

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 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
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Kevin Romejko, Human Resource Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PGHA

Joe Hovanec, JHG Benefits

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Commissioner McPherson said that he would like to add discussion of general personnel to the Executive Session, and Gbur said that Specific Personnel had been removed. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of September 12, 2006 was approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2006. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Goals & Objectives Workshop of August 22, 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. Responding to Commissioner Rogers' question, Smith explained that BSSI ownership changed shortly after we contracted with them last fall, right after the change we experienced some 'administrative' problems – not with payouts, but other things among which was that the new owners wanted us to switch drug providers; recently BSSI changed ownership again and with the new change BSSI has reneged on the change in drug providers; we feel comfortable with the new owners, and BSSI is still the low bidder. President Cozza noted the increase in on-line registration. Smith replied that registration staff is still quite busy; we get a lot of phone calls, e.g. residents forget their passwords or their address doesn't exactly match as programmed, i.e. street, road, lane, etc.; working with AEK to do drop-down boxes for this; going through conversion, part of which is the daunting task of record clean-up; workload has not dropped – just shifted; on-line registration is good for customers especially during walk-up registration, which now can be done in only 1½ to 2 hours. President Cozza suggested using the nine-digit zip code, however, everyone commented that most people don't know or use the number.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Highlighting *FeetFest*, Williams expressed thanks to Commissioners Cozza and Rogers for being starters, Commissioner McPherson for running, and the Park Foundation for sponsoring *Sprint-on-Wheels*, it went very well. President Cozza said that staff did a great job and Commissioner McPherson said that the 'new and improved' course was good.

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

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Cozza recognized Palatine Hills Golf Association liaison Bob Alexander. Mr. Alexander highlighted the Takahashi Classic event held at Palatine Hills this past weekend (September 9/10), saying that aside of some weather issues, a great time was had; elections were held, the new president is Ken Mattauk, and two new members were elected to the Board; if there is anything they can assist with, please call.

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 renewal of health insurance. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the renewal of the Park District’s group health program with TransAmerica (Cairnstone Underwriter) for the twelve month period beginning October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2007, said renewal program to be characterized as presented in staff’s summary. Commissioner McPherson requested that the Executive Session be moved forward to this time.

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 general personnel matters under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McPherson 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, Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved at 7:41

The Board returned to regular session at 8:42.

Commissioner McPherson said that the Board met in Executive session to discuss benefits to all classes of employees. Although the Board is in favor of the insurance plan it has been concerned with the new level of employee contributions per pay period for health insurance. Therefore the Board is requesting that staff and the Insurance Committee develop three other plans with diverse scenarios or options showing higher deductibles, co-pays, prescription drug costs and out-of-pocket maximums but with lower employee contributions; we would maintain the same stop-loss carrier, administrator, etc. Commissioner Gould suggested that this item of business be tabled until staff could provide this. Commissioner Schultz noted that we have an October 1 deadline. Commissioner McPherson said that the plan could be amended at the next go-round. Commissioner Schultz said we are throwing it back at the committee. Commissioner McPherson said that the plan is fine with him but it would be good to look at other options. Smith assured the Board that the Committee would look at it the next day and have something for the Board to review at the September 26 Board meeting. President Cozza requested a roll call vote on the original motion, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: Susan Gould

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to conduct ordinance revisions. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the two revisions to Conduct Ordinance No.04-05 as presented by staff (attached to official minutes). Commissioner Schultz requested that in the last sentence, the word ‘in’ be changed to ‘on’; he said that this pretty well covers everything. Commissioner McPherson said that he would prefer prohibiting smoking anywhere on Park District property. Lengthy discussion ensued with commissioners commenting on other smoking ban laws and presenting various scenarios regarding parking lots, the bike trail, bridges, the gazebo at Towne Square, and enforcement. Responding staff said that all buildings, including the Palatine Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, have been smoke free for years; we would not go around looking for smokers (harassment), however when made aware of offenders by people’s complaints we are now in a position to have a ticket issued; enforcement would be similar to Village’s pet ordinance, when people complain tickets are issued; smoking was prohibited at the Skate Park, now it can be enforced when someone complains; fifty feet was decided upon because the standard fifteen feet/five yards does not seem an adequate enough area – we are trying to protect groups of people that are in an area for a specific reason, e.g. spectators at athletic/artistic events. Commissioner McPherson said his concerns are his “personal space”; he has a right to be anywhere on Park District property – even parking areas - without being subject to secondhand smoke. Williams said that we would then have staff leaving work for their breaks. Gbur said that with the revision, we can take some action, and Commissioner Schultz added that there will be a lot of smokers who will support it; can’t eliminate entirely there should be some tolerance; need to keep it in line with other towns to keep it simple – it is more effective to give a ticket they can pay than to go to court. Commissioner Rogers said that we should not completely ban smoking, but get it away from main venues – athletic fields and concerts. Responding to more questions, staff said that by ordinance the fine can be as low as \$25 or as high as \$500; the Palatine Police will issue the tickets; we will do a press release to make the public aware and it will be included in future catalogs. 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 2006 paving projects. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board accept the low bid of \$121,706.00 submitted by Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for the 2006 Asphalt and Concrete Projects. 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 a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Gould moved that Warrant #17, in the amount of \$641,834.58, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to first-aid kits. 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 (temporarily left meeting)

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 reported that he and Commissioner McPherson went to Springfield that day and gave a presentation for an OSLAD Grant to accomplish a Recreation Path around Hamilton fields. Moser said that getting a grant depends a lot on how many points you accumulate but staff felt it was worth trying. Commissioner McPherson said that our request is a small amount in comparison to some of the others which could be in our favor is that; overall, it was a good experience.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz requested that staff investigate having WiFi installed at Towne Square; saw it in Seattle; thinks it probably could be done at no cost to us; some vendor would probably love to do it. Gbur said that he considered at Birchwood, but Commissioner Schultz emphasized not at the pool as the parents need to keep their attention on their kids.

Commissioner Gould said that she attended the Puppy Paddle; need to have a baby pool for the little dogs – the big dogs steal all the toys; she said Channel 5 News showed a 'doggy swim' from another state in a pool, they should have looked more locally. Gbur said that we almost cancelled our event due to a rumor regarding the Department of Health. Commissioner Gould continued saying that staff did a good job at StreetFest; Lab or Day Soccer Tournament was noisy, lots of traffic – many cars illegally parked in no parking areas or areas requiring permits, called the police every day.

President Cozza said that he enjoyed working at FeetFest and at the Park District booth; bike path and bridge should be complete within a few weeks, maybe do an 'opening' ceremony, don't know if Rolling Meadows is planning one – use his backyard as a gathering place.

Commissioner McPherson said that he gave out some trophies at the Labor Day Tournament; people were really pleased with the field conditions and the weather.

Commissioner Rogers said that Gbur and Moser gave her a tour of Wilke Marsh; it is a beautiful site with lots of wildlife.

President Cozza 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 and the Board convene in a Goals and Objectives Workshop. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:15 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT:

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ John F. Cozza
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: September 26, 2006
October 9, 2006 (MONDAY)
October 24, 2006