

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 OCTOBER 9, 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
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Jeff Arce, Swim Team Head Coach/Coordinator
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PGHA

Steve Irsay

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of October 9, 2006 was approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2006. Commissioner Rogers noted that under the Parks Department Report her question was unclear and she asked that Birchwood Pool Renovation project be inserted. 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

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Goals & Objectives Workshop of September 26, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the workshop were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith highlighted the Network conversion still in progress; staff has been busy updating and refining set-ups; on-line service will be down a couple of days prior to going to the “live version” on October 23, Deb Owen will note this on our Website.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Danz highlighted the Fishing Derby saying there were 170 participants although it was a little chilly and bad weather had been forecasted; not a lot of fish were caught, the biggest a 20” catfish. Commissioner Gould noted that the Puppy Paddle can’t be held any more. Gbur explained that although we advertise this event is for dogs only, and try to keep people out of the pool, some do get in (one this year); this has been a very popular event. Williams said that staff will be talking with other Park & Recreation superintendents and may approach the State of Illinois collectively to see if something can be worked out; Health Department’s main concern is people going in the pool with the dogs.

At this time Danz introduced the new Palatine Swim Team Head Coach/Coordinator Jeff Arce who started working for the District last Monday (10/2); he had thirty phone calls before he even got started. President Cozza welcomed him aboard on behalf of the Board.

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Cozza noted that Steve Breese was not in attendance; Moser said that he tried to contact him at his job however government office were closed. The Board reviewed and discussed the letter from Mr. Breese regarding his proposed multi-use trail and pedestrian underpass being installed during an IDOT construction project in the Northwest Hwy. /Dundee Road area. Moser said that IDOT responded to his last letter that they did not own easements in that area. Discussion ensued with commissioners commenting that Breese’s new request was that the Park District contact Union Pacific Railroad to request a trail easement; is there a specific destination for the proposed trail, i.e. will it hook-up with an existing trail; Park District jurisdiction abuts Forest Preserve on north but then only goes east-southeast

from that junction; if the purpose is to connect to Barrington, shouldn't BPD be involved; this should be part of a broader plan; trail would be close to Colfax then can tie into street routes to get to Riemer; get a lot of cyclists from Palatine Road and Forest Preserve. The Board directed Moser to write the letter to Union Pacific Railroad.

President Cozza recognized Steve Irsay. Mr. Irsay addressed the Board saying that the smoking ban was a great idea but a bit premature; is discriminatory if you cannot smoke near fields, pools, concerts but can smoke at the Golf Course, a pay-to-smoke plan – economics seems to have been a part of this decision to enact a smoking ban; should be applied consistently and fairly – everywhere and all the time; roads and sidewalks are public property, some fields owned by School District, reservoirs owned by MWRD, these should not come under the control of a Park District ban; it also implies selective enforcement, people only ticketed if someone complains; why 'no smoking' – why not 'no drinking' too; what about the 4th of July Festival; it should be included in Jaycee's permit that they must advertise that Community Park is a non-smoking area. Commissioners and staff responded to Mr. Irsay's comments saying that the main purpose of the ban was to keep the areas where our kids and other groups of people congregate as free of smoke as we can; School District does not allow smoking on their properties either; we lease the reservoirs and feel we have jurisdiction but will look into it; the road between the fields at Celtic Park is owned by the Park District and comes under this ban; Golf Course was a tough call, however we owe it to the taxpayer to keep it profitable - this facility is self-supporting; in an ideal world, everyone would stop smoking, but in the meantime we must try and protect our young people from second-hand smoke; a smoking area will probably be set aside during the Jaycee's Festival, but it should be outside of the fifty-foot restricted space; the Village of Palatine will also be enacting a no-smoking ban, change is coming; if the Board finds that an adjustment to the ban is needed, it will be done. Mr. Irsay reiterated that what he expects is that the ban be fair and consistent.

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 the selection IAPD Annual Meeting Delegates. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve John F. Cozza as the delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the IAPD to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, on Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; furthermore, that Robert G. Schultz and Ron Gbur be appointed as first and second alternate delegates respectively. 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.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the NWSRA Annual Assessment. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board adopt

Resolution #06-09 which ratifies the recommended NWSRA assessment for calendar year 2007 in the amount of \$385,376.54 as recommended by the Board of Trustees of NWSRA. 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 phone system bids. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board reject all bids received for the Birchwood Phone System and that the entire project be re-bid with system programming, training, and a service contract included in the revised bid specifications. Responding to Commissioner Schultz, Gbur said there were only two bids and when staff realized the error, it was too late to do an addendum. Responding to questions, staff said that the entire phone system was scheduled for replacement next year - it is antiquated; portion of Birchwood being done now due to the construction; have had a lot of problems with Birchwood's system. 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.

