

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, 505 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE, ILLINOIS ON JUNE 9, 2009 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 and Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Paul Thomas, PCSC Director of Coaching
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of June 9, 2009. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the meeting 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 May 26, 2009. 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 Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith said that for the first time IMRF is offering payment options to cover the larger percentage increase for employer contributions; option 1, limits increase to 10% (approx. \$45,000) spreading the increase over more than the usual five years - with interest on the balance, this would cost the Park District more in the long run; option 2, pay higher rate in its entirety (approx. 18%/\$80,000) spreading the loss over a 5 year period. We can opt to choose the lower rate now and pay the difference in December 2010 with no additional charges; normal IMRF budget projection is 3-5%. After some discussion, the Board agreed that paying additional interest fees doesn't make sense, and it will be shown as a liability; if economy improves, the monies will go into our reserve at IMRF, we are better off paying it all.

Staff then explained some of the problems experienced by the Golf Course's recent attempt at sending out 2,200 newsletters and issues with the Community Center's rooftop wireless hardware, all of which have been resolved. Responding to a question regarding Day Camp registration, Williams said that our programs are up and filled; other park districts we have talked with are down and they have requested names from our waiting list; our camps started today, camps at other park districts' are starting next week.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams introduced the new Palatine Celtic Soccer Club Director of Coaches, Paul Thomas. Thomas said that he came to Palatine from Michigan where he held various coaching positions for ten years; originally from England, he acquired his USF License and other necessary diplomas/certifications which qualify him for positions in the U.S. and Great Britain; very happy to have the PCSC position as his wife is working in McHenry.

President McPherson noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President McPherson noted that 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 Prevailing Wage. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #09-03 setting forth the prevailing wage rate to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of public works for the Park District as set forth by the IL Dept. of Labor. Commissioner Cozza commented on the high base rate for a specific classification. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion, 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 a request for an easement at Community Park. President McPherson said the he was expecting more information regarding this item, and Moser replied that it has not been received as yet. Due to this fact, President McPherson said the he would recognize a motion to postpone this item of business until the next meeting. Commissioner Gould so moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Moser assured the Board that he is in contact with ComEd regarding this matter; they are going to move the poles; Matt Berry (Village of Palatine) said that the road will be widened from Benton eastward to Kerwood. By a voice vote, the motion to postpone was unanimously approved as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #11, in the amount of \$779,740.31, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Responding to a question pertaining to Ticket Turtle, staff explained that all monies are deposited into a Park District account then dispersed to the various groups, i.e. MOS, LZ, etc.; Ticket Turtle's fee is \$1 per ticket whether purchases on-line (very popular) or purchased at the Cutting Hall box office. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

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 item 2, Gbur said that the Independence Day Parade is only three weeks away, need to know who will be participating in the parade, and if they want a golf cart. Each commissioner said they would be in the parade; signage is needed for Commissioner Sawyer; Commissioner Gould will be with co-workers, but would like to use a cart. Fireworks are on the third.

Williams advised the Board that the Village of Palatine Board of Health reviewed and approved Backyard Grille's set-up as our food vendor; legal counsel prepared an amendment to the agreement, and we will operate until the new contract is signed by Backyard Grille and the Board approve it.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza said that Danz provided him with a copy of PCSC Travel manual; there is no mention of the Park District's residency requirements - an oversight; they are an affiliate using our registration and

insurance so the residency requirements must be in there. Gbur stated that it is on the PCSC website; however, Commissioner Cozza reiterated that it should be in the manual.

Commissioner Gould said that she saw the letter from the Locust Park neighbor wanting a Bocce Ball court. Moser said that they looked up the specs but don't have a price, could do one there; the Senior Citizen housing complex is nearby.

Commissioner Sawyer said that he has been asked about 'lightning detectors' in the parks. The Board and staff responded saying that legal counsel advised against installing them; it is an act of God and people should use common sense; Palatine High School has system but sirens are often ignored; newest systems 'track or predict lightning' which is what the Board looked at a couple of years ago; have it on 'hold' – system costs around \$120,000 - \$140,000; being discouraged due to liability, lawsuits due to 'failure to communicate exit or evacuation' procedures; most golf courses are 'play at your own risk' as people will stay in open areas or pools; with changes in "Good Samaritan" law, installation of 'predictors' could eventually happen.

President McPherson requested Future Agenda items. No items were put forth.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: June 23, 2009
July 14, 2009
July 28, 2009