

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 MARCH 28, 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
Jennifer Rogers
Andrew McPherson

Commissioners Absent

John Cozza, Vice President

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
Cathy Laegeler, Recording Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PGHA
Tom LaLonde, Williams Associates Architects
Peter Suhr, Williams Associates Architects
Mike Rink, Corporate Construction Services

Ann Allen , Swim Team
Sara Faiwell, Daily Herald

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of March 28, 2006. By a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of March 28, 2006 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2006 be approved. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2006 were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser reported that Robin Park is open again; we are behind schedule getting bases out, about 10% are in place. Commissioner McPherson asked if we had slide damage at Hamilton and Moser replied “yes”; it looks as if the slide had been hit with something, there is a hole in it; that section of the playground has been roped off and a new slide has been ordered. President Gould noted that the Stables is the ‘Park of the Month’; the pavers look good, but it looks like the ponies are standing in mud in the pictures.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar highlighted that the Golf Course opened on March 26 at 10:00 a.m. with 60 players using the course on the first day. The aisle resurfacing is completed at the Stables except for a few minor details needing to be finished; with the aisles done and the new lighting completed it looks like a different arena. The horse show has been cancelled this weekend; the numbers aren’t high enough to warrant putting out \$2,500 to \$2,800; the checks already issued will be voided; winter shows do not get a lot of attention, and a third- round date isn’t that popular; also, many people are on spring break; Toni sent out e-mails. President Gould commented that the Golf Course maintenance yard is looking worse; everything is laid out along the northern boundary. Superintendent Zaldivar said it looks worse in winter because all the leaves are down. President Gould said it needs landscaping along the Smith Street boundary line since everything is outside.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Gould asked if any one present wished to address the Board regarding an item not on the Agenda; there was no response.

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 Celtic Park Restrooms. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board reject all bids for the Celtic Restrooms. President Gould said that this was disappointing since we have been working on this for three years. Superintendent Moser said that the kit cost \$116,340.20; the floor, foundation, electric hookup, labor, and sanitary and storm sewers would be extra; the manufacturer said the national average cost is about \$104/square foot - ours came in at over \$380/square foot; this is more than the Park District

should pay; other costs include engineering, which along with the sanitary work has been done. Responding to questions, Moser said a custom building or building it from the ground up would still cost \$225 to \$250 a square foot; Hamilton was 3,600 square feet, this building it is about a third of that and would cost nearly as much; costs for the sanitary sewer is more because it would link to where the school buses park; we have the schools permission to hook into their storm water and also MWRD's approval; it is not something we can do in-house, the price isn't worth it; for special events we could rent high-end port-a-potties, maybe a trailer style – might even be better for seasonal play; the composting type presents an obvious concern due to copious use on Saturdays, and the Village may not allow them; we will look at other portable units as there are many kinds, some even have sinks; Celtic or Community might be good places to try them out, Celtic would be a particularly good spot. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to football jersey bids. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded that the Board award the 2006 Palatine Amateur Football Association Jersey Bid to Sports Scene of Palatine, IL and direct staff to issue a purchase order to Sports Scene for \$18,341.25. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a request for a waiver of the bid process. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded that the Board waive the Park District bidding requirement for purchases exceeding \$10,000 and approve the PAFA request to order 150 Revolution helmets from Riddell® at an approximate cost of \$15,450.00. Discussion ensued with President Gould expressing a concern that about 150 kids may have inferior helmets and for the cost of \$15,000, we should order all new helmets; what is the difference between 150 Revolution helmets or 300 Revolution helmets, why not advance PAFA the money so every kid can be in the best helmet. Staff responded that the old helmets are fine, they are safety certified; purchasing now might help with the price but the younger kids may not need the better helmets because they experience less impact, they are not at such a great risk. It was then suggested that we could advance \$15,000 this year to PAFA and they can pay us back next year. Staff recommended that we leave this decision to PAFA; this offer can be made to PAFA and staff would bring it back to the board at a later time, but they will need to look at it for the additional \$15,450.00. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion to approve the purchase of 150 helmets, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None
ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus equipment. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #06-06 declaring specific office equipment recommended by staff surplus. Staff said that we already have the new equipment. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows.

