

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 MAY 9, 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
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
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Peter Gutzmer, Candidate for State Senate
Bob Alexander, PHGA

Eric Anderson (arrived later)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cozza moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of May 9, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of May 9, 2006 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of a special meeting. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 17, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of April 17, 2006 were approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of the prior regular meeting. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2006 be approved. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the April 26, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith said in keeping the Board updated regarding our health insurance plan, BSSI will allow us to keep our current drug card until October 2006, our renewal date; staff has tried but could not investigate Systemed Rx; BSSI says everything the same and claims the Park District will save money but they refuse to give us the drug costs for comparison; the new owners of BSSI are difficult to work with.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Danz highlighted the *Hound Egg Hunt* - the first annual – saying it proved very popular, 130 dogs attended and pictures were taken with ‘BUNNY’ – some including the whole family. The *Flying 4 Kids Kite Day* – in conjunction with IPRA – had approximately 200 people attend with 30 kites in the air at one time. Commissioner Cozza commented on Spring Lacrosse saying he thought the program was shared with Buffalo Grove, are all games in Palatine? Gbur said that we are now hosting the league, games are at Cardinal Park on Sundays; we have been going to Buffalo Grove for years and local registration is growing. Commissioner Schultz said lacrosse has been getting a lot of publicity lately. Commissioner Cozza said that with ten teams that is five games a day on our field. Gbur said it is our turn for hosting; there is a lot of interest at the high school level now as it is an up-and-coming sport - some kids left baseball to play lacrosse; the league only has one or two teams per town. Commissioner Cozza expressed congratulations to Jeff Greene for getting another grant to hire summer interns, and noted that PAFA’s numbers are incredible. Gbur said that PAFA’s numbers are growing but PAFA has to be careful not to enroll too many; unlike soccer, football is more safety oriented. Stoltz said that PAFA has assured her they will hold to the number of registrants they now have, although they are not publicizing it; they are at twenty-six teams, up from 22 last year. President Gould suggested maybe doing clinics for the younger participants, like we did for basketball.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould asked if any member of the audience wished to address the Board on an item not on the agenda. Mr. Peter Gutzmer stood and said that he just wanted to introduce himself; he is the Democratic candidate for Illinois State Senator for District 27; he said he was in attendance to listen and learn.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Gould noted that there was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

President Gould asked Secretary Bennett to conduct the annual election. Bennett requested nominations for the position of President for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Commissioner McPherson nominated Commissioner Cozza for the position of President. There being no further nominations offered, nominations were closed. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schulz seconded, that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Commissioner John Cozza, naming him President for the 2006-07 fiscal year. By a voice vote, the motion was approved as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

President Cozza asked Secretary Bennett to request nominations for the position of Vice President for the fiscal year 2006-07. President Cozza nominated Commissioner Schultz for the position of Vice President. There being no further nominations offered, nominations were closed. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Commissioner Robert Schultz, naming him Vice President for the 2006-07 fiscal year. By a voice vote, the motion was approved as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

President Cozza submitted for Board approval, the following appointments for the 2006-07 fiscal year: Treasurer, Andrew McPherson; Executive Director, Representative to the Northwest Special Recreation Association, and Alternate Representative to the Metro Risk Management Agency, Ron Gbur; Park Board Secretary, Bonnie Bennett; Representative to the Metro Risk Management Agency, Debbie Smith; Representative to the Greater Palatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Raul Zaldivar; and, Representative to the Upper Salt Creek Watershed Steering Committee, Pat Moser. Commissioner Schultz moved that the Board concur with President Cozza’s appointments. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

All appointees agreed to serve.

