

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 MAY 23, 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

John Cozza, President
Robert Schultz, Vice President
Andrew McPherson, Treasurer
Jennifer Rogers
Susan Gould

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation

Bradley Helms, Golf Course Supt.
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PGHA
Nancy Wedow, Prairie Woods Audubon Soc.

Brian Herner, Prairie Woods Audubon Soc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the May 23, 2006 Agenda. By a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting of May 23, 2006 was unanimously approved submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2006. Commissioner Rogers corrected an error on page 5, ¶5; it was she who commented regarding the Daily Herald article, and Commissioner McPherson who asked if the developer had approached the Park District regarding the developer's proposed 'park'. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Tynczuk responded to Commissioner Rogers explaining that a ‘tip-down’ is a vertical metal obstruction that blocks vehicles from driving in prohibited areas, e.g. the bike trail, park paths; the metal plate is ‘tipped’ or laid down when a maintenance or emergency vehicle needs access.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Revenue Facilities Report. President Cozza noted that rounds are up this year, particularly the number of 9-hole rounds. Gbur said that weekend rounds are down due to weather.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2006 Winter Programs Evaluation Report. Danz said that staff worked on canceling classes that were no longer popular; 105 new classes were offered this winter, only two of which were cancelled; Fitness is finally turned around with the addition of new classes and some new equipment. Commissioner McPherson commented that it is a remarkable turnaround; has there been any discussion to get District 15 to participate in the Cutting Hall programs, can the Foundation help; spend a lot of money on these programs not to have them utilized. Gbur said that we are hoping to finalize the C.A.R.E. contract in June or July before approaching them on this.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

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

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 asphalt, sealcoating and striping bids. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded that the Board of Park Commissioner accept the base bid of \$17,920.59 from B & K Sealcoating. Responding to Commissioner Schultz, Tynczuk said that there are eleven areas of asphalt paths or parking lots, e.g. Riemer, Hamilton, part of Palatine Trail. President Cozza suggested that future summaries contain some idea of where the work is being done. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of a utility tractor. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board direct staff to issue a purchase order to Town & Country Power for a Model 5425 John Deere four wheel drive tractor as specified in the amount of \$37,694.34; furthermore than an additional \$600 be spent on equipping the tractor with a two-way radio. Responding to a question, Tynczuk said that it was the state price, thus one bid. President Cozza called for a voice vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Palatine Prairie Loosestrife spraying. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board cooperate with the Prairie Audubon Society to cost share on the Loosestrife spraying for 2006 and up to two additional years. Ms. Wedow addressed the Board saying that the purple loosestrife is a big problem, beautiful to look at but each plant can produce as much as 3,000 seeds; the weed is not native to Illinois, it came from Europe and crowds out native plants; Prairie Woods members have been taking care of the area for at least twenty years and the weed has been a problem since they started; have tried to rid the area of the weed through controlled burns and spraying but purple loosestrife doesn't burn, and a license is now required to do spraying; the plant has gone beyond the control of volunteers. Continuing, she said that this year the group wants to get serious and eradicate it; PWAS has gotten quotes from two highly recommended companies, and would like accept the one from McGinty in the amount of \$3,600; Prairie Woods Audubon Society proposes to pay half and requests that the Park District pay half; will get bids to have to be done in the next two subsequent years but it should be cheaper each year; another possibility for future funding is, with assistance from the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, obtaining an Urban Wetlands Restoration/Renewal Grant which is administered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife; we really need to get rid of it. Gbur said that 95% of it should be eradicated the first year according to McGinty. Wedow said that we are very concerned about over spraying as there are over 100 plants we don't want killed; she explained the method and the conditions under which they will spray. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Herner said that the Chicago Wilderness group has been very successful; do not know the cost as there are several levels of membership, PWAS is a non-profit; they have done some really great work and encourages you to look into future. Responding to Commissioner Gould, Wedow said that she did not have first-hand knowledge of the operation of the Chicago Botanical Garden, but they would have to use the same method to get rid of the loosestrife. Wedow said that the Palatine Prairie has one particular rare native plant, which they omit from their list of plants to insure they are not pilfered or otherwise harmed; the Chicago Botanical Garden has it listed as a 'plant of concern' for people monitoring them. Wedow introduced Brian Herner, a past president and long-term volunteer with Prairie Woods. Responding to President Cozza, Gbur explained the program would be this year and up to two additional years; we

