



**LISLE PARK DISTRICT
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 19, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Director Garvy Called Roll:

Commissioners Present In-Person:

Altpeter
Nadeau
Pereira
Tapella
Wessel

Commissioners Absent:

None

Staff Present Included:

Director of Parks & Recreation Garvy
Superintendent of Recreation & Marketing Pratscher
Superintendent of Parks Cerutti

Staff present remotely:

Superintendent of Finance Silver

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sikich, 2024 Annual Comprehensive Audit Report

Nick Bava provided a summary of the Park District's annual audit draft. A final draft of the audit is pending due to unverified data related to a separate audit being conducted for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). President Altpeter inquired if supplemental documentation would be provided to which Mr. Bava replied in the negative, citing that there are no major changes to the current draft expected.

Mr. Bava summarized different operating funds within the Park District, and their performance over the year from January to December of 2024.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Mr. Matulyauskas expressed appreciation for the contributions of the Park District to the Lisle community before summarizing a number of health conditions from which he has recently suffered. Mr. Matulyauskas stated that he believes that these conditions were caused and/or exacerbated by stress that he states is due to the proximity of pickleball courts to his home. He said players do not experience the noise the same way as neighbors, because neighbors experience it as relentless audio assault. Mr. Matulyauskas stated that the issue he wishes to address is complex and requires empathetic and in-depth discussion in order to find a solution. He thanked Vice President Tapella for meeting with him previously and expressed a desire to

have a constructive discourse with the other commissioners going forward. Mr. Matulyauskas then mentioned the proposal that would be brought forward this evening regarding an electronic gate, but said that will not address the daytime noise and suggested those funds be redirected to real evidence-based solutions, and that he is currently having discussions with Mayor Mullen and the Village of Lisle Trustees and asked the commissioners to talk to them and to find a solution together.

V. APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Commissioner Nadeau moved to approve the meeting agenda. Vice President Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Nadeau, Tapella, Altpeter, Pereira, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Vice President Tapella moved to approve Consent Agenda items A and B including the voucher list in the amount of \$1,019,896.78. Commissioner Wessel seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tapella, Wessel, Altpeter, Nadeau, Pereira

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. DuPage Nation Garden Club thank you letter

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Abbeywood Park Pickleball Courts – discussion and consensus

President Altpeter briefly discussed the cost of installing an automatic locking gate to the courts that would prohibit use outside of park's standard operating hours. Director Garvy noted that the Park District has not received any recent complaints regarding play happening outside of those hours. Vice President Tapella expressed that she does not view the gate as a necessary expenditure at this time due to the lack of complaints regarding use of the courts outside of standard operating hours. She proposed delaying discussion until, or if, the Park District begins to see an increase in complaints. Commissioners Nadeau and Pereira agreed with Vice President Tapella's reasoning, and Commissioner Pereira added that he does not believe a gate would be an ultimate solution to the problem at hand and would rather keep that money for other possible remedies. Commissioner Wessel also agreed. President Altpeter thanked staff for their efforts on researching the gate and the board will not be directing staff to pursue it further.

President Altpeter described seeing a decrease in court usage at Abbeywood Park since the completion of the new courts at Tate Woods Park – stating that she believes current use is mostly from residents within the Abbeywood community because she often does not see vehicles parked there while the courts are being used. She said the park district has moved all programs from Abbeywood Park, reduced hours of operation, and other concessions and that she now feels it is a minimally used park but it is also enjoyed by the residents of that active lifestyle community. Vice President Tapella agreed with the points President Altpeter made and added moving lessons from that neighborhood park has been largely successful and that taking the

time to realize that has been time well spent. She said she agrees with President Altpeter that use has decreased, but said it is still being used, which she said was wonderful because it is now being used how that park is intended to be used, by walkers and local residents. She said she does not think the park district needs to make a change in the rules or regulations and would like to open discussion regarding encouraging patrons of the courts to make use of quiet paddles and balls, knowing we can't enforce that, but we can provide information to those using that area to encourage their use. Commissioner Nadeau agreed that providing patrons with information on such products could be looked into and referenced using the Pathfinder to communicate it. She expressed concern that taking more active measures could set a precedent for dissatisfied citizens to push for stricter regulations for any programming/noise within parks and therefore lead to an influx of requests to Park District administration.

