

Alsip Park District Board of Commissioners
Minutes of Committee/Board Meeting
June 26, 2017

- Par. 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
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, Schmitt, Schneider, and President Kleina. Absent was Commissioner Perretta. A quorum was present.
- Par. 4 **PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**
Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to table the Committee/Board Minutes for May 22, 2017. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0.
- Par. 5 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
There were no questions or comments from the public.
- Par. 6 **PRESENTATION**
Director Huber presented a token of appreciation to Mr. Art Petzel for his enormous contribution to making the recent circus such a success.
- Par. 7 **PUBLIC HEARING**
Attorney Cainkar called to order the Public Hearing at 6:35 pm. He went on to announce that the purpose of the Hearing was to take questions and/or comments on the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2017/2018. He reported that copies of the ordinance are available for public review in the Main Office.
- Par. 8 There being no questions or comments from the public, Attorney Cainkar closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 pm.
- Par. 9 **SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Secretary Poremba read a Thank You card from the Alsip Senior Citizens for the donation towards the group’s annual luncheon.
- Par. 10 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
COMMUNICATIONS
Manager
Brian McLaughlin’s Board Report was placed on file.

- Par. 11 FINANCE
Business Office Manager
Cathy Krydinski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 12 Motion made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the payment of \$9,488.28 to Vermont Systems for the annual software contract. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 13 Motion made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve the the enrollment in the Wealth Management Investments Strategies through First Midwest Bank. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 14 Motion made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to approve payment of bills for the month of May in the amount of \$542,773.79. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 15 RECREATION
Superintendent
Greg Hooper's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 16 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve as presented the User Agreement with the Green Water Aquarium Society for July-December 2017. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 17 Supervisor
Denise Michalski's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 18 Preschool/Recreation Supervisor
Laurie Nissen's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 19 ATHLETICS
Supervisor
Will Misiewicz's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 20 AQUATICS/FITNESS
Manager
Leslie Guerrero's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 21 PARKS
Superintendent
Daren McLaughlin's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 22 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the preparation and advertisement of bid documents for concrete work for the shelter at Freedom Park and the fitness stations at Commissioners Park. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.

- Par. 23 **GOLF COURSE**
Operations Manager
Rich Gottardo's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 24 **MAIN OFFICE**
Office Manager
Donna Smith's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 25 President Kleina excused the staff at 7:02 pm.
- Par. 26 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Director Huber's Board Report was placed on file.
- Par. 27 Property Tax Freeze Status
Director Huber reported having received correspondence from State Senator Cunningham asking for input on the proposed property tax freeze. During discussion it was noted that property taxes and user fees are the District's only source of revenue for capital improvements. No consensus was reached but commissioners can participate in an online survey on the subject.
- Par. 28 Apollo Park Redevelopment Project
Director Huber reported the Hitchcock Design Group's Joe Brusseau was currently working on inclusive playground elements. She added that the target date for completion is June 2018. Further, the Alsip Little League organization had expressed some interest in acquiring some pieces of the retired equipment. The equipment would be available in August, with the organization having responsibility for removal, reinstallation, and maintenance.
- Par. 29 Handbook
Director Huber reported that she and Ms. Krydyski are nearing completion of the Handbook.
- Par. 30 Cal-Sag Trail
Director Huber reported that progress continues on the eastern segment as well as the intersection improvement at Rt 83 and 127th Street continues. A recent hearing on the East End drew four very supportive people, and that FOCST (Friends of the Cal Sag Trail) raised another \$7,000.00 for the Trail. Lastly, an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) needs prepared for engineering services for Phase III of the Cal-Sag Trail, and Director Huber would like approval to advertise once the document is complete.
- Par. 31 Blue Island/Eisenhower Fireworks
** Director Huber reported that once again an Independence Day celebration would be held at Eisenhower High School on July 3rd and recommended parking charges be put in place at Commissioners Park. A brief discussion ensued with the need for staff to oversee the parking and whether the staff should be paid overtime (1.5/hourly rate) that evening. She asked approval to charge up to \$5.00 per car for parking.
- Par. 32 Skate Park
** Director Huber reported that the Park should be updated by 2018. She added that she is researching the best way to update it and achieve the improvements.

- Par. 33 SWSRA Membership
** Director Huber reported that they are in process of reviewing the Articles of Agreement with the Association for possible updates. She specifically mentioned the possibility of increasing the rate contribution for member agencies, which was unchanged for 39 years.
- Par. 34 Motions
Motion made by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to authorize the Director to create and advertise a Request for Qualifications for engineering services for Phase III of the Cal-Sag Trail. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider, and Kleina voting yes. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- Par. 35 Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to authorize a charge of up to \$5.00 per car to park at Commissioners Park on July 3, 2017, as well as staff (compensation) at time and one half. Roll was called with Commissioners Becker, Schmitt, Schneider voting yes, and Commissioner Kleina voting no. Motion carried 3 – 1.
- Par. 36 **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**
No report.
- Par. 37 **NEW BUSINESS**
There was no New Business to come before the Board.
- Par. 38 **OLD BUSINESS**
** Commissioner Schmitt raised the issue of problems with some parties at Sears Park and banning the individuals permanently. A brief discussion ensued with increasing the rental fee and raising amount of deposit.
- Par. 39 **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Commissioner Schmitt, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote 4 – 0. The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Poremba, Board Secretary

** Denotes follow-up action required