President Cozza said that with the concurrence of the Board, the regular meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners will continue to be conducted at the Palatine Township Senior Citizen Center, 505 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, Illinois on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month excepting the first meeting in October to be held Monday, October 9, and both meeting in December which will be held on the first and third Tuesdays. Noting the recommendation for a 7 p.m. starting time, President Cozza asked staff what has been our policy regarding starting time for the meetings. Gbur responded that it has been 7:30 p.m. with the exception of meetings held between Memorial Day and Labor Day begin at 7:00 p.m. After some brief discussion of each commissioner's preference, Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board continue to meet on the dates as submitted beginning 7:30 p.m., with the exception of those meeting between Memorial Day and Labor Day to begin at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

AYES: Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the commissioning of Park Police Officers. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that employees Ron Gbur, Patrick Moser, Raul Zaldivar, Keith Williams, Edmund Tynczuk, Bradley Helms, Dan Hotchkin, Toni Bruns, Pam Stoltz, Donelda Danz, Jeffrey Greene, and Josh Ludolph be commissioned as Park Police Officers for the period May 11, 2006 through May 15, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved as follows.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to issuance of General Obligation Limited Park Bonds. President Cozza announced that a proposal had been received from Harris N.A., Chicago, Illinois for the purchase of the District's non-referendum general obligation park bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Park District Code and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon. Whereupon President Cozza presented and the Secretary read by title an ordinance as follows, a copy of which was provided to each Park Commissioner prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy: Ordinance No. 06-09; an ordinance providing for the issue of \$6,000,000 General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, 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 bonds. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #06-09 as presented. There was no discussion. President Cozza directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt said ordinance, the result of which follows.

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

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said ordinance adopted, approved, and signed the same in open meeting and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Palatine Park District, Cook County, Illinois, which was done.

Eric Anderson congratulated the Board saying that Palatine Park District is now one of the third highest rated park district in Illinois as rated by Moody's; only Northbrook, Highland Park and Naperville have higher ratings. He distributed a summation of the bond issue including the 'New Issue' press release by Moody's Investors Service (copy attached to official minutes), and highlighted the Bond interest rate the Park District received, savings realized by the Park District and taxpayers with the new Moody's rating, generating funds while waiting to do project payouts, the amount of callable debt we now have, and the debt service still available. Gbur thanked Anderson for his assistance saying that Anderson has met with the Board and/or staff four or five times since last fall, and was an integral part of our phone interview with Moody's last week; we are happy to have him as a resident of our District. Anderson said he and his family are enjoy the Park District, especially now using Hamilton Fields. Commissioner McPherson said that we should let the public know of the new bond rating through a press release.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #9, in the amount of \$899,715.39, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to a Joint Purchase item, a large quantity of trash bags. President Cozza requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

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 he has been advised that Mrs. Parker has found a new home and is hoping to move out this month; we are adjusting the Degner Park timeline a little in order to do as much as possible at one time.

Commissioner Rogers said that she saw an article in the May 3rd Daily Herald regarding condos being built on Palatine Road with a 'park'. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Moser said that the developers have not approached us at all; we think they will turn it over to the Village, it is only 3,300 square feet – about the size of the existing parking lot; don't know if they are turning over the \$100,000 to someone to build it or doing it themselves. Commissioner Schultz said that we don't want it, has limited usage for our residents; wants someone to cut grass and clean up graffiti; is it in lieu of the developer's contribution? Commissioner McPherson said that he didn't know that, but if you look at the plan the 'park' appears to be an idea generated by the Village. Gbur said that the Village's downtown 'guide' calls for another 'park' where the Masonic Lodge building is - after the road(s) are widened; staff would rather these areas be called "plazas", people will think we are responsible for them; we work