Commissioner Pereira inquired about any issues arising between pickleball and tennis court usage. A brief discussion followed with the point being made that there have been no observable issues between patrons who are looking for tennis activities versus pickleball. Commissioner Wessel pointed out that, per the District's Strategic Master Plan, Lisle has an overabundance of tennis courts compared to the community's desire for such facilities at the time. Commissioner Nadeau inquired about noise complaints due to pickleball in the Arbor View and Tate Woods subdivisions, to which the response was that none have been received. Commissioner Wessel then stated that he agrees with Vice President Tapella, and believes that having relevant signage for Abbeywood Park, specifically, regarding education about "quiet" play equipment would be helpful.

Director Garvy explained that he and Superintendent Pratscher met with Mr. and Mrs. Matulyauskas the day before to discuss viable options to address the issue of noise within the park. He explained that at the end of the discussion all parties agreed that a locked gate would not do much to lessen the noise, but that promoting the use of "quiet" equipment would be the best step to take. Director Garvy briefly spoke about some of the available equipment but stated the issue has been the inability to enforce such a rule, and he reported the Matulyauskas' agreed that enforcement, either by the park district or Lisle Police, is not possible as neither organization is willing to allocate resources to do so. He said in discussion with the neighbors, all agreed that larger, more conspicuous signage would help, including providing on-site resources explaining what quiet equipment actually is, via a QR code as an example. Director Garvy reported that he, Superintendent Pratscher, and the Matulyauskas' agreed that signage stating the courts at Abbeywood are recommended for "quiet" play only, with additional signage providing information relevant to quiet equipment resources, such as a web page that can be updated periodically as more equipment becomes certified or endorsed as quiet by the association, is desirable. He said he and Superintendent Pratscher were surprised that the Matulyauskas' were willing to go the route of not requiring their use, but rather only strongly recommending it. He said part of the park district's frustration has been that we have done things they have asked us to do in the past, and they keep coming back wanting more. He stated that in the meeting with the neighbors the day before, he asked what makes the park district think that if we do this today, that they won't come back at some point saying that's not enough and they want more, as that has been the pattern. He said Vitas said we can hold him accountable, and that if we do this, people will eventually honor it. President Altpeter emphasized we will not be making policy, but only recommendations. Director Garvy agreed with Commissioner Nadeau using the Green Trails Pathfinder could be beneficial too. He said that for the first time in a long time, he felt positive with the outcome of the meeting with the neighbors and that it felt like we were all on the same page. He said he hoped that would have been mentioned during public comment as a matter of public record.

Commissioner Pereira inquired about the possibility of selling quiet balls as a point-of-sale item at the Recreation Center front desk for a discounted rate to encourage patrons to use them,

saying we were willing to spend a significant amount of money on a lock. Director Garvy noted that other communities have done similar things, and Vice President Tapella shared her agreement with the idea. President Altpeter expressed some concern that making recreation cost prohibitive and restricting people's ability to recreate how they want. Director Garvy said he and Superintendent Pratscher will speak again with the neighbors about signage and strategy as discussed, and that this will put an end to this issue. He said based on this conversation and meeting with the neighbors the day before, he feels we got to that point and he will expect that next month we will hear the support from the neighbors.

President Altpeter expressed trepidation due to what she viewed in an overall difference in tone between Mr. Matulyauskas' public comment and Director Garvy's presentation of the discussion held the day before. Vice President Tapella stated her belief that verbiage for any potential signage should be a collaboration between staff and the Park District's attorney's, with resident input being sought only after initial drafts have been created. She also expressed dissatisfaction with the idea of labeling the courts at Abbeywood Park as quiet courts instead of neighborhood courts. She specifically wanted to avoid verbiage that could be construed by the public as a change of policy or regulation in the courts' functions.

