

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 MARCH 8, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President
Jennifer Rogers, Vice President
Nicholas Sawyer, Treasurer
John Cozza
Andrew McPherson

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance
Kevin Romejko, Human Resource Manager
Paul Thomas, Celtic Soccer Director of Coaching
Trish Feid, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, resident/PHGA
Terry Ruff, PCSC
Shawna Brauer, PCSC
Terry Ellis, PCSC
Jim Burke, PCSC
Dan Reynolds, PCSC
Bill Havansek, PCSC
Robert Nota, PCSC
Joe Soltykiewicz, PCSC

Kelly Carroll, PCSC
Brett Soukup, PCSC
Josh Langell, PCSC
Mike Rink, Corporation Construction Services
Ryan Rink, Corporation Construction Services
Gary Pingel, PHN Architects
Eric Anderson, BMO Capital Markets

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the agenda for the meeting be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2011 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the

Regular Meeting of February 22, 2011. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Assistant Supt. Becke asked if there were any questions; there were none.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Supt. Williams answered President Gould's question that since Palatine North Little League will not be operating this year due to the program's low enrollment, thirty-two participants out of the thirty-three that were registered for Palatine North LL will be merging into PYB/S this year. Continuing, Supt. Williams said that he met with PYB/S's President Mark Miller and Palatine North Little League President Roy Ori to work together for a smooth transition with the participants; Palatine North Little League does not want to lose National Little League Chapter status. Supt. Williams replied to Commissioner Cozza's concern that we will consider the practice/game locations for the thirty-two PNL's participants as we currently do with our young PYB/S league participants. Supt. Williams complimented Sponsorship/Marketing Assistant Rivas that she has been helpful with promoting programs, events, etc. through Facebook, twitter, PPD's website, and Myspace; also, suggested viewing the *Volunteer of Year* video which is available online, the video was displayed at the luncheon and was well received. Along with the many upcoming events at Cutting Hall this spring, Commissioner Cozza suggested that attending the play *Jesus Christ Superstar* would be fun and entertaining for everyone.

President Gould noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould asked if anyone would like to address the Board at this time; PHGA Bob Alexander informed the Board and staff that on Thursday the Palatine Hills Golf Association will have their board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Gould asked if there was unfinished business to be addressed at this time; Director Gbur noted there was not.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Celtic Park Synthetic Turf Field Bids. Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board of Park Commissioners approve contracts for the installation of two artificial turf fields at Celtic Park with the following contractors: Dietzler Construction (earthwork and site utilities) in the amount of \$575,500, Cerami Construction (concrete) in the amount of

\$70,932, Astro Turf (artificial turf) in the amount of \$578,552, Peerless Fence (fencing) in the amount of \$43,867, Sebert Landscaping (landscaping) in the amount of \$59,074, and Utility Dynamics (electrical) in the amount of \$33,600; \$1,361,525 for the approved total of contractors' cost. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Commissioner Cozza said that he was impressed with the project's groundwork; good work from everyone. Director Gbur added that including Celtic's request of a heat reflective coating to the turf and the additional seven security lights, brings the total estimated cost to \$1,517,082 for completion of the Celtic Park synthetic turf fields project which will be totally reimbursed to the park district by Celtic Soccer. Celtic President Ruff gave thanks to Supt. Moser with the coordination of the project and receiving the permit from the water district. Director Gbur and Supt. Moser replied to Commissioners' Gould and Rogers questions that the Celtic Park synthetic turf fields will have fencing round them with three gates; the predicted concluding date for the project is August 5, 2011; noted that any day over that mark, the contractors pay \$1,000 per day until completion. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the 2011 Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners authorize the use of twenty-nine (two being back-up) park/school fields, support for up to 350 teams, and field lighting per staff recommendation for the Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament being held Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 5, 2011. Staff is requiring that no game begin before 8 a.m. at Ost and Hamilton Sports Fields, 7 a.m. at the remaining fields. In addition lighting will remain the same as in past years: Celtic Park-11 p.m., Community Park and Ost-10:45 p.m., and Hamilton Sports Fields-9:30p.m. Staff will once again work with the tournament committee to adjust schedules, signage, parking, litter removal and staffing. Celtic President Ruff asked that they have the use of 32 fields; highlighted that due to Barrington canceling their annual tournament, this is an opportunity to take on these additional teams as part of our Labor Day Tournament; therefore, suggesting that increasing this year's amount of registered teams to 400 in the Labor Day Tournament will benefit them financially, sequentially with a shorter repayment schedule to the park district. Discussion ensued with concerns of various needs required with accommodating the proposed team increase: such as field availability with increase game volume and possible complications due to rain-outs, park district staff's time involvement with additional field preparations, strain on Village services, availability of hotel accommodations, and impact on local traffic. Commissioner McPherson pointed out that past performance with the Celtic's tournaments organization was always very good; increasing teams in the tournament may generate revenue for the local businesses and benefit the tax payers. Supt. Moser responded that he consulted his staff and the park district has the man power to work the field set-ups if Celtic provides some volunteer manpower to dot (first line) of the fields; the extra hours staff incurs Celtic will reimburse as they are billed for such services. Celtic President Ruff added that we have back up fields available outside of Palatine in nearby towns, if needed.

