

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 AUGUST 8, 2006 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

John Cozza, President
Robert Schultz, Vice President
Jennifer Rogers
Susan Gould

Absent

Andrew McPherson, Treasurer

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
Todd Ranum, Athletic Coordinator
Rachel Golda, Gymnastics Coordinator
Jeff Greene, Theater Coordinator
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PGHA
Vince Farina, PYB/PBA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Gbur said an item inadvertently left off of the Agenda regarding Surplus Pool Equipment will be presented under VII.G. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of August 8, 2006 was approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as newly presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith highlighted the first Safety Incentive Program saying that rather than paying out the entire sum, the committee voted for a 'Recognition Reward Breakfast'; sixty staff attended in two seatings.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams introduced the Athletic Coordinator Todd Ranum, who in turn introduced Rachel Golda, the new full-time Gymnastics Coordinator. Golda thanked the Board for approving the full-time position. Ranum and Golda responded to a request for background, saying that she was a University of Iowa graduate with a degree in computers and math; coached Junior Varsity Girls Gymnastics at Wheeling High School, honored as JV Coach of the Year; lives in Palatine, Fremd High School graduate, has been involved in the Park District's Gymnastics program for fifteen years – seven of those years working as a coach/instructor. Ranum also thanked the Board for approving the full-time position.

Williams highlighted the Fitness saying that the program is doing well - even through the summer which is normally a slower time; Tiger Shark Swim Team's Summer Splash event was very successful; July Pool figures very competitive with last few years – daily receipts

are up.

Responding to President Cozza, Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Cozza noted that Theater Coordinator Jeff Greene was present and asked him to say a few things regarding the upcoming event at Cutting Hall. Greene said that Cutting Hall would be hosting the International Micro Cinema Film Fest consisting of workshops at the Hotel Indigo, and films to be shown Saturday and Sunday nights at Cutting Hall; cost \$20 for approximately thirty films; really pleased that Park District could host this year, next year it will be in South Dakota; Thursday night at 8:15 a showing of local film maker's "Fate Twisted Simply"; Micro Cinema means film produced at a cost of under \$50,000 – this local film cost under \$2,000. President Cozza said that he attended last year and highly recommends it.

Bob Alexander said that the Takahashi Two-Ball event will be held at Palatine Hills September 9, 2006 at 10 o'clock; it includes golf and a nice dinner.

PYB parent Vince Farina thanked the Board and Williams for putting him on the Agenda. Mr. Farina explained that PYB and PBA have an issue resulting, he feels, in a Park District customer service issue rather than just the problem of the two separate boards. Youth Baseball changed its cut-off date from May 31 to May 1, and you cannot play down; PYB has 5 openings in under-12 Travel but his son whose birthday is May 5 and, like 10% of his age group small for his age, is ineligible; PBA is keeping its cut-off date of August 31 and will not honor the PYB May 1 cut-off and these kids are caught in a 'transition period', not a good situation; in his opinion this effects everyone in PYB; groups under the Park District 'umbrella' and his group of parents are simply asking for an transition for these kids. Responding to commissioners questions he further explained that PYB is now set up age specific and PBA is more school grade specific – not a smooth transition; National Little League moved its cut-off dates up and PYB – although not affiliated with Little League – followed suit; PBA's stand is that they do not want 7th graders playing with 8th graders; high school is different, they do not play travel team; 13/14 year-olds play on the same fields; the under-12 coach is excellent and he and his son want the opportunity to try out for the team. Williams said that the same issue exists with the House program. Gbur said that 95% of our problems are with the Travel Team program. Farina said that he doesn't see the need to revamp the whole program, tryouts are 8/19 and 8/20. Gbur said PYB is gets very excited about its Travel Teams, PBA –House program is everything; both are good groups. Commissioner Rogers said that the main thing is to keep an open line of communication. President Cozza said he has received some emails regarding merging the groups, something we can't decide – they must decide themselves, but this is a right-now issue and PBA may relent. Gbur said that this is a staff level issue, not really a Board decision; he and Williams are discussing the problem.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to contract change order. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$12,000 for the demolition of the house at 238 E. Palatine Road. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a temporary IDOT easement AT Palatine Stables. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board grant a temporary easement at the Stables frontage road to the Illinois Department of Transportation covering 653.4 square feet for the fee of \$1,400.00. Commissioner Rogers asked how we arrived at the fee and Moser replied that it is the same as the fee paid before. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Quentin Road improvements. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board support the alternate #1 bike trail option; furthermore, that the Palatine Park District strongly encourage both Cook County Highway Department and Cook County Forest Preserve to accommodate pedestrian walkways along this road improvement for the ease and safety of residents, all of whom are constituents of these special Districts, Villages and the county. Commissioner Rogers noted that this was the one furthest west on the map; President Cozza said that it was about 1/2 to 3/4 of a block into Deer Grove, it would need signage; Commissioner Gould said she was more concerned about safety – it is not visible from the road; Commissioner Schultz said that it is an existing trail; President Cozza said that is part of a five-mile trail. Commissioner Rogers said that we should keep fighting for a sidewalk. Gbur responded yes, we will continue to meet with the Villages of Palatine and Deer Park, eventually the southeast corner will get developed and developer may put some in; Village of Palatine may split costs for sidewalks to serve its residents up to Ruhl. President Cozza said that #3 (connector between Ruhl and Deer Grove path) belongs on our long-term capital program.