would split costs two-ways or possibly three-ways; \$1,800 is for this year only, PWAS will come back next year for additional funding. Wedow said that it must be done in consecutive years to insure success. President Cozza requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated April 2006. There were no questions or comments.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #10, in the amount of \$633,423.37, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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 distributed and highlighted the draft of our newsletter saying that he needed their input/corrections/changes, including any on Commissioner Schultz' letter, as soon as possible; Public Info Manger Owen did a nice job. Commissioner McPherson said that the Birchwood Pool rendering was not very clear; Commissioner Schultz suggested getting a different picture showing our Golf Course and President Cozza suggested the one that had been taken from the deck and was on the cover of the Parks & Recreation magazine several years ago. Commissioner Schultz responded that he was certain we had a disc full of photos. Some other suggestions were to give a general location of Falcon Park; Thursday evening concerts at Towne Square (Harris Bank concerts); a space is needed between Commissioners Rogers' and Gould's names on the contact list; change 'deep hopper' to diving well for clarification. Gbur requested that all comments be emailed to him by 7 a.m. Thursday.

Gbur requested suggestions from the commissioners for Recreation Center Tour #2; July 15 was unanimously agreed upon. President Cozza thanked Gbur for the corrected lacrosse information. Responding to a question regarding the letter from Confia Mortgage, staff said that as a sponsor they received two free tickets but eight people attended, then tried to sell their own raffle tickets – which was inappropriate and considered by the POC people to be an infringement on the event; their money is being

refunded. Commissioner Gould said the picture of the float shown in the pamphlet was one she took at last year's July 4th parade.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McPherson said that he had the chance to spend part of the weekend with soccer; Mae Kinsella came out and her grandsons gave out trophies. It was a good time. Bob (Haas) and Cynde (Bruck) were out there the whole weekend. Commissioner Gould said that she too heard the games - in her yard.

President Cozza said that he attended the tournament also; noted that the Golf Course is in good shape and the Dog Park looked in good shape too.

Commissioner Schultz said that on the bike trail by Williams Drive there was a 'bowl' of setting water that could not drain, staff got out there and drained it quickly.

Commissioner Gould said that there was shopping cart in the pond at Celtic Park; Saturday Village Public Works employees went out there and got it out. Danz said that Haas called and had this accomplished. Commissioner McPherson said that Public Works did this as the home owners didn't do it. Danz said it is the responsibility of the homeowners, but it makes the Park District look bad.

President Cozza requested Future Agenda Items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Cozza requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session under Sections 2(c)(1), 2(c)(5) and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of employment of specific personnel of the District, the purchase or lease of real property for the benefit of the District, and review, approval or release of minutes from prior executive sessions. Commissioner Schultz so moved and Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved at 8:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Cozza stated that the Board had met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the employment of specific personnel, the purchase or lease of real property for the benefit of the District, and review, approval or release of minutes from prior executive sessions. Commissioner Gould moved

and Commissioner Rogers seconded that the position of Gymnastics Coordinator be changed to a full-time, fully benefited position; said position will require 30 hours administration time (20 recreation programs, 10 team) and 10 hours of coaching/instruction. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion carried.

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Gould seconded that the minutes of previously reviewed and unreleased executive sessions conducted on November 23, 2003, December 16, 2003, January 14, 2004, January 24, 2004, March 9, 2004, April 13, 2004 be released; furthermore minutes from executive sessions conducted on October 12, 2004, November 9, 2004, November 23, 2004, December 7, 2004 and December 21, 2004 also be released. Upon a voice vote, the motion was approved as follows.

AYE: Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson, John Cozza

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Jennifer Rogers

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:39 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: June 13, 2006
June 27, 2006
July 11, 2006

