

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting
June 27, 2016

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Vice President Kleina called to order the Meeting of the Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners at 6:30 PM.
- Par. 2 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Those in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Par. 3 **ROLL CALL**
The Secretary called the Roll, and there were present Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and President Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the Committee/Board Minutes for May 23, 2016. Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
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Worth Township Trustee Theresa Roche addressed the Board regarding further discounts for visits to Aquatic Park by their campers. She also requested that the District notify Worth Township earlier of fee increases so that the new numbers can be incorporated into pricing for the Township’s summer camps. Director Huber noted that the Board and staff will have to revisit the fee structure for contracted users such as the Township and perhaps work out a system of facility sharing that would benefit both agencies.
- Par. 6 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 7 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
COMMUNICATIONS
Manager
Brian McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 8 Motion made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Kleina, to approve the redesign of the Alsip Park District’s website through Visionary Webworks at an amount not to exceed \$13,450.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schmitt, Schneider, and President Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 9 **FINANCE**
Business Office Manager
Cathy Krydynski’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 10 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the payment to Vermont Systems in the amount of \$9,244.78 for the annual software contract. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 11 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve the payment of all bills for the month of June 2016 in the amount of \$387,589.90. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 12 **RECREATION**
Superintendent
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 13 Superintendent Hooper commented that the Fun Fest was a great event, with very good weather, and 1250 visitors to the pool. He went on to commend the entire staff for the excellent job in presenting another successful Fun Fest.
- Par. 14 Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 15 Preschool
Laurie Nissen's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 **ATHLETICS**
Supervisor
Will Misiewicz's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 17 **AQUATICS/FITNESS**
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 **PARKS**
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to ratify the purchase of repair parts for the playground located at Barnes Park from Parkreation at a cost not to exceed \$2,619.36. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 20 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to ratify the repairs to the fire alarm systems by Reliable Fire at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 21 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 22 MAIN OFFICE
Office Manager
Cathy Villarreal's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 23 President Perretta excused the staff at 7:04 PM.
- Par. 24 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 Lynch Skate Park
Director Huber reported on her conference with the Park District Risk Management Agency, (PDRMA), the District's liability insurer regarding opening the Lynch Skate Park to BMX-type bicycles. It was the Agency's opinion that since the Skate Park was designed for skateboards it should be used as a skate park only, as they don't co-exist safely. Director Huber reported that she also consulted with the Spohn Ranch, skate park designers and builders, about BMX bikes ridden on skateboard surfaces. It was the consultant's opinion that bikes damage both the elements and terrain, primarily because BMX bikes are heavier and faster than the new skateboards. She added that a dual purpose cement park could cost upwards of \$250,000.00, and that resurfacing alone cost the District \$26,000.00 ten years ago. It was the Board's consensus to make no plans to accommodate bikes in the Skate Park but to consider a BMX course installation in new park areas that are still in the planning stages.
- Par. 26 Prairie Junior High Mural
Director Huber invited everyone to attend the Mural Dedication scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 6:00 pm.
- Par. 27 Cal-Sag Trail/Gates
Director Huber reported that she met with Police Chief Radz, Alsip Public Works, and an MWRD representative regarding emergency access gates along the Trail.
- Par. 28 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to ratify the purchase of gate posts from TAPCO in the amount not to exceed \$2,945.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 29 Trinity Christian College/Trail
** Director Huber reported that she was in receipt of paving and reseeding bills from Trinity Christian College for work performed on District land. She was in agreement with two of the line items but is disputing a third. Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve reimbursement to Trinity Christian College in the amount of \$15,704.00 for paving and seeding of a portion of the Trail as indicated in the Memorandum of Understanding in the amount not to exceed \$2,945.00. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 30 Cal-Sag Trail/Update
Director Huber reported that planning and development on the Park District's eastern portion of the Trail. Discussion covered permeable asphalt, the unlikelihood of a signal installation at 129th and Pulaski, Greif's easement approval, and Cook County leading the 131st project.

- Par. 31 Independence Day/Eisenhower High School
Director Huber reported that Blue Island is sponsoring an Independence Day celebration at Eisenhower High School, near to Commissioners Park. She noted that in previous years, cars would be parked at Commissioners Park and requested authorization to station employees there for the purchase of discouraging problems and to collect a parking fee.
- Par. 32 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve up to \$5.00 per car for parking at Commissioners Park on July 3, 2016, as well as staff at time and one-half. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 33 Link & Leverage
Director Huber reported that the Park District had been invited by the Village of Alsip to attend a Link & Leverage Meeting (a South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium project that “fosters new and enhanced educational services and programs to citizens, businesses and other institutions in the Chicago metropolitan southland”). She added that MVCC has been hosting meetings to build an asset map and determine possible collaborations.
- Par. 34 Chi-Cal Grant Application
** Director Huber reported that the Chi-Cal Rivers Fund is again requesting proposals. The Park District’s proposal last year was not successful; however, the Alsip Park District seems especially fit and qualified for consideration. The grants are awarded with an emphasis on “Green Stormwater Infrastructure”, “Public Use Improvement”, and “Wildlife Habitat Enhancement”. The proposal/application is due July 27, 2016.
- Par. 35 Back 9 Logo
** Director Huber reported after much discussion and debate, there are now four semifinalists in the competition for the overall best logo for the new Back 9 Food & Beverage Facility. The Board of Commissioners made no selection of a final logo design.
- Par. 36 Budget
** Director Huber presented a finalized version of the 2016/2017 Annual Budget. She called special attention to the idea of “banking time” by employees considering retirement and suggested a review of Park District Policy versus policy of the IMRF.
- Par. 37 Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to approve the Fiscal Year Budget 2016/2017 as presented. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Kleina, Schneider, Schmitt, and Perretta voting yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Par. 38 Circus
** Director Huber reported on a correspondence received from a resident suggesting the Park District sponsor a visiting circus. Reportedly, a successful circus of several days’ running has been presented in Bridgeview at the Toyota Park parking lot. She noted that she had contacted the circus company and received some information on how the dual production could be brought to Alsip. Director Huber planned to visit one of the productions shortly and asked volunteers to accompany her. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Par. 39 **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No report.

Par. 40 **NEW BUSINESS**

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Commissioner Kleina asked for information on why teenagers were not welcome at a recent Movie in the Park event. Director Huber agreed to investigate and report on the circumstances of such an occurrence, as it does not agree with current policy.

Par. 41 **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

Par. 42 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Kleina, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to adjourn.
Motion carried by voice vote 5 – 0.

Par. 43 The Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required