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

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of golf course equipment. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Park Board direct staff to issue a purchase order to Turf Professionals Equipment Company in the amount of \$14,344.25 for the purchase of one (1) Toro Workman 3200 Utility Truckster and one (1) 21” Greensmaster 1000 greens mower. This amount includes a \$7,000.00 credit for equipment which may be traded in. Without the trade-ins, the total is \$21,344.25. Commissioner McPherson asked if he understood correctly that we are trading in more equipment than we are buying. Staff said that is correct; we are trying to consolidate equipment; we like to have all Toro equipment so there are three greens mowers that we can get rid of now, through trade-ins or through outright sale of equipment; we are not being left short, as we can operate with less equipment. Staff continued saying that it is in our best interest to sell the equipment outright; in doing that TPEC would not necessarily be the lowest bidder but they furnish the preferred equipment, TPEC is a Toro dealer; J.W. Turf has different equipment; Jacobsen and John Deere have a different design system; we prefer all Toro based on our demo and usage of equipment, we feel Toro works better; we could specify Toro equipment, but some vendors will insist that their equipment is as good as Toro; we have the same issue with golf carts. Specifying Toro would be easier, but there is only one dealer in the area and the equipment dealers are not too happy when we do this; we have John Deere greens mowers, but will spec out what we want in the future. The Board agreed but suggested that staff should periodically check out other equipment. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Birchwood Pool Renovation Project. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Park Board include in the Birchwood Pool Renovation budget \$155,000 to incorporate a spray pad with approximately six spray features. Responding to questions, the Architectural staff said the spray pad area is 35 feet in diameter; six spray features is a tight fit, could have less features.

At this time the architects distributed renderings of the new pool area as they reviewed the project: the same general footprint of the bathhouse will be used; the pool will be an 8-lane 50-meter lap pool having a depth of five feet at each end and three feet in the middle, and a two and one-half foot circular entrance with steps for users to walk into the pool; there will be a 6-lane 25-yard lap pool; the deep well will have a drop-slide, 3-meter and 1-meter boards; the kiddy pool will have a zero depth edge going to one and a half feet deep, with a slide in the shape of a Tiger Shark and sprays on the pool deck.; site amenities include shade element over the kiddy pool between 10-12 feet high, the same height as over the concession area at the FAC; there will be plenty of deck space with the east side raised slightly and the perimeter area by the fence will have grass - the ground slopes to the west there so there will be a berm to help slope the area upward; we are going to move storm water off site; this area can be used for seating for swim meets; there will be a fence separating the kiddy pool from the main pool. Gbur said that we do not like to designate or restrict areas for specific aged kids; if the guards feel the kids are too big for the area, they can send them out; the spray pad could be a good area for some 6 to 12 year olds; we are happy with the concept of the kiddy pool area, it is bigger in the new design; we will get some complaints from the users of the kiddy pool as there will be no age designation there. Commissioner Schultz said some of the spray things that his grand kids like are the dumping buckets and geysers; they are not excited about flowers or fountains on a stick; the hoops and mushrooms are nice too. Staff said that could get some higher mushrooms and they would like to see buckets in there as well as the hoops; we could have cannons also as long as they can be controlled, put on the west side within the circle. President Gould said she did not want water guns, don't encourage guns or violence. Staff said that the kids like them, especially four to ten year-old boys; they would like to see buckets, geysers, hoops and mushrooms - geysers could go in between some of them. The Board liked that idea. Staff said we are going with a blue and green color scheme, and could use primary colors for some of the play features.

Reviewing the building floor plan, the architects pointed out that the yellow areas are public areas; there are family changing areas, guards' office, an administrative area, an accounting area, a guard area with a small kitchen, and a new manager's office, changing rooms and a first aid area. There are the men's and women's locker rooms with new toilets and showers - we are going to keep it the way it is now with the men's on the east and the women's on the west; an emergency vehicle could get to the pool deck and the chemical room from the southeast service road, it will have a twelve-foot gate; Commissioner McPherson was concerned with the lobby area being reduced saying that the lobby is a waiting area and a congregating area for teens; the hallway into the gym isn't big enough to hold a lot of people so they wait there, and by the vending machines; with the seating in the middle of the area he believes it is not a good flow. The architects said that the lobby aisles are eight feet wide and the bench is twenty-four inches; the stairwell railing has glass block all the way up to the ceiling. Commissioner McPherson said we could change the motion to include just 4 spray features and Commissioner Schultz suggested three large features and three bubblers; put buckets and mushrooms in. Asking about the design of the tiger shark slide, staff said it is a custom design; the design was taken to the preschools and everyone was fine with the design; Corporate Construction put numbers to the design items and their numbers came pretty close to the architect's figures.