hard to get residents to separate the two governmental agencies. Commissioner McPherson said that if there was an endowment for the maintenance to go along with the property, that would be different; certainly the area should be public, but we don't want the confusion of responsibilities.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McPherson thanked staff for the tickets to Cinco de Mayo; looked like it had great attendance. Gbur said that it generated \$13,000 for P.O.C. Commissioner McPherson said that he received the Palatine Historical Society newsletter and read the commentary regarding the downtown redevelopment; they are not doing us (PPD) or themselves any good by doing this; they should express themselves individually. Commissioner Gould explained that some the owners of the older homes cannot get permits to work on their homes because they are in the TIF district, it's ridiculous. Commissioner McPherson said he has also been thinking about the PIAC event; there is the issue of not serving alcohol within a specific distance from a school but ironic that we can move it closer to where children congregate and play, e.g. the park, skate park, ball fields, etc.; would like staff to do more to address and codify what type of advertising/sponsorships we are looking for, e.g. maybe not *Durty Nellies*; we should have a written policy. Commissioner Schultz said that is a Future Agenda Item; World Wide Liquors and Budweiser have sponsored some Park District things. Commissioner McPherson said that if we allow PIAC to do it, why can't PBA or PYB? Gbur said we try to keep any kind of alcohol service with food. Responding to Commissioner Cozza's remark about alcohol service at FAC, Danz said it was sold on the Park side the first year only; it didn't go over.

Commissioner Rogers reported that the last IAPD message showed that the OSLAD Fund has not only been saved but \$12M was added which is suppose to reflect actual monies paid in. Gbur thanked the Board for sending a letter. Commissioner Rogers said she attended the Special Olympics Track & Field Opening Ceremony Sunday, perfect weather and everyone seemed happy to be there; and she has rsvp'd to attend the Palatine Township Senior Center Accreditation Celebration on Friday May 19,.

Commissioner Gould said that she emailed Williams because someone called her regarding the Cinco de Mayo Fest. She was told the restaurant did not want to do it because of cost increases but Village people told them to do it because it was a fundraiser, then charged them \$260 for a permit. Danz said that the original owners had sold. Commissioner Gould said that she was told ownership had not changed. Commissioner Schultz said he also heard there is a new owner. Commissioner Gould said that we need to look into this because it makes us look bad. Gbur said we need to find out the true story. Commissioner Gould said to check with the Village regarding Tereo's liquor license. Gbur said he has talked with POC Director Kathy Millin who said that they'll need a bigger space next year. Commissioner Schultz suggested looking into Mission San Juan Diego.

Commissioner Schultz asked if we were just seeding grass at Hicks and Wood, and Moser responded no. Commissioner Schultz said the Derby Gala was a lot of fun; they did a nice job. He said he attended his grandson's 5th birthday party at the Libertyville Sports Complex, very impressed; take all the other places we visited put them in there and still not crowded; amenities include climbing wall, putting green, driving range, twenty soccer fields, and more; there was a basketball tournament going on, all glassed in – something to see. Commissioner McPherson said that Libertyville does not have a park district; they are a city recreation department. Gbur said that it is one of the places on the upcoming tour; would like to find out more about their finances too.

President Cozza thanked Becke for the IMRF information; very impressive, 96% funded – other funds only 85% - outperformed other funds last year. He said that in past few months he presented two new ideas – one was an adult soccer league which Celtic Soccer said no; what is the thinking behind this. Gbur said that staff met with Celtic last year, they wanted to try drop-in but some of the teams want to become part of us which is too much wear and tear on the fields. President Cozza said we found fields for lacrosse and Gbur responded that youth programs always come first; if lacrosse keeps growing, we will give fields to them before the adults; it comes down to the availability of space. Danz said there were two under-30 teams but they are travel teams and considered a rental. President Cozza said to be Park District you need open enrollment, rentals need a Certificate of Insurance with costs involved, can we work around it? Commissioner McPherson said that we need to treat everyone the same, if the men really want to do it they can find a way to do it. Gbur suggested maybe sponsorships. President Cozza noted that we have Sounds of Summer on Wednesdays and Fridays, now he sees there are concerts on Thursdays; get some flyers out for publicity now not in the middle of the summer.

President Cozza thanked Commissioner Gould for a great year as President and to the rest of the Board congratulations on the good bond rating.

President Cozza asked if there were any future agenda items and Commissioner McPherson requested an item pertinent to a sponsorship policy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:25 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: May 23, 2006
June 13, 2006
June 27, 2006