



**THE LISLE PARK DISTRICT  
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, December 21, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Altpeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present In-Person: Altpeter  
Wessel  
Hummel  
Tapella

Staff Present Included: Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy  
Superintendent of Finance, Golf Operations & IT Silver  
Superintendent of Recreation & Marketing Pratscher  
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation Dale

**II. REMOTE ATTENDANCE AUTHORIZATION**

Permit the attendance and participation of Commissioner Dombroski by remote means.

Commissioner Hummel moved to permit Commissioner Dombroski's attendance at the December 21, 2023, meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners by remote means in accordance with section 7 of the Open Meetings Act and the Lisle Park District Remote Attendance Policy. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Tapella, Altpeter

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

Commissioner Dombroski joined the meeting at 7:03 pm by remote means.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Altpeter led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Superintendent Pratscher introduced Claire Stieglitz, the new Recreation & Registration Assistant. Superintendent Pratscher noted her quick establishment of rapport with staff and patrons, as well as her commitment to learning her role and the variety of District's offerings. Claire expressed her enthusiasm for serving the community and her dedication to her new position. President Altpeter welcomed Claire to the District on behalf of the Board.

**V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel, Dombroski

Abstain: Tapella

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, including the voucher list in the amount of \$570,850.44. Commissioner Hummel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Hummel, Wessel, Dombroski, Tapella

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

*A. Ordinance 23-03, an Ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Lisle Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.*

Commissioner Wessel moved to approve an ordinance Levying and Assessing Taxes of the Lisle Park District, DuPage County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hummel stated that he would support the increased levy but not in the amount proposed. He referenced specific allocations that were presented in the first draft of the budget in October that have since changed, including a reduction in the fitness center allocation due to its schedule closure in March, a reduction in the original proposed levy for the IMRF fund, and others. Commissioner Hummel also expressed that he maintains reservations regarding the \$25,000 allocation for the Hitchcock Woods bridge project.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Altpeter, Wessel, Tapella

Nays: Hummel, Dombroski

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

*B. Resolution 122123, a Resolution authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the General Corporate Fund to the Capital Projects Fund pursuant to Section 5-1 of the Park District Code (70 ILCS1205/5-1).*

Commissioner Hummel moved to approve Resolution 122123. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Tapella, Altpeter, Dombroski

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

*C. Conduct of public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,400,000 for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.*

President Altpeter opened the public hearing for the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,400,000 for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto.

Commissioner Hummel asked if all the funds will be received in 2024. Superintendent Silver replied that they will, and stated the final number will be known when the District receives the CPI in January, but the total is not to exceed \$1,400,000.

Commissioner Wessel moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Tapella seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Hummel, Altpeter, Dombroski

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

#### D. Video Recording and Televising of Board Meetings

Commissioner Tapella thanked staff for answering the questions that she had regarding legal and regulatory processes of videotaping and/or televising board meetings. Commissioner Tapella asked what the records retention policy would be for the recorded meetings and asked for clarification if meeting minutes were still planned to be recorded.

Director Garvy explained that written minutes of the meeting would still be documented. He explained that audio and video recordings would be retained until such time that the Board considered appropriate. Director Garvy stated that a recommendation from legal counsel on retention would be to apply the time designated in the Open Meetings Act, advising not to destroy the recording sooner than eighteen months after the meeting.

Commissioner Tapella also stated that to her understanding, there had not been any formal requests for Park Board meetings to be recorded or televised. Commissioner Tapella asked if there had been any additional discourse from the public asking for this service. President Altpeter stated that the only limited requests were for links to remote Park Board meetings due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Commissioner Wessel stated that in his perspective transparency is never a bad thing. He also said he recognizes that this is not a service that the public is asking for. Commissioner Tapella stated that she agrees that she is not opposed to the idea, but without requests from the public, who is ultimately paying for the services, she does not see the purpose of implementing the video recordings. She said before the District purchases any equipment that the Board consider and approve a code of conduct.

Commissioner Dombroski stated that he has had multiple people approach him wanting the availability of video recordings. Commissioner Dombroski added that the accessible video recordings would add legitimacy to what the Board is doing and help maintain transparency.

Commissioner Hummel stated that people have reached out to him over the years asking for the Park District to provide video recordings. He stated that constituents are not always available to attend meetings and this would allow people to view the meetings at their convenience.

President Altpeter stated that in her time on the Board, no one has ever approached her regarding this topic. President Altpeter stated that constituents have specified through focus groups and other means that access to staff and commissioners is listed as one of our strengths. President Altpeter also commented that she wishes this discussion was driven by a stated need from constituents as opposed to being brought up by the Park Board.

Park Board Commissioners directed staff to review what other agencies do in this regard, specifically the Village of Lisle, School District 202, and the Lisle Library District, in order to create a code of conduct draft. Director Garcy stated that staff will present the information for Park Board consideration in January.

## **X. OFFICER REPORTS**

### *A. President, Commissioner Altpeter*

President Altpeter asked Park Board Commissioners their preference for future Park Board Meeting packets. Commissioners discussed viable options of digital packets and/or tablets for Commissioner use. At this time, the Board elected to continue receiving printed meeting packets.

### *B. Treasurer, Superintendent Silver*

Financial Reports ending November 30, 2023. Superintendent Silver confirmed that all assets are FDIC and/or collateralized. Superintendent Silver indicated that the River Bend Golf Course exceeded one million dollars in revenue for the first time. Due to mild weather, River Bend was continuing to offer golf rounds at the time of the meeting, which is not typical for December.

## **XI. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Wessel stated that he attended the holiday parade and the Once Upon a Christmas event at the Museum. He stated that his son enjoyed the holiday workshop hosted within the Blacksmith Shop.

Commissioner Hummel reported he toured River Bend Golf Course with Director Garvy and Superintendent Silver. Commissioner Hummel also visited the Oak Brook Park District holiday lights and will share some observations with staff.

Commissioner Tapella thanked the Commissioners for their flexibility in her last minute absence at November's Park Board Meeting. She also thanked staff for the thorough preparation of the minutes from that meeting, which helped as she reviewed discussions from the prior month. Commissioner Tapella also expressed that her daughter is excited to participate in the upcoming Winter Break Quest Camp at the park district.

Commissioner Dombroski stated that his children continue to tell him that the parks are great and he is looking forward to returning home after being away for work. Commissioner Dombroski expressed his appreciation to the Commissioners for permitting remote attendance to the Park Board Meeting.

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Hummel moved to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Hummel, Wessel, Tapella, Altpeter, Dombroski

Absent: None  
Motion Passed at 7:51 pm.

**IX. OPEN MEETING**

The Board returned to open session at 8:33 pm

**X. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

At 8:33 pm, Director Garvy took role with Commissioners Tapella, Hummel, Wessel, Dombroski, and President Altpeter answering present.

**XI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No action taken.

**XII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING**

Commissioner Wessel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Commissioner Hummel seconded.

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