Two new items under consideration are the spray area at a cost of \$155,000 and the new driveway drop-off area for \$315,000. Staff is not comfortable with the drop-off design as in this drop zone the kids can't see from the lobby. We don't have a problem with the price estimate and will still work on this but it might be as an alternate. Another concern was that people might avoid the driveway and drop off their kids by the loading dock. Gbur said a drop-off zone could get us points when applying for a grant (since Springfield works on a point system), but the current system has worked for thirty-five years; we'll continue looking at staggering camp release times; some parents would still have to wait for kids from other camps. Gbur said that we could spend \$315,000 for a solution no better than what we have ending up in the same place we

are now. He also said we are looking into possibly opening the gate to Peregrine Drive, although he has had some concerns from residents not wanting to have the gate open all the time; possibly have it as an exit only or divide the upper lot and residents to the west and south could use a part of the lot. In response to Commissioner McPherson' question about the bond market, Gbur said that Eric Anderson indicated that interest rates are starting to rise. Since we now have a more detailed cost estimate, we will next look to Eric to develop a bond timeline for the project.

Discussion next covered the building elevations. Staff said it is not too excited about the pointed roof over the addition; removing the pointed roof and painting lane lines instead of using tiles could bring the cost down about \$30-\$50,000. Staff said that in some areas we can reduce the estimated numbers by looking for additional cost savings. We would like to have the project out to bid by mid June.

For the spray play area, staff said we would like to keep the buckets, mushroom, geysers and hoops. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion amended to show a decrease in the number of spray features from six to four; the result of said vote follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Cooperative Bike Path. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Park Board approve an increase in the budget for the cooperative Salt Creek Bike Path with the City of Rolling Meadows to a total of \$63,110. Budgeted cost is \$40,000 for construction; \$9,000 or \$10,000 is for engineering. It is currently out to bid and Rolling Meadows is trying to get a grant from the Federal Government cover some of this cost. President Gould requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated February 2006. Commissioner McPherson questioned why the stables had \$9,000 higher expenses. Zaldivar responded that he wasn't sure why but would look into this.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #6, in the amount of \$742,782.15, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to bills from A&A Body Shop, and surveyor Michael Emmert. Responding to a question regarding a payment to the Village of Palatine, staff explained that Motorola misdirected a payment to us instead of the Village of Palatine so we just paid the Village instead of having Motorola issue a new check. President Gould requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion carried.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting Degner Park, Gbur said he had a conversation with people anxious to get the playground in; we had an area and now we have a new idea for the location of the playground; it will be on the Agenda for April 11; Saturday April 8 there will be a Park Board tour consisting of a walk though the proposed locations; some neighbors have concerns and some want it in as soon as possible as they have been waiting three years for a playground. Moser and C. Tynczuk will look for at locations next week, possibly the northeast corner where there wouldn't be any septic problems; we need to bring this before the Village Council so that we can get them to vacate Leonard.

Discussion ensued regarding a letter on written on behalf of Northwest Community Hospital as they want to expand the hospital. Commissioners asked if we have written letters like this before; it sounds like a little bit of carpet bagging as they aren't in our district; in what way do they benefit us. Staff said they are partners with us at the Palatine Opportunity Center and are interested in working with us at Falcon Park; it would be our way of showing support for them. Commissioner Schultz said that he wasn't in favor of doing this as a Board. It was suggested that maybe they should solicit more support from Arlington Heights; they can probably get what they want without our support; we should stay out of it. Staff pointed out that NWCH does have health care programs at our facilities; we just put something together in case the Board wanted to support this. President Gould said that if an individual commissioner wants to support this that is fine but the Board as a whole will not send a letter in support of this.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rogers said thanks to Debbie for going down to the legislative conference.

Commissioner McPherson said that he, Director Gbur and Superintendent Moser spent some time with the neighbors abutting Falcon Park. They talked about the use of the north and south drives; the neighbors don't want to see too much traffic brought into their area. It was a good meeting and they were supportive of the Park District. The parking lot at Falcon should be done sometime in late summer or early fall.

President Gould requested Future Agenda Items. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:54 p.m.

AYES: Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, Susan Gould

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Laegeler, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: April 11, 2006
April 25, 2006
May 9, 2006