

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 11, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:30P.M.

Commissioners Present

Susan Gould, President
Robert Schultz, Treasurer
Andy McPherson

Commissioners Absent

Jennifer Rogers

John Cozza, arrived late

Staff Present

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

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Eric Kinkel, resident
Richard Edwards, PBA

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Eric Anderson, Harris Bank, arrived later

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of April 11, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of April 11, 2006 was unanimously approved.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers, John Cozza

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28, 2006. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the minutes of the prior regular meeting be approved as submitted. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of March 28, 2006 were approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Report. Smith said she would be glad to respond to questions. There were no questions or comments.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Highlighting several items, Williams said that Fitness is still low but we are pleased with the program transition, some of the new programs are real popular; the new spring break program at the POC was a drop-in type program with participants choosing from art classes, sports, and educational programs offered as a collaborative effort between seven agencies that provide services at POC. Staff met with the new Buhler YMCA Executive Director; she has a Recreation background and is willing to cooperate with the Park District; staff toured their facility and talked about sharing resources. Commenting on the 104 visitors for March at Clayson House, Commissioner McPherson asked is there nothing we could do to bring the District 15 kids through again and Williams replied that since the referendum failed, students cannot participate in activities requiring bussing even though they have received some financial assistance for bussing fees from the Park Foundation. Gbur said that they even resisted the 5th grade Safety Class offered by the Village – District 15 doesn't want to offer any 'extras'. President Gould said that Coordinator Pedersen has a "Trunk Show" and asked is she still made trips to the schools; Gbur replied that she did.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Fall 2005 Program Evaluation Report. Williams said that the report had been prepared by Danz who would be glad to answer questions; he said he didn't have a lot of to highlight; fitness numbers are down but we are offering a lot more quality, hired some new instructors and cancelled classes with low numbers. Danz said she thinks we are starting an upswing. President Gould said we seem to have made some good changes. Commenting on the Sponsorship Program, Commissioner McPherson said we might want to tell our residents what we are trying to accomplish; we also need to reserve some space on the back cover for our events; all in all, the comments were positive. Commenting on the CARE program, he noted there are 118 kids wait listed and asked what our plans were for accommodating them. Williams said the waiting list changes all the time and Stoltz said that at this time there are 74 on the wait list – only two schools have a big list. Williams said that we have spoken with the schools but the reality is the space isn't there; some 'classes' have been expanded but more rooms are needed; nothing we can do this year but will make more room for 2006-2007. A brief discussion ensued regarding such points as the program generating revenue; the lack of empty class rooms - teachers do not want their classrooms used; use resource centers and gyms; Supt. McKenna said they would find space but it is not a priority for District 15; School Board should look at it financially, but they doesn't know much about the program - there have been many changes in upper level staff of District 15; registration for fall has started, no advertising needed; need some creative solutions, maybe leasing. Referring to Mike's Bikes donations, Commissioner Schultz suggested a resolution recognizing his generosity; President Gould suggested we help by putting something in our catalogue, but Gbur stated we would have to ask him, he may not have room to store donated bikes.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould recognized Mr. Eric Kinkel. Kinkel, a thirteen year resident of Palatine, said he was present to request that the Board consider naming a park after Marion “Ma” Nugent as a memorial. He read some prepared remarks (copy attached to official minutes) saying that “Ma” was a long-time resident of Palatine and friend to many; worked at a shop in town and was an entertainment writer for two publications, her son, his friend Ted Nugent played in the park on Illinois Avenue (Birchwood) and said he would like to see him (Kinkel) get this done. Commissioner Schultz said that Kinkel should consider contacting the Park Foundation about a scholarship or sponsoring an entertainment program at Cutting Hall or the Amphitheater; can get information about this by calling Carol Lange; President Gould suggested sponsoring a play or concert. Commissioner McPherson said that the naming parks or facilities is often based on very large donations; have been approached regarding this before; one donor agreed with renaming our spring gymnastics show to the Mari-Rae Soper Gymnastics Show; there are many deserving people. Williams said that a scholarship is a good idea; Cutting Hall is a unique theater or even the sponsorship of the Battle of the Bands. President Gould read the Park District’s policy about naming parks after trees or birds stating that we don’t normally name things after people unless, as in the case of Fred Hall and Wally Degner, they have given many years of service to the Park District and community. Commissioner McPherson said the sponsorship of an event would be nice, but a scholarship gives back to the kids. Kinkel said that Ted Nugent had pinpointed the park on Illinois but that was just one of several ideas.

Commissioner Cozza arrived at 8:01 p.m.

Kinkel said that he appreciated the Board taking the time to hear him out. Commissioner McPherson asked Kinkel to let us know how his presentations with other agencies go. Williams said that if there is interest in a scholarship or sponsorship program or he wants to look at our facilities, please call him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gbur said that there was no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Annual Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner McPherson moved, and President Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the annual Treasurer’s Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, and that Treasurer Schultz be authorized and directed to execute the report on behalf of the Board. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to Resolution #06-05. Commissioner Cozza moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded that the Board adopt Resolution

