

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 23, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00P.M.

Commissioners Present

Andrew McPherson, President
Susan Gould, Vice President
Jennifer Rogers, Treasurer

John Cozza
Nicholas Sawyer

Staff Present

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

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Toni Bruns, Stables Manager
Kevin Romejko, Human Resources Manager
Trish Feid, Falcon Park Office Manger

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, resident/PHGA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the agenda be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2010 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2010. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Superintendent Moser highlighted the Pub Works software work tracking system; there have been no problems and actually has enhanced labor tracking, e.g. pool maintenance is now being followed both ‘off’ season as well as ‘open’ season; each employee fills out a card and the data is entered twice a week. Commissioner Gould commented that she was surprised at how much more maintenance baseball requires compared with soccer.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed annual Stables Golf Course Report. Highlighting “Challenges”, Superintendent Zaldivar said that the two boarder slots vacated year were filled through the riding program; staff is doing a great job creating new programs, e.g. summer camps for younger kids and new ideas for ‘Pony Parties’; page 9 shows that drop in the number of classes and students – mostly due to economic factors. Commissioner Gould mentioned recent improvements and major upgrades to the Stables noting that heating the arenas will keep us competitive. Commissioner Cozza suggested a new ‘introduction to horsemanship sampler’ – a class reduced in length and price. Responding to a question, Stables Manager Toni Bruns said that we currently have thirty-three school horses; lost Smokey Joe, but Dooley is still working.

President McPherson noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President McPherson noted no one wanted to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President McPherson noted there was no unfinished business to be addressed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the issuance of bonds. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #10-01 providing for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2010. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to compliance with Public Act 96-542. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution #10-03 designating Ron Gbur and Kevin Romejko as Freedom of Information Officers of and for the Palatine Park District. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Resolution pertaining to compliance with Public Act 96-542. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution #10-04 naming Ron Gbur, Bonnie Bennett, Patrick Moser and Jennifer Rogers as the Park District's designated persons to receive training on the Open Meetings Act. HR Manger explained that staff was aware of changes made to FOIA, i.e. response be made within five business days, under fifty pages free, and fifteen cents per page over fifty; the OMA has less changes, i.e. designated persons are required to do on-line compliance training before June 30, 2010. Continuing, Romejko said that another component of the new Public Act was the appointment of a Public Access Counselor - working under the Attorney General's office - to oversee any FOIA and OMA complaints filed within sixty days. President McPherson asked if persons could take the training without being designated reps, and Manager Romejko said that his interpretation is that we could add everyone we wanted, but would follow up and advise the Board. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated January 2010. Responding to a comment, Smith said that the 1.91% y-t-d tax receipts were funds owed from last year's collections.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #4, in the amount of \$653,718.44, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President McPherson noted there was no more new business to be addressed at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting several items from his written report, Director Gbur said that he was proud that Superintendent Moser and HR Manager Romejko were asked to be presenters at the State Conference, they both did a great job; he thanked

Superintendent Moser and Falcon Park Manager Kelli Hedding for planning the February MIPE at Falcon; he was very proud to host MIPE members at our new facility – many toured the building. Lastly, he asked Superintendent Moser to highlight the program he attended at State Conference. Superintendent Moser said the session was on how to better apply for OSLAD Grants in that there is more competition asking for funds. Some suggestions were: have an updated Master Plan, be responsive to current state and local needs/priorities, serve more diverse populations, and more public meetings/public input for grant project's purpose, i.e. show public support for the project; in other words, we should have started earlier. Commissioner Gould suggested getting a summer intern to help.

Commissioner Rogers said that she attended the MIPE meeting; being with the other members she heard a lot of comments regarding the foresight the Park District put into it, e.g. wiring out to the sports fields; impressed with planning for the future.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rogers said that her weekend was busy, Legislative Breakfast, PTSCC Gala and SLSF (NWSRA) Fashion Show. Legislative Breakfast was in Hanover Park but our Legislators were not there; those in attendance made some nice comments; Fashion Show had its biggest crowd ever with 690 in attendance. Responding to a question, Recreation Manger Stoltz stated that the preliminary figure for the Senior Gala was \$58,000.

Commissioner Gould asked if others had seen the article regarding the decrease in baseball and other programs because of the economy; suggest we could make the scholarship process a little less embarrassing and available. Saturday evening's Gala dinner was very nice; today was the 37th anniversary of the Ben Franklin fire, background was give to those who did not know this part of Palatine history.

Commissioner Cozza said that he has been out to Falcon Park and he is really proud of how busy we are – nice problem to have.

President McPherson said that he has exchanged emails with users regarding how busy Falcon is; staff has a good handle on that but it is a work in progress; have heard complaints regarding open gym hours, lack of showers, etc.; open turf is dangerous with soccer and other sports using at the same time. Director Gbur said that he is in the process of making changes, but no matter what changes you make, you cannot keep everyone happy; starting specific time slots for specific sports, i.e. soccer, baseball, etc. Last Sunday was 'trial day', booked 100 person rental and a volleyball tournament; just made it with parking, the Parks Department did a great job plowing.

As to Future Agenda items, President McPherson requested getting more items on our Website; have staff prepare a list of items to be put on and the Board can review. Commissioner Cozza said that he would like the Board to address the South Birchwood Bridge; let's look at how it ranked in the last couple years and cost; Rolling Meadows has done their part with the new bike trail and Birchwood is not accessible. Would like to see Degner Park Bridge ranked higher also.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:42 p.m.

