

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 28, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

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CALL TO ORDER @ 7:30P.M.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President  
John Cozza, Vice President  
Robert Schultz, Treasurer  
Jennifer Rogers  
Andrew McPherson

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director  
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel  
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning  
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation  
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities  
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance

Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Toni Bruns, Stables Manager  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Haas, Celtic Soccer

Lisa Perkins, Celtic Soccer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of February 28, 2006. By a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of February 28, 2006 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2006 be approved. Commissioner Rogers said that in the voice vote shown on page 5, two commissioners were recorded as absent, when they should have been listed as voting Nay;

also in the last paragraph, it was she who asked about the Birchwood Pool renovation drawings, not Commissioner Cozza. President Gould said that the tree service should be ASPLAND (page 6 Commissioners' Comments). Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2006 were unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser said that the Birchwood Pool renovation drawings will be presented at the March 28 meeting; although Williams Associates would like to come on March 14, they do not have final budget figures. Moser also said that the date was incorrect on the Facility of the Month; should be February not October.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2005 Annual Stables Report. Zaldivar stated that Manager Bruns was present to answer questions. Zaldivar then highlighted the increase in boarders mainly due to several students becoming new horse owners during the year; the NIHJA shows had the largest number of entries ever – January/number of riders, August/number of horses; the early August date has been granted to us again in 2006. Bruns said total entries include a number of our students that have gone to various horse shows. Staff then responded to commissioners' questions and comments saying that the number of classes and students in Intro, New Beginner and Beginner classes are down because students have moved up in skills, i.e. note the increases in the more advanced classes; we have not cut staff because most of the instructors advance with their students; the lower classes are cyclical, and when money gets tight, kids may have to drop classes – it is more expensive than other sports; the pony rides have had a positive effect in attracting more students but as we do not accept children under eight into our group lesson programs, many take private lessons; we can provide the numbers on private lessons at a future meeting; all lessons, group and private, are listed in catalogue; instructors are Park District employees and are paid hourly, not 80/20 based on number of private lessons; although some parents prefer the one-on-one of private lessons, staff feels group lessons more beneficial; students in the intermediate and above classes are the ones buying horses; we do not act as a 'broker' for these transactions although staff will 'look over' a horse for one of our clients to make sure it is suitable and not a danger to the student or other horses, but it is ultimately a vet's decision that influences the buyer; have had some horses board for a couple of weeks for observation; do not allow outsiders in to sell horses, nor do we purchase with the expectation of reselling a horse – buying/selling a very risky business; have seen some new facilities going up – state of the art operations, e.g. computerized watering, cameras in the stalls, etc. – but they do not have the riding program we have, mostly to train show horses; the recent retrofitting has helped the operation, some arena fixing up would be nice; we are not geared for the 'country club' set that want \$100,000 plus horses – we are catering to the 'middle class', people still concerned with the fees; the new trailer is wonderful, a new truck in front of it would be great. Commissioner Cozza commented that Stables staff has done a good job on finances too. President Gould thanked Zaldivar and Bruns for their report.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould noted that no one wished to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Smith explained that \$920,000 of expenses were removed from the document upon legal counsel's direction; these monies, paid out of Corporate Funds are actually expenses of other funds, i.e. Health Insurance for Recreation Staff, and are transferred at year end; the document is appropriating expenses only. President Gould stated that in accordance with the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, a Public Hearing is to be held prior to the adoption of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. This ordinance, which sets forth the budget and makes appropriations of sums of money for necessary expenditures of the Park District for fiscal year January 1 2006 through December 31, 2006, must be adopted within the first quarter of each fiscal year. The Ordinance has been available for public inspection since January 27, 2006, and notification of the public hearing was published in the Daily Herald on Saturday, February 18, 2006. President Gould declared the public hearing open and requested questions or comments from the Board. Seeing none, she stated the floor was open to questions or comments from the audience. Seeing as there were no questions, the public hearing was declared closed. President Gould stated that she would entertain a motion to adopt Ordinance #06-04. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve Ordinance #06-04 which provides for a combined annual budget and appropriation of funds for the Park District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006. 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 the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the annual Celtic Cup Labor Day Soccer Tournament. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded that the Board authorize approval of twenty-seven park/school fields and support for up to 350 teams during Friday September 1 through Monday September 4, 2006 for the Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Soccer Tournament. President Gould opened the lengthy discussion saying that the income statement for 2004/05 showed an increase of \$14,000 – most of which came from sponsorships, and, in her opinion, does not show a need for increasing the number of teams; she is opposed to increasing the size of the tournament. At this time, President Gould read from the February 22, 2005 Minutes wherein Celtic increased the 2004 tournament to 331 teams when a cap of 328 had been put in effect; now PCSC is asking to increase again to 350, yet only eight girls' teams are playing; last year's tournament was handled well with 335 max, why fool with success; has a real problem with this, next year PCSC will want 360, then 375 the year after that. Bob Haas said that twenty-seven Palatine teams participate; last