Commissioner McPherson suggested that the Board change the amount of teams in the Labor Day Tournament to 400. President Gould said that this is an enormous jump in teams; not in favor for the big jump and the stress placed on staff; growing too fast is more problems. Commissioner Sawyer said that this is a way to payback debt to park district faster. Commissioner Rogers inquired about the amount of teams involved in the brackets, and accommodation/times of park usage, Celtic President Ruff said that they have a software program that creates the brackets and field usage time would be as recommended. Commissioner Cozza added that if we should need fields' usage outside of Palatine due to the turf project's possible

incompletion, the \$1,000 a day for delay covers outside rentals. Director Gbur reiterated that he has concerns, this is too big to fast; staying at 350 teams in 2011 should avoid problems with scrambling for senior fields if the synthetic turf project is not completed. Director Gbur added Celtic always has top notch tournaments; continuing, he is not against going to 400 teams in the next couple of years (375 teams in 2012 then 400 teams in 2013) but is strongly recommending going gradual with increasing the number of teams as we add two additional fields per year; making sure we can make it happen. Director Gbur said that he is not in support of this motion. Commissioner McPherson motioned that the Board amend and approve the initial motion from 350 to 400 teams for the 2011 Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament, Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion.

President Gould requested a roll call vote to approve the amended request for 2011 Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament increasing the park district support for up to 400 teams; the result of which follows.

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

NAY: Susan Gould

ABSENT: None

Motion approved as amended.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Eagle Pool site plan. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the final site plan for the new Eagle Pool. PHN Architect Pingel explained the changes/improvements in the final site plan; the drop off area is extended with widening the adjacent lane to allow cars to back out if the drop off zone is occupied, adjustment allowing for three more cars in the parking lot, zero depth in the tots pool extended, additional shade structures in the concession area, shifting the manager's office three feet north for a better view towards the tots pool, and additional sound barrier fencing on the north with aesthetically placed shrubs in front of the building's exterior. Supt. Moser said that the redo of the parking lot was not in the original budget. Discussion continued including options for the character of the water slide selection, consistency with the shade structures and tables within the pool facilities, and the importance of individual control for monitoring each water activity device. Eagle Pool's renovation is scheduled to begin in August of 2011. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Director Gbur introduced to the Board of Park Commissioners Eric Anderson from BMO Capital Markets for the presentation of Eagle Pool's renovation financing; Mr. Anderson explained options for funding this project. Importance of maintaining our current improved bond rating, now at Aa1 on path to an Aaa rating, and consideration that our growing EAV could decrease, Mr. Anderson said that he needs to do more investigating; limited park bonds, a debt certificate, or alternate revenue source bonds are our options for Eagle Pool's renovation funding. Analyzing our current debt and future major capital projects, with continuing the park district's history of discipline in spending and preserving our rating position; along with the current interest rates, will determine his recommendation.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Resolution #11-01; Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices (EPAMDs) used in parks and facilities. Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board of Park Commissioners pass Resolution #11-01 allowing the use of electronic personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMDs) in Palatine Park District parks and facilities effective immediately. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. This is a requirement not a request and will be incorporated into our ordinance. By a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved as follows:

AYE: Andrew McPherson, John Cozza, Nicholas Sawyer, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Community Park Message Board Sign. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners accept the bid of All Right Sign, Inc., in the amount of \$83,447 to construct a message board sign along Hicks Road directly east of the Family Aquatic Center. Supt. Moser responded to Commissioner Rogers's question that the sign board will be completed in spring. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

AYE: Andrew McPherson, John Cozza, Nicholas Sawyer, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #5 in the amount of \$533,623.83, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Supt. Zaldivar responded to Commissioner McPherson's question that the hay purchase was from a new vendor, Stonetree Landscapes, Inc.; formally McNulty Company has provided in the past. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, John Cozza, Nicholas Sawyer, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President Gould 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. Director Gbur highlighted that at the Legislative Conference which will be held in Springfield this May, the Rec Department will have a booth set-up during Park Day at the Capital. Joining Public Information Manager Owen and Director Gbur, Commissioners McPherson, Rogers, and Sawyer said that they will be attending.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Sawyer said that Community Center's Fitness Center has 'state of the art' equipment; very impressive.

President Gould requested for Future Agenda items; Commissioner Rogers said that she would like to see research in support of laptop computers, for usage of receiving the semimonthly Board Packet materials electronically, as an agenda item. President Gould added that along with vast paper reduction, the time and money involved with the delivery of the packets would also be a savings. Director Gbur also added that the NWSRA Board Packets now are delivered electronically.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed at 8:41 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:00 p.m. and President Gould said that the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the purchase of real property for the benefit of the District but no action will be taken.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:01 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Feid, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish A. Feid

Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Susan E. Gould

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

March 22, 2011

April 12, 2011

April 26, 2011