President Cozza then recognized Bob Alexander who had returned to the meeting. Mr. Alexander said that he received many positive comments regarding the no smoking ban; probably necessary that smoking be allowed on north side of the clubhouse deck but there are very few people who smoke now. Zaldivar said that they have not had a PHGA Board meeting since the ban was passed. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Alexander said that smoking is very random, seldom run into it.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #19, in the amount of \$730,665.40, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. President Cozza commented that funds were rapidly going to the Birchwood Pool project. 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. Highlighting item #3, Gbur said that bid documents are done for the Palatine Hills Drive replacement and our estimates are \$155,000 short. Moser said that the engineers' estimate increases in fuel and asphalt costs; we need to determine what we are going to do; possibly start in February and open late in April or begin the work in October, 2007. Gbur said that we will bring plans to next meeting; curbing has been added to the project. Responding to questions, staff said it would take about four weeks; one thing we would like to do is open on weekends. Zaldivar said staff would like it done primarily in our winter months so that it doesn't impact the Golf Course. Moser said that excavation needs to be done and the problem with opening on weekends is that the base would be contaminated; a decision hasn't been made yet. Responding to Commissioner McPherson, Zaldivar said that we have asked permission from Auburn Woods to try and do something cooperatively during the Northwest Highway repairs – very emphatic that they are not interested. Commissioner Gould said that all that traffic through their development would be a nightmare.

Regarding item #2, copies of preliminary drawings of a development by Cambridge Homes were distributed; this development will be going before the VOP soon; the Park District will be getting land in lieu of cash; right-of-way is not a part of the donation; property does include tree which the VOP wants to protect; it is two parcels, only concern is that I would like to have it 'line up'; it is about twelve acres, detention area is only two or three feet deep and mostly dry – not in the floodway; use would depend on ingress and egress. Commissioner Rogers said that she liked the way it was laid out; Commissioner McPherson asked about street parking and Commissioner Schultz said there should be parking on Doe road and commented that some homes on west side will be close to manure pile. Gbur said that he has been asked if we are sure we are never going to sell the Stables and has responded that we are not – only consideration given was when Metra expressed an option.

The second rendering was a preliminary drawing of a proposed independent living facility development by Wayne Johnson. Moser said that the proposed building was directly west of the Palatine Prairie. Gbur said the plan is for seven stories, two hundred units; because of the height, it will block the sunlight from the Prairie; another concern is service and emergency vehicle traffic. Moser said that our concerns regarding the light and storm water salt – which we have asked them to re-route – have been expressed to the developer and the Village of Palatine. Commissioner McPherson questioned how much land we were asking for; are they building a berm; what needs to be done? Gbur said that we just wanted to bring this to the Board's attention, property is owned by Seamless Gutter and Wayne Johnson; the Village of Palatine people are excited about the project.

Regarding the Falcon Park Rankings, Gbur said that he thinks we are zeroing in; there are people who want the VOP to take over the proposed Aldi site for a Village Hall or Police Dept.; maybe we will hear something in the next few months.

Regarding the new bike trail/bridge dedication, Commissioner Gould said she thought 11 a.m. was a little late in the morning; Commissioner Schultz said that it is a nice bridge – 10 ton; President Cozza said he didn't expect it to be so big. Moser said a lot of the expense was the engineering; ten feet wide because of new bike path requirements; no traffic will be allowed bridge – a tip gate will be put in at Emerson. Gbur said that staff went biking over the path and he saw a man pushing a woman in a wheelchair across the bridge – nice to have that area accessible now. President Cozza suggested someone mention to former Commissioner John Peterson – he was the first one to come up with the idea.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2006 Master Plan Update. Gbur said it was just to let the Board know the status of various projects.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz asked who attended the Open Meetings Act/Freedom of Information Act seminar. Gbur responded that he and Secretary Bennett attended and it was very informative. Commissioner Schultz asked for a report on the seminar. Commissioner Schultz said that the Forest Preserve is expanding their gravel trail in Deer Grove – next to a paved trail.

President Cozza said that the fence along the bike trail near the eastern border of Harper College is falling down. Moser said that it is Harper's responsibility and he will contact them. Danz said that during the Fishing Derby, people cut through there.

Commissioner Rogers said that she would like to attend the Legal Symposium but would have to let us know later.

Commissioner Schultz asked when PIAC representatives were coming back and Gbur said there was an Executive Session item pertaining to this matter.

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 for the purpose of discussion of possible acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District, Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McPherson 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, John Cozza

NAY: Robert Schultz

ABSENT: None

Motion approved at 8:54

The Board returned to regular session at 9:26 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Cozza said that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss the possible acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District (OMA Section 2(c)(5)). There would be no action taken on the first item. Regarding the second item, Commissioner McPherson moved, Commissioner Gould

seconded, that the owner of the property be advised by staff that the Park District is not interested in purchasing the property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Schultz moved that the meeting be adjourned; Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:28 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Robert G. Schultz
Vice President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: October 24, 2006
November 14, 2006
November 28, 2006