year there was a lot of down time as the organization of the tournament is more refined; raising the cap to 350 give PCSC more 'wiggle room' and the money takes care of some our expenses; every year the expenses go up. Commissioner Cozza suggested the Tournament committee do a variable cost analysis showing the revenue/expense/profit on a per team basis. Commissioner Schultz suggested raising the entry fee. Haas said that last year's fee were \$450/Juniors and \$550/Seniors – have not increased this year; these fees are comparable with other tournaments in the area and increasing them too much would put our tournament at a disadvantage in attracting the better teams. Responding to President Gould regarding vendor revenue sharing, Haas said that the vendors are Karl's Red Hots, Great American Bagel, Photos, Culvers, and in 2004 we added Soccer Plus and T-shirts – PCSC gets 20% of sales, not net. President Gould suggested that the Park District should get a share and Commissioner Schultz commented that we don't ask that of the Jaycees. Lisa Perkins noted that PCSC pays the Park District fees for services used during the tournament. Haas said that after each tournament, PCSC gives nets, balls, and portable goals to District 211 schools – Palatine and Fremd; we work with them and they support our program. President Gould said that is not much revenue to offset a lot of aggravation to the neighbors and wear and tear of the fields. Commissioner Schultz said he is concerned that this is their major fundraiser, and it seems like a trade off. Asked if staff recommends the increase, Gbur said that staff did; there wouldn't be additional fields used or more staff time involved; the tournament was run well last year - no incidents and staff told PCSC that 27 fields are the limit and if they can handle fifteen more teams, we don't have a problem with it. Haas said that they are asking for a 350 team cap, it doesn't mean that 350 teams will participate, only 340 may show up, but having a higher cap give them room and they do not have to come back next year with another request to increase the number of teams. He said that PCSC has other expenses – it is run like a business and has budgets and all monies go right back into the program; if PCSC couldn't handle it or felt it was over-extended, we would back the number of teams down, but fifteen more teams will only result in twenty-one/twenty-two more games and that can be accomplished using the facilities they have now. He continued saying that this is a community event and he is a 'community relations' guy, he will be there now and for the next 4 years at least; caps are not put on the Jaycees for their event, and StreetFest is getting bigger too. President Gould said that she couldn't approve fifteen more teams; PCSC should put themselves in the neighborhood's position – more teams means tighter schedules and more traffic. Responding to Commissioner Schultz, he said that this year they are considering event insurance, in the event the tournament is rained out the teams are refunded their entrance fees. Commissioner Schultz said that the entire fee shouldn't be refunded, some monies should be kept to cover the cost of 'administration'; he also said he would like increasing entry fees a minor amount each year rather than do a big hit after four or five years. Commissioner McPherson said that he agrees with Commissioner Schultz regarding incremental increases in fees; he has no doubt that PCSC can handle the additional teams, however he also feels that bigger isn't always better – too big could kill the golden goose; not every team can participate, that says something for the caliber of the tournament; the tournament is good for the community, every dollar it brings in is one less we have to pay in taxes. Haas then commented that not all the games will be at Hamilton, additional games may be at Celtic Fields; never PCSC's intention to make Hamilton their main playing venue; last year we didn't need to rent the church parking lot, using only District 15's lot. Commissioner Rogers said that she reviewed the minutes from last year's meeting and noted that the Board gave concessions, we can't keep going ahead with a big increase every year - a number should be picked and stay with it; she felt that we should stay with 335 and make that work for a couple of years, if it works, come back to the Board for an increase. Haas said that the tournament has to stay competitive, if we had been capped at 345 last year, we wouldn't be discussing this now. Commissioner Rogers asked what number would make them happy and Haas replied 350 – it gives them an opportunity to invite top teams and, they would not have to revisit this again in future years. Commissioner McPherson said that it is an annual community event but is that a reason for it to get bigger and bigger; want to give PCSC some latitude but don't want to see an increase every year. Commissioner Schultz said that last year there was concern about the lights – in review last year went

