

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 APRIL 24, 2007 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

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

Staff Present

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

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

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Steve Irsay, resident

Glen Wesley, Palatine Celtic Soccer
Nick Sawyer, Palatine Celtic Soccer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2007 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the prior meeting. By a voice vote, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2007 were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

PASS: John Cozza
ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser said that the asphalt was poured on Palatine Hills Drive today and the last part of the Birchwood pool deck was done. Commissioner Cozza noted that he saw the contractor painting the pool bottom the other day.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar said that the road resurfacing is done at Palatine Hills; could re-open tomorrow with no truck traffic – we are considering it but weather may not permit; road looks good and project only a little behind schedule. Staff has talked with two golf course construction companies regarding course work discussed with the PHGA and Board, e.g. greens collars, bunkers; will have unit prices at the first meeting in May, then we can proceed with a plan. Zaldivar said that the greens collar on #1 was replaced in-house, so Superintendent Helms now has a better feel for what the job entails and potential costs; the replacement process was explained and although it will be noticeable at first because it is sod, eventually it will blend in as the sod used was from another part of the course; #5 hole will also be done in-house as only collar work need on these two holes; #15 and #16 have been done which should bring the price down.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Nick Sawyer, addressing the Board, said that he was in attendance to congratulate Commissioners McPherson and Gould on their recent election victory; he was a write-in candidate. He said that he anticipates that everyone can work together.

Steve Irsay addressed the Board offering congratulations to Commissioners McPherson and Gould. Upon distributing copies of an email received from Jim Messineo the day before the election asking him to vote for a write-in candidate and ‘slamming’ Commissioner Gould, he said that he wanted to know how the email list was obtained as this was private information given to the Park District and Celtic Soccer; doesn’t the Park District have a privacy policy in force, and he wanted the incident be investigated. Commissioner Gould said that she had another resident contacted her with the same complaint – perturbed that his email address had been given out. Lengthy discussion ensued with Mr. Irsay, staff, and the Board covering registrants’ expectations of privacy; concerns have been shared with PCSC reps; the “political” based email was not the doing of PCSC but of one individual, PCSC is not a ‘registered’ PAC; email addresses not protected by Freedom of Information Act, however person sending email should have blocked or blind-copied instead of forwarding it with all addresses shown; issue will be discussed with legal council including what type of reprimand or penalty can be imposed; amending affiliate regulations to insure it does not occur again; data base is given to each affiliate registrar and coaches, this particular mailing list could have been from years ago since some of the people contacted no longer have kids in the program; a privacy policy is written into all agreements with contactors and instructors. Commissioner Gould said that she met with Mr. Messineo; there have been some misconceptions regarding her and she will meet with Mr. McGrath later in the week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gbur stated that 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 Annual Treasurer's Report. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 be approved and that Treasurer McPherson be authorized and directed to execute the report on behalf of the Board. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which 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 football jersey bids. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners award the 2007 Palatine Amateur Football Association Jersey Bid to Sports Scene of Palatine, IL and direct staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$22,814.00 to Sports Scene. Commissioner McPherson said that we had delivery issues with this company previously. Williams explained that this is a different type of situation; PBA tried a new vendor and had the same problem; they would rather pick who they want instead of going with the low bid. President Cozza asked if the problem was not enough time; Stoltz replied that the football starts in August. Williams explained that baseball teams have sponsors, last year and this they were sent out wrong shirt; this is not an issue with football. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated March 2007. Commissioner Gould commented that she was glad our investments are doing better. President Cozza suggested that if interest rates get better we should go out two years. Smith said that none of the financial institutions are going out two years on interest rates at this time; CD's with IPDLAF are kept to FDIC insured rate of \$100,000; local banks have pledged securities to cover the larger investments we put with them.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #8, in the amount of \$1,075,283.30, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Gbur stated that there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the upcoming event reminders. Commissioner Gould said that she would attend the Arbor Day ceremony. Gbur then thanked Commissioner Schultz for putting together the Conservation Program; discussion will be on a future agenda. President Cozza said that Commissioner Schultz did a nice job; the next step is to get other commissioners input for discussion. Responding to Commissioner Rogers, Gbur said that Commissioners McPherson and Gould expressed interest in being involved in the Falcon Park Recreation Center Design process; we are running a little behind but hope to do interviews the first part of May so if anyone else is interested, let him know. Having two or more commissioners involved will not pose an issue with the OMA as all the meeting will be open to the public; with such a big project, we want the community involved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Pending Projects List. Referring to item #11, Williams said that the Jaycees will institute a 'smoking area' for the 4th of July Fest; we will help them mark off an area. Commissioner Schultz said that we should wait until they come back to our meeting, and Gbur said that it definitely cannot be in the tent. Addressing item #3, President Cozza said that the Forest Preserve District is putting in a new path near Harper. Commissioner McPherson responded that it is going to be on the south side of Algonquin near Ela not Roselle.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that Arlington Heights PD puts out a banner letting people know that their brochures are out. He said that he noticed that we have seeded the lot east of Clayson House; perhaps we could move the gazebo onto that lot. Gbur said staff would like to wait to see if we get more property there; then discuss landscaping and the Skate Park; he has responded to residents that we do not have plans for a parking lot right now. Commissioner Schultz said that columnist Chuck Goudie did an interesting column on Cook County ethics and altruism – they have to have 4 of 5 members to have a quorum; there are very few meetings. Commissioner Gould said that the Board set that up themselves. President Cozza said that we could set that policy for our Board, however Gbur said that that would not conform to the Illinois Park District Code; Senator Murphy is looking into this.

Commissioner Gould said that she has gotten feedback regarding fields that are not scheduled or open but not used; why don't we have software for a master field schedule, other park districts in the area do. Gbur said that there is one by AEK but we decided against it; there is someone from PYB working on this. Williams said that there is one developed by PYB webmaster, we are looking into it. Commissioner McPherson said that someone from basketball did one also. Williams said right now we can only go to each division, PBA still 'pencils them in' on Saturday morning – no spread sheets or email. President Cozza said that if we had a master schedule available to all coaches, they could book practices whenever fields are available.

Commissioner McPherson asked if our website was functioning yet, and Smith replied that we are having issues with our provider CORE.com. Commissioner McPherson said that he cannot get to the .org site but gets the old .com site

President Cozza requested Future Agenda Items. Commissioners requested items pertaining to an ethics statement, conservation program, and master field scheduling program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Schultz moved that the regular meeting be adjourned to a Falcon Park Recreation Center Workshop. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:16 p.m.

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

The meeting convened again in regular session at 9:25 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Cozza requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session for the purpose of discussion of the performance of a specific employee of the District, Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

Motion passed at 9:35 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:47 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Cozza stated that the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the performance of a specific employee. Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board retain Ron Gbur as Executive Director and increase his salary as discussed in closed session. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that

the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:48 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert G. Schultz
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: May 8, 2007
May 22, 2007
June 12, 2007