

**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 21, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** President Cook called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. via remote access. Director Garvy and Superintendent of Finance Silver were present at the Lisle Park District Recreation Center, 1925 Ohio Street, Lisle IL.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present via  
telephone remote access:

Altpeter  
Cook  
Ferron  
Olson  
Richter

Also Present via remote access:

Director	Garvy
Superintendent of Recreation	Pratscher
Superintendent of Finance	Silver
Cultural Arts, Rental & Office Manager	Nadeau
Superintendent of Restaurant & Golf	Shamberg
Superintendent of Parks	Cerutti
Superintendent of Marketing & Fund Development	Leone
Museum Curator	Gibson
Senior Citizen Coordinator	Breihan
Aquatics & Special Events Manager	Cavazos
Athletic & Youth Camp Manager	Wise
Preschool Coordinator	Jehs
Recreation & Fitness Manager	Jayne
Parks Manager	Hamilton

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

None.

**III. ANNUAL MEETING**

President Cook appointed Commissioner Altpeter as temporary chair for purpose of conducting the election of the president and vice president.

Commissioner Richter moved to dissolve the present slate of officers of the Board of Park commissioners.

Commissioner Cook seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Richter, Cook, Olson, Ferron, Altpeter

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

A. Elect Park Board President

Commissioner Richter nominated Commissioner Cook for President of the Board of Park Commissioners. There were no other nominations.  
Commissioner Richter moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Olson seconded.  
There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Commissioner Richter moved to elect Commissioner Cook as President. Commissioner Altpeter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Richter, Altpeter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

President Cook thanked the board and said he looks forward to a great year of things getting better.

B. Elect Park Board Vice President

Commissioner Cook nominated Commissioner Richter for Vice President of the Board of Park Commissioners. There were no other nominations.

President Cook moved to close the nominations. Commissioner Ferron seconded.

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

President Cook moved to elect Commissioner Richter as Vice President. Commissioner Olson seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Cook, Olson, Ferron, Altpeter, Richter

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Richter thanked President Cook for being President.

C. Presidential appointment of Secretary

Commissioner Altpeter moved to appoint Director Garvy as Park Board Secretary.

Commissioner Richter Seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Ferron, Olson, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

D. Presidential appointment of Treasurer

Commissioner Richter moved to appoint Commissioner Altpeter as Park Board Treasurer.

Commissioner Olson Seconded.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook, Altpeter  
Absent: None  
Nays: None

Motion Passed.

E. Presidential appointment of SEASPAR Representative  
Commissioner Richter moved to appoint Director Garvy as SEASPAR Representative.  
Commissioner Altpeter Seconded.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Richter, Altpeter, Ferron, Cook, Olson  
Absent: None  
Nays: None

Motion Passed.

F. Presidential appointment of Committee Chairs  
President Cook appointed the following Committee Chairs.  
Finance, Commissioner Altpeter  
Buildings and Grounds, Commissioner Cook  
Recreation & Golf, Commissioner Ferron  
Personal & Technology, Commissioner Richter  
Policies & Procedures, Commissioner Olson  
Intergovernmental, Commissioner Richter

Commissioner Richter moved to appoint the committee chairs as named. Commissioner Altpeter seconded.

Roll Call:  
Ayes: Richter, Altpeter, Ferron, Cook, Olson  
Absent: None  
Nays: None

Motion Passed.

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve the meeting agenda for the regular meeting for Thursday, May 21, 2020. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.  
There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Altpeter moved to approve consent agenda items A and B.

- A. Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 16, 2020.
- B. Approve the May 2020 Voucher List in the amount of \$362,813.83.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Olson, Ferron, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. COVID-19 Facilities and Projects Updates and Recommendations-Possible Action**

Director Garvy stated staff's report and recommendations are in the Board packet.

Commissioner Richter asked if the open-air seating for restaurants changes anything for Wheatstack. Director Garvy stated he does not think so. He said the restaurant would need to operate at full capacity in order to have a chance at breaking even and considering the number of weeks it has not done so, staff recommends the restaurant close to control spending and limit the loss. Superintendent Silver added the enterprise fund will have a substantial loss if it doesn't operate at full capacity.