#06-05 recognizing and congratulating the Palatine Township Senior Center upon it becoming the first nationally accredited senior center in the Northwest suburbs. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that warrant #7, in the amount of \$357,889.99, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Responding to a question, staff said that the repairs to Robin Park were not completely covered - \$1,000 deductible. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed board summary pertaining to a bond hearing. President Gould stated that the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) requires that a public hearing be called and held in connection with the sale of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto and that the Board of Park Commissioners would consider the adoption of an ordinance calling such public hearing. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #06-07 which calls for a BINA Hearing. Commissioner McPherson said that he thought \$5.65 included all costs. Eric Anderson arrived at this time. Gbur said that he has spoken with Anderson and right now rates have been inching up; the Board will meet on May 9 and if it approves a Bond Ordinance at that time we will get the current rate and save money; rates are expected to increase on May 10. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Anderson said that the rate is locked in when the Board passes the Ordinance. The Board, staff and Anderson engaged in lengthy discussion with Anderson explaining that current trends show things going higher - precious metals, mortgage rates, etc. – where it stops is anyone’s guess; the bond rate is locked in upon adoption of ordinance but closing in a reasonable amount of time is expected, around 45 days; when FAC bonds paid off in two years more funds will be available; prefer to see terms of fifteen years or less on front end when financing facilities (i.e. pools) as they start presenting problems around that time, by statute can go to twenty years; financing to purchase land go for longest period because you can always pull back; Board needs to take a look at the amount and term length of issue – ten years looks good on paper but payments are expensive; don’t want everything to come do at once. Gbur asked if the Park Board wanted to set everything at this time or if the Board wants Anderson to provide more information by next week; best to know what the Board wants to do before the public hearing on the 25th; can do Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday for a Special Meeting. Commissioner McPherson suggested reviewing the materials provided by Anderson, before coming to a consensus. Responding to President Gould, staff said they were confident in the \$5.6 million price at this time but the price of gas keeps going up and this could effect it; project will go out to bid in June with bid opening in July; for clarification, BINA hearing

notification listed the top dollar amount, cannot go over that amount; the Board could issue \$5 million in bonds and use \$1 million from reserves. Responding to questions, Anderson said he was not available for a meeting on Monday; the current average rate is 4.53%, the fifteen-year rate may be at 4.28%. At this time, Anderson gave a page by page overview of the Bond Issuance Plan he provided (copy attached to official minutes), responding to questions as he went along. Items he emphasized were current PD non-referendum bonding authority (\$6.6M max); a debt profile showing current debt, debt service extension base headroom and the B & I tax rate – all over a twenty-year period beginning in 2004 (when Falcon Park bonds were issued) – PD well away from ceiling of \$23.9M; a schedule of debt service showing roll-over 2006 issue to retire part of debt associated with FAC bonds; proposed action based on issuance of \$6M Limited Park Bonds; estimated interest earned during construction, with spend downs spread over 16 months; comparisons of option one – debt structured as level debt service versus option two – debt structured as ascending debt service; proposed action plans for capital projects for 2008 issuing Alternate Revenue and Limited Park Bonds; schedule of bond and interest levies 2007-2027, stressing DSEB headroom of \$360,000 annually through 2022 for future projects; things Moody’s look for when rating; and, proposed timeline for Series 2006A to capture low rates. There was some discussion regarding term – twenty-years at 4.53%, doing all at fifteen-years, ten-years leaves no headroom for small roll-over issues; may need to redo financing when getting to phase II; costs to repackage can be varied but could be retired faster; paying \$1M in bond principle and interest; will retire some of Falcon this year; referendum for alternate revenue issue would require a feasibility study; debt service of \$20M for twenty years at 5% equals \$1.6M or a 4¢ tax rate; each penny equals \$220,000 or 1¢ = \$5.50 to payer. Gbur said the Board needs to select option one or two; he would like to see PD go for fifteen years. Anderson said we could reduce FAC for this debt or for phase II. Commissioner McPherson said that if they are staggered correctly, we should have steady pool costs. Gbur said we also have other long-term capital needs, i.e. Golf Course clubhouse – to generate revenue, Golf Course irrigation was put in in 1992. President Gould said we could put a hold on Willowwood and Eagle. Commissioner Schultz said we should meet Monday with Commissioner Rogers. Gbur asked Anderson to redo page 13, ten-year term is not considered. Commissioner McPherson said he would like to have FAC bond issue retired before beginning phase II. The Board agreed. Anderson said he would come up with some more alternatives; he would have them to the PD by Friday. The Board agreed to a Special Meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center and asked the Secretary to advise the newspapers. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance #06-7 calling for a BINA hearing on April 25, 2006; results of the roll call follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director’s Report. Highlighting Item #2, Gbur said it would be nice to have commissioners stop by to watch the opening ceremonies; there is also breakfast served in the tent. He said that MWRD want the sheds structures removed; Moser has written the residents and they have until April 14 to comply. Responding to a question, Moser said the sheds appear to be sitting on concrete. Commissioner McPherson commented that now that Claremont Ridge

is within the Village's boundaries, can ask for annexation of the Park District's Wilke Marsh property when we ask for use of the dedicated road for Degner Park. Gbur said these five acres will abut the eight acres the PD owns at Wilke Marsh.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz complimented staff on the *Puppy Paddle* program and asked if it raises revenues. Williams responded that we raised fees last year and now charge for spectators; it is a special event and is geared not to lose money.

Williams said that staff is considering – after the renovations - having Birchwood stay open longer and closing FAC; FAC costs more money to operate, particularly staff wise. President Gould said that FAC is centrally located though. Danz said that we use to that – alternate the pool that stayed open until Labor Day; we lose staff by mid-August. Gbur said there are only two or three good pool days – attendance wise – then; the biggest group is lap swimmers.

President Gould commented on the *Hound Egg Hunt* saying that it was a lot of fun; the 'Bunny' was a big hit. Gbur said that staff took 1125 pictures with "Bunny", a.k.a. Keith Williams.

Commissioner McPherson said that Commissioner Cozza has mentioned doing press releases; he thinks that we should mention to our affiliates to remind their participants about street parking and being kind to our park neighbors by not parking where they shouldn't.

President Gould requested additional future agenda items; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:58 p.m. as follows.

AYES: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: April 17, 2006
April 25, 2006
May 9, 2006