

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE PALATINE PARK DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE PALATINE TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER, IN SAID DISTRICT, AT 505 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE, ILLINOIS ON FEBRUARY 14, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

These Minutes are not a verbatim record of what was said during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:30P.M.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President
John Cozza, Vice President
Andy McPherson
Jennifer Rogers

Arriving Later

Robert Schultz, Treasurer

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation

Toni Bruns, Stables Manager
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Dick Trotter

Rich Edwards
Tom Fletcher

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of February 14, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of February 14, 2006 was unanimously approved.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2006. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the minutes of the prior regular meeting be approved as submitted. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of January 24, 2006 were approved as submitted.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, John Cozza, Susan Gould
NAY: None
ABSENT: Robert Schultz

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Report. Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity given staff to attend the IAPD/IPRA State Conference. Smith reported that MRMA has a new Risk Manager, Chris Johlle, replacing Fred Toloken who retired at the end of 2005. Mr. Johlle is an attorney specializing in labor law and has experience in the Parks and Recreation field; she and other members of MRMA have had contact with him in the past. President Gould said it was a good idea to move class cancellation day back to only 7 days. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Smith said that our computer system has spam filters and an employee use policy.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams highlighted the Fitness Program saying that new classes are doing well; overall program seems to be on an upswing. He reported that long-time fitness instructor Kathy Klemt left after 25 years of service without finishing the sessions of classes; the classes are filled but we expect to lose some of Ms.Klemt's followers. Fitness Coordinator DePirro continues to do a good job implementing new ideas. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Gbur said we have no definite reason for Ms. Klemt's departure but she has started up her own business and time-wise it may have become a problem; due to changes made a couple years ago, she was currently only doing two classes twice a week each.

Commissioner Robert Schultz arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould asked if anyone present wished to be recognized at this time. Bob Alexander, Palatine Hills Golf Association liaison, reported that Betty Takahashi had heart surgery last Wednesday (2/8) – double by-pass and aorta removal; she is expected to get out of the hospital in a few days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gbur said that there was no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Ordinance #06-03. President Gould said that in 1998 the Park District issued General Obligation (Alternate Revenue) Park Bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new pool for the Park District and

building, maintaining, improving, and protecting existing facilities of the District. The Park Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Park District to refund a portion of those bonds. The proceeds of the bond issue under consideration this evening will be used for that purpose.

MBDCO, an investment company that purchases securities on behalf of Harris Bank, Chicago, has offered to purchase a single bond in the principal amount of \$133,650 at par plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.50% per annum to the date of delivery. This rate compares favorably with current market rates for issues of similar size and maturities. Delivery is expected to occur on or about November 15, 2006. The Bond is dated November 8, 2005 and will mature on November 20, 2006. The Bond is being purchased by MBDCO for its own investment purposes and not for resale to the public. It will accept a single typewritten bond and it has agreed that the Park District can act as the registrar and paying agent, thereby saving the District money on printing costs and registrar/paying agent fees. Given current market conditions, and the size of the issue the purchase terms offered by MBDCO appear to be favorable, within statutory limits, and in the best interest of the Park District.

I would, therefore, entertain a motion to accept the offer of MBDCO, Chicago for the purchase of the Bond pursuant to the foregoing terms, to authorize the President and Secretary to sign a purchase agreement with MBDCO indicating the District's acceptance, and to deliver a copy thereof to MBDCO. Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

Aye: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

President Gould stated that the Board would proceed to consideration of Bond Ordinance #06-03, copies of which have been distributed to each of the Park Commissioners present at this meeting. She asked that Gbur summarize for the Board the legal aspects of the Bond Ordinance.

Gbur said that our attorneys, Friedman & Holtz, P.C., provided the following summary of the legal aspects of the Bond Ordinance. The Ordinance serves essentially three purposes: 1) It serves as its own budget and appropriation ordinance with respect to the revenues generated by the issuance of the Bond; 2) it serves as its own tax levy ordinance: i.e. the County Clerk extends the taxes necessary for repayment of the Bond based on the authority provided in this Ordinance, rather than the general annual tax levy ordinance of the District; 3) it serves as a contract between the District and the purchaser of the Bond. The District has designated the Bond as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" pursuant to the small issuer exemption provided by Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, which generally affords banks and thrift institutions purchasing the Bond more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed. In connection with that designation you will see that the Ordinance contains various representations and agreements by the District in Sections 11 and 12 relative to qualifying for and maintaining that tax status of the Bond.

President Gould said that she would now entertain a motion to pass the Ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance providing for the issue of a \$133,650 General Obligation Park Bond (Limited Tax), Series 2006, of the

Palatine Park District, Cook County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bond.” Commissioner McPherson so moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

Aye: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

President Gould stated that this concludes the business with respect to the issuance of the \$133.650 General Obligation Park Bond (Limited Tax), Series 2006.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Sport Groups’ requests for Affiliation. President Gould requested that the motion be inclusive of all the Resolutions. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve staff’s recommendation to affiliate Palatine Amateur Football Association, Palatine Baseball Association, Palatine Celtic Soccer Club and Palatine Youth Baseball & Softball by adopting Resolutions #06-01, #06-02, #06-03 and #06-04, respectively, in accordance with the Park District’s Procedures for Affiliation adopted by the Board October 11, 2005. Responding to Commissioner Rogers, staff said that the period of affiliation is open until either an affiliate or the Park District chooses to end it. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

Aye: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a contract change order. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board approve Change Order #4, in the amount of \$129,708.51, for the 2005 Playground Renovations Project. There were not questions or comments. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to video taping of Park Board meetings. Commissioner McPherson noted that staff had no recommendation/motion; what staff is presenting is too bare minimum; taping done previously was fine but we should take it up to the next level; have staff talk with professionals; fixed cameras mounted in the ceiling. Commissioner Rogers asked how much time it would take to prepare tape for televised viewing, and staff replied that we don’t know.