great. Haas said that last year he turned away eighty teams but sometimes that can backfire because other teams will then drop out at the last minute; we need more flexibility to allow for this. President Gould said last year you wanted more, now this year you want more – we don't have to continue growing every year; we have to cap it at some number; 335 is a good place to stop. Commissioner Rogers said we should consider 340 instead of 350. Commission McPherson said that 340/350 is semantics; you get an average number of teams, PCSC wants flexibility; expect actual number to be lower but would be nice to have one year at 350; use flexibility to attract the better teams and go after the advertisers. Gbur said that twenty-seven fields is the limit, if the tournament gets 350 teams and needs more fields, we will be at a stalemate; fee will have to go up to cover your expenses – PCSC can't keep adding more teams; wouldn't recommend it if I didn't think it would work; Hamilton has seven fields maximum use for traffic reasons, last two years volunteers did a great job taking care of traffic flow and any residents issue. Commissioner Rogers moved to amend the original motion to increase the number of teams to 340. President Gould seconded the motion. President Gould called for a voice vote on the amended motion presented by Commissioner Rogers, the result of which follows.

AYE: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould

NAY: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

President Gould then called for a voice vote on the motion as originally presented, the result of which follows.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza

NAY: Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus equipment. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #06-05 declaring specific park maintenance equipment as recommended by staff surplus. Commissioner Rogers asked if we were taking them to Northwest Municipal Conference Auction, and Moser responded that we no longer participate there; we take the equipment to Powers Equipment Auction in Woodstock – we get better prices and pay only 10%. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of vehicles. Correcting an error in the budgeted amount shown on the summary, Moser said it should read \$54,000.

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$35,089 to Rodgers Chevrolet of Rantoul, IL for the two trucks. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Moser said that the trucks will be delivered. 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 the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated January 2006. There were no questions or other comments.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #4, in the amount of \$449,191.37, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. There were no 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.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the Birchwood Pool Design update saying that Williams Architects and their engineers are not sure that the drop-off design will do the job; we don't want to just do something if it won't work right. Swim Team is requesting a 16' x 16' scoreboard to be located in the southwest corner, i.e. where the bike trail starts going uphill, next to the evergreens. Gbur said that he would like the commissioners to give this item some thought, maybe come up with some ideas for other uses; although the scoreboard will only be used two times a year, we don't want to put up and take down; originally they wanted the east side by the diving well but staff doesn't want it to stick out, it would be hidden a little better in the southwest corner. Commissioner McPherson asked if we could get a picture; can we turn it into a feature of some type to use for something else. Responding to questions and comments staff said a cover is possible; it is large due to its 8-lane readout; girders are 17' high – 10' off the ground – could put evergreens in front of girders; there are houses behind it but also large trees; cannot be attached to building as roof is too low; placement would allow swimmers to look up at their numbers; manufacturer from Colorado assured us you could see it – not directly in path of setting sun. Commissioner Rogers suggested covering with a screen to show movies – Flick 'n' Float. Gbur said he liked that idea; this is the kind of thing he would like the commissioners to think about.

He told the Board that he had received an email regarding Falcon Park from a resident of Nichol Grove; they would like us to attend their Homeowners Association meeting on March 16. He thinks it has to do with the fence that was taken down; they are trying to get us to replace it. Commissioner Schultz said that we have a plat of survey. Gbur said that we also own the land for the entrance and exit. Moser said that the original building permits were from Cook County, and the fence was required; the residents of the homes that were razed said it was on the townhouse developer's property.

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz commented on a center with an area for racket games; we should look into it. Staff said that courts are used squash and/or pickle-ball, games popular on the North Shore; Barrington has platform tennis courts.

Commissioner Rogers said that the SLSF Fashion Show/Luncheon was very nice, and she thought it was nice that permanent part-time staff got to go. She said she attended the Legislative Breakfast, best part of which was that it was over one hour earlier than planned. The Senior Gala was also very nice.

President Gould said that the lighting at Hamilton has affected property values; three houses on market, one removed after six months, one still on at market price and one recently sold for \$30,000 less than previous homes sold for.

Commissioner McPherson said that he left the breakfast before the Legislative Update was given; Hoffman Estates did a very nice job and it was a nice opportunity, but it was a typical speech critical of those currently in power. Tongue in cheek, he said that going down Rohlwing Road he saw a 'driving range' by the viaduct crafted by a homeless man – if someone made it work there, we should be able to do one about anywhere.

President Gould requested Future Agenda Items. Commissioner Cozza said that he would like to see some discussion regarding a smoking ban; Park Ridge has addressed this problem.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Gould requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of specific personnel. Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Rogers 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 8:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:09 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Gould stated that the Board had met in Executive Session for the discussion of specific personnel. No action would be taken at this time.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Schultz moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:10 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

March 14, 2006  
March 28, 2006  
April 11, 2006