

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 NOVEMBER 9, 2010 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

Susan Gould, President  
Jennifer Rogers, Vice President  
Nicholas Sawyer, Treasurer

John Cozza  
Andrew McPherson

Staff Present

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

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Toni Bruns, Stables Manager/Trainer  
Trish Feid, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, resident/PHGA

Melanie Santostefano, Patch.com Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the agenda be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2010 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 October 25, 2010. 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. No questions were presented. Commissioner Cozza commented that the registration numbers for the fall programs look good, similar to 2008, since in 2009 numbers were down a little. No other questions or comments were presented.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Responding to Commissioner Rogers’s question, Supt. Williams said that Malcolm Pirnie, a local business that is a nationwide company, will be providing \$10,000 grant for the next two years for the program. Malcolm Pirnie helped establish the IComplete program. Supt. Williams reported that the weekend performances will be moved from Cutting Hall to the Senior Center; it will be 1 or 2 weeks before the clean-up at Cutting Hall is finished and the building is reopened.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Summer Program Evaluation Report 2010. Commissioner Cozza commented that it was a good report.

President Gould noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould noted that no one wished to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Gbur 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 Truth in Taxation Resolution. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Resolution #10-06 declaring the estimated percentage increase in the proposed 2010 aggregate levy over the amount of real estate taxes extended upon the final 2009 aggregate levy will be 3.1%. It was noted that it is a fair percentage increase; we are in line with other local taxing agencies. 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 Board Summary pertaining to Eagle Pool. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Eagle Pool; PARC Grant Resolution #10-07 authorizing the President and Secretary to execute the Resolution of

Authorization for the PARC Grant Application for Eagle Park Pool. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Review of the 2011 Golf Course Budget. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board review the 2011 Golf Course Budget. Supt. Zaldivar explained the revenue number is short due to the economy, lack of interest, and the usage of discounted golf; unfortunately, this has been the means of operation for the course for the last few years. Discussions ensued with the intent to cut the loss figure and start to break even by cutting expenses, such as part-time staff, supplies, and maintenance needs; also, to annually subsidize the dollar difference between the resident and non-resident rate and integrating additional marketing ideas to attract golfers. It was also suggested to keep as a footnote the golf course corporate loan amount. Commissioners would like Staff to go back and develop a revision of the budget. Commissioner McPherson said that he would like to see the budget reworked in a direction that avoids depleting the corporate funds; going forward, we need to manage with guidelines. The recommendation to revise the budget is not a reflection on management; we recognize and appreciate their effort during the current economy. A decision was made to table this item. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, to table the 2011 Golf Course Budget for revision and further review. By a voice vote, the item of review of the 2011 Golf Course Budget was tabled.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Review of the 2011 Stables Budget. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board review the 2011 Stables Budget. Stable Manager and Trainer Toni Bruns answered a question from President Gould that the increase for Boarders will be \$10/month, which is fair; there has been a drop in training/instructional and less horse shows, fewer competitions. Summer picked up with lessons and fall is holding. Commissioner Cozza added that it would be good to use the Stable property for additional programs; for an example, the square dance party and the *Fall Fest* which took place recently at the Stables. Commissioner Cozza moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the Board approve the 2011 Stables Budget. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the results 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 #21, in the amount of \$879,221.63, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Staff responded to a question pertaining to the payment to the Illinois State Treasurer that this was from unclaimed checks that were not cashed; the money goes back to the State. 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 an information sharing meeting for Eagle Pool will be held on Saturday, November 13 to discuss likes and dislikes of the current pool design and operation over the years and to begin developing a new conceptual design for the grant application process. Director Gbur mentioned that the part-time staff party at Falcon Park will have a circus, carnival theme.

Superintendent Smith distributed copies of the 2011 Operating Budget. Director Gbur asked that if the Board had any questions after reviewing the budget to call anytime prior to the Board meeting on the November 23. The budget for 2011 includes the Lightning Detection System, Golf Course Cart Paths and Drainage Engineer projects, ADA, ice rink, Stable's roofs amongst others. Director Gbur thanked Superintendents Williams, Smith, and Moser and their departments with the preparations involved with budget.

#### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza mentioned that he read recently that aerobic tennis helps to improve your swing, moves, etc., similar with aerobic golf; this might be a good addition to our fitness program.

Commissioner Rogers said that she went to a very nice fundraiser for SLSF; also attended the NRPA Conference in Minnesota and it was very good; enjoyed the sessions; interesting one about crisis with the economy. She learned that crime numbers can be lower in areas that encompass new parks or facilities in their community. Additionally, we are fortunate to have park districts in Illinois, most states have recreation departments together with their township or village.

President Gould requested Future Agenda items; none were presented.

#### 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 8:16 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Trish A. Feid

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary  
/s/ Trish A. Feid

President  
/s/ Susan E. Gould

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:      November 23, 2010  
   December 7, 2010  
   December 21, 2010