Commissioner Olson stated he is supportive of the closures of Sea Lion Aquatic Park and Wheatstack based on lack of revenue. He said he struggles with the museum based on revenue and the overall dollar amount, but said he acknowledges museums are used for larger events and group tours. He said he appreciates staff's perspective on the boat launch but he struggled with the parks department garage being an amenity with no public access, although he supported it nevertheless. He said he understands the need to control capital spending and preserve funding, but the boat launch is an amenity that can be enjoyed even during these times of social distancing and gathering limits so he does not want to delay the project again. He said he understands if the rest of the board does not agree with him and that there's a risk with IDNR funding, but he supports moving forward with the launch.

Commissioner Altpeter stated she appreciates Commissioner Olson's comments and she's been involved with the launch project since the beginning with Partners for Parks. She said she doesn't have faith that the District will get reimbursed from the state and then all funding would come from District coffers. She said she also struggles with the district furloughing employees and closing facilities and still moving forward with the launch. She said she wants the Park District to come back to what it once was and this is one way to help preserve that. She said the museum is not income producing so anything the District can do to preserve money and limit the deficit she supports. President Cook added he too is disappointed with the launch not proceeding after a three-year delay, but he supports the recommendation of staff. Commissioner Richter said he hopes the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would extend the funding date based on what is going on in the world. President Cook asked Director Garvy if

there was any new news to report, to which Director Garvy replied he recently had an exchange with the grant administrator and was told the IDNR has not been told executed grant agreements are in jeopardy.

Commissioner Altpeter said unless the restaurant is operating at full capacity it will end the year with a significant deficit. Superintendent Silver reported staff is projecting a loss in the restaurant of \$200,000 to \$260,000 by the end of August.

Director Garvy suggested each item receive separate consideration.

Commissioner Altpeter moved the District defer the community launch boat launch project indefinitely due to the impact of COVID-19.

Commissioner Ferron seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: Olson

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Altpeter moved due to the impact of COVID-19, effective June 1, 2020, the District will suspend the operations of Sea Lion Aquatic Park indefinitely.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Altpeter moved due to the impact of COVID-19, effective June 1, 2020, the District will suspend the operations of Wheatstack, A Midwestern Eatery & Tap indefinitely.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Altpeter moved due to the impact of COVID-19, effective June 1, 2020, the District will suspend the operations of The Museums at Lisle Station Park indefinitely.

Commissioner Richter seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Richter, Ferron, Richter, Cook

Absent: None

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

#### **X.STAFF REPORTS**

No comments.

#### **XI.PARTNERS FOR PARKS REPORT**

None.

#### **XII.SEASPAR REPORT**

The SEASPAR report is included in the Board Packet.

#### **XIII. OFFICER REPORTS**

##### **A. President, Commissioner Cook**

President Cook stated 2020 started out terrible and got worse. He said hopefully we're in the beginning stages of turning it around and getting better. He thanked staff for coming up with ideas to get things going, and the Parks Department in keeping the parks managed with such limited staffing.

##### **B. Treasurer, Financial Reports ending, April 30, 2020**

Superintendent Silver stated the District's investments are all collateralized or FDIC insured. He reported the District is in conservation mode and these extremely tough decisions are in the interest of coming out of this with as little long-term impacts as possible.

##### **C. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Altpeter thanked staff for putting on many hats and thinking outside the box during the pandemic to preserve funds. She said she couldn't be more thankful for Director Garvy being at the helm. She said the Board made decisions tonight that she never thought they would ever be in a position to do. Commissioner Richter said he echo's Commissioner Altpeter's and President Cook's comments saying he is amazed that staff has kept such positive attitudes and kept programs going during such a demoralizing environment.

Director Garvy thanked the board for their comments and support but said the credit goes to staff, who up and down the line have been incredibly poised and supportive and that is indicative by the number of staff on the call.

#### **XIV. Adjourn OPEN MEETING**

Commissioner Olson moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 p.m. Commissioner Richter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.