in the board packet.

B. Illinois Association of Park Districts-Award Communications

President Cook referenced the letters IAPD sent to the State Representatives and Senators letting them know that the Lisle Park District is receiving a "Best of the Best" award for the category of 'Citizen Volunteer of the Year' for their nomination of Dan & Karen Burris at the Best of the Best Awards Gala on October 21st.

President Cook received a letter that the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the Park District a certificate of achievement for finance and had mailed the certificate to Superintendent Silver's attention.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 Budget Draft –Discussion

Director Garvy reported the first draft of the Lisle Park District 2017 budget is presented to the Park Board for their review and comment. He stated the intent of the budget preview memo that accompanied the Budget is to call attention to any notable allocations or changes in focus. He summarized that the budget is presented with an overall operating surplus of \$112,382.

Commissioner Altpeter asked about the cost of the new roof at the Blacksmith shop. Superintendent Cerutti stated the current roof is cedar and needs to be completely re-done. He recommends the District use a metal or aluminum roof which has a higher cost but it will last much longer and has the support of the Blacksmiths within the Heritage Society. He reported he estimates a total cost of around \$27,500.

Commissioner Buchelt asked when the Sea Lion Aquatic Park referendum bond was going to be retired. Superintendent Silver stated he didn't have the document in front of him, but he believes it is 2022/2023.

Commissioner Buchelt also asked about credit card processing fees. Superintendent Silver stated the rate the District gets from Transnational is the best around and that

despite efforts from others, no other merchant/bank has been able to even match it let alone beat it. Superintendent Silver stated he was being conservative with the income on credit card fees, but believes the District will probably make double what is budgeted.

Commissioner Hough asked for clarification on the budget regarding the Van Kampen Island Stage repairs. Director Garvy explained the total cost is budgeted at \$500,000 with \$100,000 coming from the donation from Eyes to the Skies, \$320,000 from the downtown Lisle Marquette development impact fees and the rest from capital which is estimated at about \$80,000.

President Cook asked if there were any other questions from the Commissioners. There were none. Director Garvy reported that the final draft Budget will be presented at the November 10th Board Meeting and will include the revised allocation for the Blacksmith Shop roof, updated estimated year-end figures, and any other corrections noted between now and then.

President Cook stated he appreciated the hard work and terrific job from staff in preparing the Budget and the comprehensiveness of the preview memo. Commissioner Altpeter said she could definitely see how helpful the cost recovery process was in preparing the Budget and keeping costs in line with expectations.

B. Illinois Association of Park Districts Credentials Certificate

Commissioner Altpeter moved to designate President Cook as the Lisle Park District's delegate and Commissioner Altpeter as its 1st alternate, Commissioner Buchelt as its 2nd alternate and Commissioner Richter as its 3rd alternate to the annual Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 3:30 pm in the Grand F Ballroom.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hough, Richter, Buchelt, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion passed.

X.STAFF REPORTS

Director Garvy reported that there is a picture on the table in front of the Board of a neighborhood picnic at Arboretum Woods Park. He reported he was provided the picture from park neighbor Rocky Ruggiero who reported all those in attendance were speaking of their appreciation of the Park Board's commitment in seeing the project through and making it such a neighborhood gem.

Director Garvy reported the 2017 Park Board meeting dates will be presented for consideration and hopeful approval in November rather than December. He stated that because of the Illinois Association of Park Districts/Illinois Park & Recreation Association annual conference is scheduled for the third week of the month, it is staff's recommendation that the January meeting be held on the second Thursday rather than the third and approving the meeting dates in November will provide more notice for the public.

XI. PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT

Superintendent Leone reported that the 2016 Scarecrow Scramble was a success with 520 runners. She reported several of the Partners for Parks Board Members helped at the event. She also reported Chris Ferron will be joining the Partners for Parks board in January and that the Veterans Memorial Dedication will be November 11th at 11:00am.

XII. SEASPAR REPORT

Director Garvy reported that SEASPAR meet on Tuesday and the SEASPAR Board approved the Levy request with a zero increase in member contributions. He reported two other communities have expressed an interest in joining SEASPAR, Lyons and Riverside. He reported each community was provided with the financial commitment required and SEASPAR is currently awaiting responses.

XIII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner Cook

President Cook reported he had attended the NRPA Conference and the Home Depot Day at the Veterans Memorial site. He thanked everyone involved in the organizing of the Home Depot Day and remarked what a success it was.

B. Treasurer, Commissioner Altpeter, Financial Reports ending September 30, 2016

Superintendent Silver reported all District investments are FDIC Insured and that the District continues to outpace performance from 2015. He reported the Enterprise Fund is over \$40,000 ahead of 2015 at this point in time.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Altpeter reported she too attended the NRPA Conference. She stated she is so proud of how many people came together to make the Veterans Memorial happen.

Commissioner Buchelt reported he attended Scarecrow Scramble and stated it was a great event both as a volunteer and participant.

Commissioner Richter reported he had attended the NRPA conference and was very impressed with the breadth of knowledge and opportunities to learn about Parks and Recreation. He reported he also attended Home Depot Days at the Veterans Memorial. Commissioner Richter continued and stated he wanted to go on the record regarding the conflict surrounding the location of the Veterans Memorial. He stated there is deceptive information being disseminated by the Lisle Heritage Society that he believes is reprehensible. He continued and stated, "If this is the genuine character of the society then we will need to reassess the Park District's relationship with them." He added, "If, as I suspect, this behavior is not representative and these negative attitudes are not pervasive, then at the very least they need to get their house in order and remove the destructive agents. That way we can move forward and cooperate in the best interests of our community."

Commissioner Altpeter stated she agrees wholeheartedly with Commissioner Richter's statement and was disappointed that no one from the Heritage Society came to the meeting. She stated the Heritage Society is there to help preserve Lisle's history and to support the Park District's efforts in presenting the Museums at Lisle Station Park, not to publicly criticize the Park District. Director Garvy stated he trusts and hopes that the negative comments and behavior is that of only a couple members. He stated it is truly a shame that the relationship between the Park District and Heritage Society is in such

jeopardy not because of the disagreement on the placement of the Memorial in and of itself, but by their apparent collective unwillingness to move on and continued attempts to discredit the Park District and others involved in the project. He stated that through individual conversations he has had with each Commissioner regarding the Heritage Society's desire for the Park District to print their October newsletter that contained two pages of criticisms of the Park District and the site selection process, the District will suspend all marketing and event resources to the Heritage Society until they can demonstrate to the Park Board their commitment to moving forward, reestablishing the trust that the select few have so hampered, and in doing what is in the best interest of the community. He stated it is important that the Park District continue to maintain the infrastructure at the Museums, to which the Board agreed. Discussion ensued regarding the agreement between the Heritage Society and the Park District and the need to better define roles of each party and the expectations of the Park District. Director Garvy stated he plans on sharing the current agreement with Park District legal counsel for opinion and that it will be the subject of future Park Board meeting agendas and discussions. Commissioner Altpeter emphasized the need to better define expectations and would advise against an open-ended agreement with an automatic renewal. She stated it should also be reviewed annually. Director Garvy said he will keep the Board apprised of this situation.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Buildings and Grounds

None.

B. Recreation and Golf

None.

C. Personnel/Technology

None.

D. Policies and Procedures

None.

E. Intergovernmental

None.

F. Finance

None.

XV. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

MOTION: Commissioner Altpeter moved adjourn the open meeting at 8:01 p.m. Commissioner Buchelt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.