Director Garvy said staff will connect again with the neighbors to confirm our mutual understanding of what we can expect of each other, and before we buy balls or order a sign or create a web page, we will come back to get the board's and neighbors' stamp of approval. President Altpeter stated staff has spent an exorbitant amount of time on this issue, she does not have a lot of hope that this is going to be what the neighbors wanted, they declined that a year ago, and she didn't hear tonight what makes us believe they will accept it this time. She said she sees this as the last effort, said there were some good solutions discussed tonight, and that the park district is making an effort in the community to make a change at the Abbeywood Park courts.

The Board decided to have further discussion until the July meeting pending follow up discussions between staff and the neighbors of Abbeywood Park.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Pereira moved to authorize the execution of a contract with Hitchcock Design Group for architectural services for the Community Park South Shelter and Pathway Connection project in the amount of \$37,800.00. Commissioner Nadeau seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Pereira, Nadeau, Altpeter, Tapella, Wessel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Village of Lisle East Ogden Avenue TIF District and Lincoln Avenue (Route 53) TIF District

Director Garvy stated that based on discussion with legal counsel and the Village of Lisle, all requirements have been met for the purpose of a Joint Review Board. Director Garvy briefly discussed possible intergovernmental agreements to mitigate some of the associated costs/impacts that will be created by the TIF on other taxing districts. The Board of Park Commissioners reached a majority consensus that the Park District can cast an affirmative vote that both TIFs meet the required criteria. Commissioner Pereira expressed some concern regarding realistic expectations for the Lincoln Avenue (Route 53) TIF but stated that he is all right with taking the next step. Director Garvy mentioned that such concerns can be addressed later,

but that they fall outside of the purview of the Joint Review Board. Vice President Tapella offered a summary of the Park District's role in the TIF process.

B. River bend Golf Club Restaurant – update

Superintendent Pratscher summarized the first full week of operations for the new River Bend Canteen, Bar, and Event Rental Space – weather is suspected to have impacted overall usage of the new facilities, but there have been patrons staying after golf to enjoy beverages at the bar. Superintendent Pratscher mentioned that the event space has been utilized for two rentals and appears to be a popular option with competitive pricing and easy access. Moving forward, Superintendent Pratscher believes that the rental space can be available all year, regardless of the golf club itself being closed for the off-season. Staff members are undergoing training to meet with all Food Department safety regulations so that the restaurant can begin to provide food operations in addition to the current bar offerings. President Altpeter expressed gratitude to Superintendent Pratscher for his work in turning the space from a full restaurant into its current operational set-up. She also extended thanks to Joe Kawalek, for his flexibility and willingness to take on new tasks outside of his position's original scope.

A brief discussion regarding liquor licensing was held. Commissioner Pereira asked if rentals are required to purchase alcoholic beverages through the Park District. Superintendent Pratscher described what is included in a rental package, including beverages, and what patrons are required to provide in terms of catering.

Director Garvy and President Altpeter also thanked Superintendent Cerutti for his and his team's work on converting the restaurant space. Superintendent Pratscher acknowledged Superintendent Silver's contributions in making sure that all IT and technology needs for the space were also taken care of.

XI. SEASPAR REPORTS

Director Garvy informed the Board that Cathy Morava will be retiring from SEASPAR after serving in various roles for 42 years.

President Altpeter encouraged the commissioners and staff to attend the Believe and Achieve Banquet.

XII. OFFICER REPORTS

A. President, Commissioner

None

B. Treasurer – Financial Reports ending May 31, 2025.

Superintendent Silver said the reports are submitted and confirmed that all District funds are either FDIC or fully collateralized. Superintendent Silver explained that, overall, the River Bend Golf Club is performing better than at the same time last year. The Park District also invested in the Village of Winfield's bond with the amount of \$317,000.00, earning 5% with an expected return of funds on September 1, 2025.

C. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Nadeau thanked Park District staff for their participation in the local Hokusai event.

Commissioner Wessel shared that his family is participating in one of the camp offerings as well as the swim team. He thanked his fellow commissioners for allowing him the opportunity to

complete former Commissioner Dombroski's term of office. He shared his family's excitement to participate in the annual Independence Day parade.

XIII. ADJOURN OPEN MEETING

Commissioner Wessel moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Tapella seconded the motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: Wessel, Tapella, Altpeter, Nadeau, Pereira

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.