

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 28, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00P.M.

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director  
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  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Marilyn Pedersen, Museum Coordinator  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA Liaison  
Nick Sawyer, Park Commissioner Elect  
Kevin Keehn, Sundling Junior High  
Dennis & Sierra Hanson, former Commissioner  
Wally Degner, former Commissioner  
Fred Hall, former Executive Director

Edie, Heidi, Brigit, Kurt, Michelle, Ethan,  
& Greta Schultz  
Bob, Jody, Matthew, Danny, & Kaitlyn Stoltz  
Jim Moore, Bob Knapstein, Herb Rocha,  
Al & Melody Helms

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's agenda. Gbur said that an item under Section ①(1) of OMA, pending/probable litigation, has been added to Executive Session. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2009 was unanimously approved as amended.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Golf Course Workshop held March 14, 2009. Gbur said that two changes have been made on

page 2: ¶, change \$1.75M to \$1.25M; last ¶, second line 'expand' and light' practice range'. By a voice vote, the minutes of the Special Meeting/Golf Course Workshop were unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009. Commissioner Gould noted a typo at the bottom of page 3, should be Track not 'Tract'. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Commissioner Gould told staff that the daffodils at Hamilton are gorgeous.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Highlighting the signage for Dundee Road, Zaldivar said that it will be two-sided and cost \$5,000 installed. Commissioner Cozza commented that we may want to consider plastic, it would cost less and last longer; also, add Driving Range. Gbur said that we would like to keep signage consistent—people associated the signs with the Park District; bike trail signage just two blocks away. Commissioner McPherson said that the Park District logo needs to be on the sign, and Zaldivar replied that its purpose is to announce the Golf Course; there is limited space on the sign. Zaldivar then advised the Board that there had been a traffic accident at the Golf Course entrance—a car drove into Cobblestone Court—missed the entrance sign but took out our street sign (Palatine Hills Drive). Responding to a question, he said that 'free golf Friday' was at a park district course; commissioner-elect Sawyer took advantage of it—although it is a 45-minute drive from Palatine.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Kevin Keehn, a science teacher from Sundling Junior High, addressed the Board at this time. Keehn explained that for a number of years, part of the school's curriculum has been the reading of Homer Hickam's book **October Sky**, and the students build rockets out of cardboard tubing; at one time the rockets were launched from Hamilton Fields but due to an accident resulting in a child being injured, the rocket launchings were no longer allowed there and moved to Sundling's grounds; a neighbor recently complained about the noise result in Sundling canceling the scheduled launches from school grounds. Continue, he said the 364 kids are building rockets and he would like to request that the Board reconsider their position to allow the students (one class at a time) use of the north end soccer field area on May 13 and May 14 between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., to launch their rockets following the safety rules set by the National Society of Rocketry. Keehn said that the Village of Palatine has no code against this nor could he find any conflict with

the Park District Code—the rockets are not considered explosives or firearms, they are made of cardboard and do not use volatile fuel. Discussion ensued with the Board and staff regarding the previous accident (Rocket Club launch), guidelines for safety, providing a Certificate of Insurance, possibility of opening up to unsupervised launchings by the public. Commissioner McPherson said that ordinances have been waived, especially for Jaycee’s July 4<sup>th</sup> Fest; he would like them to provide some screening. Gbur said that he would get more information for the Board and get back to Mr. Keehn. Former Commissioner Dennis Hanson said that the school program has been going on for over thirty years with no injuries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers stated that there was no unfinished business to be addressed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Gbur requested that Commissioners Schultz and Gould sit forward and asked the Schultz and Stoltz children in the audience to join them. Commissioner Gould then read a book ‘**LASTING IMPRESSIONS**’, created by Commissioner McPherson with text by Commissioner Gould, commemorating the service of Commissioner Robert ‘Dutch’ Schultz to the Palatine Park District 1984–2009. Commissioner Gould then presented him with an engraved acrylic cylinder which read:

**ROBERT G. (DUTCH) SCHULTZ**  
**COMMISSIONER**  
PALATINE PARK DISTRICT  
In Recognition & With Grateful Appreciation of  
25 Years of Loyal & Dedicated Service  
April 28, 2009.

President Rogers then presented Commissioner Schultz with a picture of a Red Bud tree which will be planted near the Fred P. Hall Amphitheater in his honor, and read the bronze plaque that will be placed with it. Addressing the Board, staff and audience, Commissioner Schultz said that he was completely unprepared and overwhelmed; he thanked everyone, saying that he plans to stay involved, particularly with the environmental committee.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the naming of a park or facility Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners name the park area adjoining Palatine Hills Golf Course the ‘**Robert “Dutch” Schultz Recreation Area**’. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

- AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers
  - NAY: None
  - PASS: Robert Schultz
  - ABSENT: None
- Motion carried.

Commissioner Cozza presented Commissioner Schultz with a rendering of the new signage for the newly designated park area.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the certification of votes of the April 7, 2009 election. Secretary Bennett said that as a result of the Cook County Clerk's Office canvass of all votes cast for the office of Palatine Park District Commissioner; an Official Certificate of Results, with precinct detail, was electronically available earlier that day giving the results of that canvass as follows:

John (Jay) Cozza 6,860  
Nicholas G. (Nick) Sawyer 6,531  
Lige "Dexter" Stokes 2,138

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution #09-01, hereby declaring that John "Jay" Cozza and Nicholas "Nick" Sawyer, having received the highest number of votes cast, are duly elected to the office of Park Commissioner commencing May 12, 2009 until May, 12 2015. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of Parks Department Equipment. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners authorize staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$34,514.56 to C & CE Equipment John Deere Company for a John Deere 4720 Tractor with specified equipment. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated March 2009. There were no questions, but a comment was made that tax receipts have been slow.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #8, in the amount of \$1,873,430.81, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

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. A commissioner said that the link to the **Little 500** website did not come through; Gbur will email it again. Gbur said that he and President Rogers will be attending the Special Olympics Track Meet on May 3

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that it has been an honor to serve, he is leaving a great Board and knows that Nick Sawyer will do a great job. Commissioner-elect Sawyer responded saying that he knows he has big shoes to fill.

President Rogers requested Future Agenda Items; none were presented.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Rogers requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session for the purpose of discussion of acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District 2(c)(5), pending or probable litigation 2(c)(11), and performance of a specific employee 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Gould so moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

Motion passed at 7:50 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:38 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers stated that the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District, pending or probable litigation, and the performance of a specific employee. At this time, no action will be taken on the first two items.

Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Executive Director's salary be increased by 2%. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Schultz moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:40 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

/s/ Jennifer Rogers  
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: May 12, 2009 Annual Meeting  
May 26, 2009  
June 9, 2009  
June 23, 2009