Gbur said it wasn't worth the cost just for that little section; option #1 is good for now. President Cozza said that we could use just 6" more on each side of Quentin Road and Moser said that DOH doesn't want anything on the roadway but cars. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Cutting Hall Dimmer Project Phase II. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners issue a purchase order in the amount of \$41,810.00 to Chicago Spotlight, Inc. for the completion of the dimmer project at Cutting Hall. Responding to Commissioner Gould's question regarding Blaze Electric Corp, Greene said that the Board approved the installation of the equipment by Blaze in Phase I, this phase is for the actual equipment. Gbur said that this has been a G & O's item. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the 2006 Palatine Park District Partner Program. Owen said that the ad cost for the catalogue back page was increased to \$2,500. Williams said that Commissioner Schultz is working with a sales listing program that he will share with staff. Gbur said that he spoke with Commissioner McPherson and Commissioner McPherson wanted it shown in the minutes of the meeting that is in favor of charging \$5,000 for the back page ad space; he said that you never know what it is worth unless you throw out a number. Commissioner Rogers agreed saying raise it to \$5,000 we could always lower it. Williams said that in the year since we have developed this program, we have had different advertisers (Harris Bank and Alexian Brothers Hospital) who have wanted to be involved, however this would be a dramatic increase; staff thinks we should gradually increase it over a couple of years so that these businesses can plan their expenses. Commissioner Schultz agreed with staff; he suggested that as we talk with our advertisers we can tell them it will be more expensive as we expand our program. Commissioner Gould said that she was more in favor of rates going up gradually. President Cozza suggested having advertisers bid and Gbur said that you could lose or have to re-bid it. Owen said that the Winter catalogue comes out in November, and Williams added that we are working with a tight timeframe; we will bring to the Board sooner next year.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Schultz moved that Warrant #15, in the amount of \$343,221.78, be approved and released for payment.

Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Staff responded to a question pertaining to replacing air conditioning to the Facility Coordinator's office and Gymnastics' office. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Board Summary distributed at the meeting pertaining to surplus aquatic equipment. Gbur said that staff had planned on this item being on the Agenda but it slipped through the cracks. Staff worked with Carey Park District who is interested in purchasing our Funbrellas but they need to get them before the pool demolition process starts (March 14); the Funbrellas are too big for use at our other pools. We would need a Board decision to move forward at this time, and then have the action formally ratified by the adoption of an Ordinance at the next meeting. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners authorize staff to sell the three (3) Funbrellas. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the cooperation we received from CCSD 15; August 1 the temperature forecasted was 100° and we had 150 campers that had to be moved to another site as Birchwood Rec Center had no power; Williams called Pleasant Hill School's principal and she quickly came to our aid. The Park District really appreciates the cooperation they gave us. Commissioner Rogers wished Gbur a good vacation.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that Palatine Hills was jammed today with Special Olympians as we hosted the SO regional qualifying event for the State games, with staff doing a clinic; there was Special Olympic staff from all over. The Course looks great.

Commissioner Gould said that she attended the POC Day Camp "Fiesta"; had the hottest

salsa she has ever eaten; she received a plaque on behalf of the Board and Park District with a photo of the participants. Gbur said that Williams just lives that camp, from the planning to the actual program; Williams and Danz tested all the participants for water safety – 30% of them could swim; Park District staff does a lot with the camp including chaperoning field trips. Commissioner Gould said she is disgusted with the numbers used by Celtic Soccer; first it is 11-12,000 people expected, then they try to sell me an ad with a 15,000 attendance/\$2 million campaign; now it is estimated at 16,000 invaders – who knows what the real numbers will be because some of the vendors do not pay tax. Commissioner Schultz said that is not the Park District’s problem. Commissioner Gould said that Palatine Celtic Soccer has a credibility problem. Gbur then explained his formula for the Tournament attendance: 340 teams less local teams times 15 players, 1.5 parents per player, and 1 sibling per player; Bob Haas has asked the Chamber of Commerce to give us a letter explaining how they estimate \$2 million comes into the community; not many hotels in Palatine but people do eat here.

President Cozza said he threw out the first pitch Saturday at the PBA tournament; there were eight teams made up of 18 – 28 year-olds.

Zaldivar noted that the Stables was hosting a NIHJA Horse Show this coming weekend; please stop out if you get a chance.

President Cozza requested Future Agenda Items; there were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Cozza requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session under Sections 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District, and of specific personnel. Commissioner Gould so moved and Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved at 7:46 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Cozza stated that the Board had met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the acquisition of real estate for the benefit of the District and of specific personnel. There is no action to be taken at this time.

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 8:14 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie Bennett
Secretary

John Cozza
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: August 22, 2006
September 12, 2006
September 26, 2006