Commissioner Schultz stated that this would open up a whole can of worms; storing, indexing, having available to the public. Commissioner Cozza noted that some of our meetings are only twenty or thirty minutes long and not very exciting. Gbur said he thinks that sometime in the near future this may be required. Commissioner Schultz responded that it would be mandated but at a cost to us. Commissioner McPherson then moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that staff put together a formal proposal for the Board. Commissioner Cozza said that the preliminary taping was good enough for in-house viewing but would not be suitable for televising. Williams asked if the Board wanted the proposal for 'live' or taped broadcast. The Board unanimously agreed on taped broadcast. Gbur said that he has viewed a couple of District #15 taped meetings which is similar to the view our meetings would have; District #15 changes locations each month, and although the taping is done from different angles – it is not very good. If the Park District is going to do this, we should do it right; and, he would like to have the Board unanimously endorse it – not a three to two vote; the entire Board should be comfortable with what we are doing. Commissioner McPherson commented that would happen in a perfect world. Commissioner Rogers said that although she does not relish being on television, she would like to see the voters get involved with governmental agencies; people don't know what is going on; their only association is as a participant or seeing an employee go by in a Park District vehicle. President Gould suggested that staff talk directly with Comcast. Responding to Commissioner Cozza's comments regarding the absence of press representation at our meetings, Secretary Bennett informed the Board that the four area newspapers are faxed the agenda on the Friday prior to the meeting; they are also provided, in January, with a list of the dates of the regularly scheduled meetings for the year; if there is any deviation in date, time or meeting place from those listed, they are notified by fax. Gbur stated that as of July 1 Board Meeting Minutes will also have to be posted on our website. Commissioner Cozza said that some items discussed at our meetings are newsworthy, i.e. Change Order #4 increasing dollars for playground renovation; do we do press releases. Gbur said that press releases are done for programs and special events; sending a press release does not guarantee publication, e.g. we sent a press release regarding the community survey results but have not seen anything published yet. President Gould requested a vote on the motion on the floor. The motion was carried by a voice vote as follows:

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, John Cozza

NAY: Robert Schultz, Susan Gould

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated December, 2005. Commissioner Cozza commented on increase in tax receipts, improvement in the Golf Course numbers and CD interest rates. Smith said that the increase in tax receipts is due to less charge-backs than in past years and that we use, and will continue to pursue, a 2-year laddering system which most of our banks will do.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that warrant #3, in the amount of \$1,324,536.03, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. Commissioner Schultz thanked Commissioner McPherson for doing the warrant for this meeting. Staff responded to a question regarding a hedge trimmer rental. Responding to Commissioner Rogers regarding architectural drawings for the Birchwood Pool renovation, Moser said that they expect the plans to be 80% complete by early March. Gbur said the plans were moving along well. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted Item #4 saying that if the Park District is going to renovate the drop-off zone at Birchwood, this is the time to do it; we do not want to have to close Birchwood for two seasons. All of the commissioners said yes. Gbur said that we are still open to ideas as Mike Rink (Corporate Construction) is now reviewing the plans. Commissioner Cozza said that he would not want a 'long' parking lot as you can get in but can't get out. Gbur said that we don't want to get too close to the homes; maybe do a turn-around; will bring back next meeting.

Commissioner Schultz said that the Community Interest Survey really looked nice. Commissioner Cozza said that he liked having the comments in there, e.g. corporate sponsorships and needed improvements to the weight room. Gbur said that we sent copies to the press and followed up with a phone call, but have had no response. Commissioner McPherson said that the benefit we get out of it is that as we go forward with rankings, we know what the public is thinking; in fact, he thinks this is a good basis to use for a gauge. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Gbur explained the control group and the 'at random' group; a lot of people wrote comments regarding the weight room; it was not possible to 'stack' the responses.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that he and his wife were in Mexico and visited an ecological park; they labeled the trees, etc. which is something he would like to see us do more of. His second item was to request staff to talk with the Village of Palatine and see what could be done along Palatine Road along Riemer Reservoir – the area looks terrible; the parkway needs some grass and trees. Commissioner Cozza said that many trucks/trailers park there to go to the stores on the south side of the road. Moser said that Palatine Road is a State road there. Commissioner Schultz said the parkways are the responsibility of the Village; makes our park look uncared for; we need a solution. Gbur said that currently utility work is being done for the condo building going up.

President Gould said that there have been some ASPLAND trucks working on the trees along the Palatine Trail going towards the Golf Course; they are driving on it. Moser said that we were not aware, they are not doing work for us; it could be ComEd.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Becke for making all the arrangements for State Conference and to Danz for the Volunteer Luncheon.

Commissioner McPherson said that the Volunteer Luncheon was nice; Janet, Rem and Laurie were surprised.

President Gould requested additional future agenda items. Commissioner Rogers said that she would like to have a different table arrangement for the meeting to make it easier to see and hear the other commissioners and staff. She gave Gbur a copy of an arrangement she proposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Gould requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session under Sections 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District. Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved at 8:12 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:29 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Gould stated that the Board had met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition/sale of real property for the benefit of the District but no action will be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:30 p.m. as follows.

AYES: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

February 28, 2006

March 14, 2006

March 28, 2006