

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 DECEMBER 11, 2007 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

Robert Schultz, President
Susan Gould, Treasurer
Andrew McPherson
John Cozza

Commissioner Absent

Jennifer Rogers, 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
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Sandy Moser
Bob Alexander, PGHA

Terry Ellis, Celtic Soccer
Marty Josten PYB/S

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Gbur noted that the Warrant to be approved was #23. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of December 11, 2007 was approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Responding to a comment regarding coverage by MRMA of the Golf Course storm damage, Smith said that lost revenue was not covered unless the clubhouse was damaged; \$10,712 will go into Golf Course revenues.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams thanked the commissioners who attended the Part-time/Volunteers Staff Party and the Board for allowing the Park District to provide this event. He highlighted another successful *Turkey Trot* thanks to great cooperation from Registration and Park staff; it was another miserable weather day. Updating the Board on the Palatine High School pool agreement, Williams said that he and Danz have been working with PHS staff getting January through March scheduling approved; Swim Team's concerns this season have been the cancellation of pool use due to attendant not showing up, two parents were trained to be back-up attendants, but District #211 put this on hold; for the most part, we are working well right now. Responding to questions and comments, staff said that the situation is only at Palatine High; the teams rotate their practices at the facility; Williams and Danz are attending the #211 Board meetings, although the parents are unhappy with the situation, a hundred irate parents are not needed at the meetings. Danz said that the PHS feeder program offers open swim/drop-in for free, this allows the girls to stay in shape while not competing; our kids have been encouraged to go during the off-season. Gbur said there are always two sides to an issue.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Williams introduced Marty Josten, President of Palatine Youth Baseball/Softball. Josten said that he was new at this although he has been on the Board for four years; Williams and former officers have been a big help. Josten addressed the overview items in the Annual Report provided in the packet (copy attached to official minutes) regarding number of participants, games and fields being used; thanked staff for the use of Osage, they have used the heck out of Lindberg; Hamilton is something the community can be very proud of, it is a great facility. PYB/S Board is getting younger – it is regenerating itself and trying to be more consistent; rating process for players number one priority, and cooperation with PBA is better taking full advantage of sharing facilities; also high on their list is positive play and parent experience, coaches training, and Web Site - which is heavily relied on – survey emailed had a response rate of 17.7% - 97% of those responses were positive; most wanted is a longer season and more practices. Responding to questions Josten said that the latest game at Hamilton starts at 7:30 and is usually done by 9:30; only problem is lights turned off before parents and players off the fields; they follow Little League Association rules regarding equipment (aluminum bats) and safety issues; Board has attended drafts to insure process is not compromised; there was a good transition of Board officers, Ed did a good job and the experienced members have given a lot of feed-back. Gbur

said that staff takes affiliate presidents out on a regular basis to discuss our priorities. President Schultz thanked Josten for attending and providing his report ahead of time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Schultz noted that 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 2007 Tax Levy. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #07-05 assessing and levying taxes for the 2007 tax year. Gbur noted a \$24,000 adjustment due to the change in the EAV. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the abatement of taxes. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #07-06 abating taxes levied for the Aquatic Complex, 1998 General Obligation Bond Issue. There was no discussion. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Board Summary pertaining to the previously reviewed 2008 Budget, excluding Golf Course and Stables. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that Calendar Year 2008 Budget be approved as presented on November 27, 2007 with the revisions recommend by the Board to reflect the approved targeted tax rate of 41.5¢. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to 2007 Honor Roll Nominees. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve accepting Honor Roll Nominees as submitted by the Honor Roll committee. Commissioner Gould stated that she had a personal issue with, in her opinion, one candidate's lack of integrity and stated the basis of this opinion. President Schultz disagreed, saying he felt that her comments were based on hearsay; traditionally, when adding to the Honor Roll we try to be unanimous, but it has not always been that way. Commissioners McPherson and Cozza said that the Honor Roll nominees are based on their volunteer service to the Park District. Discussion ensued regarding some of the issues presented by Commissioner Gould regarding the candidate. Gbur corrected one item pertaining to Hamilton Sports Field lights. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Motion approved.

Commissioner Gould said that she voted in favor of the motion with reservation.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #23, in the amount of \$613,591.43, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. The Board had no questions. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

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 gathering at Clayson House prior to the December 18 meeting to view the Christmas decorations; he drew the Board's attention the email recognizing Landscape Architect Cheryl Tynczuk for the way she dealt with him on behalf of the Park District at Hummingbird Park. Responding to a question, Moser said that the playground at Hummingbird is being renovated; it is fourteen years old. Gbur said that that area has really changed. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Gbur said that the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on February 2 begins at noon.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould said that she called Williams regarding sledding at Hamilton; actually some were snow boarding and building mogels into the bollards; we don't usually get the older kids there.

Commissioner Cozza said that he and Commissioner Rogers attended the Harper College dinner/round table which was excellent; he found the ‘population poll’, included in the Board packet at his request, of particular interest – really shows how things are changing; Harper very happy with volunteer boards in Palatine and showed how we could support them more. Commissioner Gould said that it would be interesting to see if in ten years we can still divide people into these categories with families becoming a mixture of these different ethnic groups.

President Schultz commented on the Celtic Soccer decal which he sees on many cars saying that the Park District might want to think about designing one for our basketball program; PAFA (Panthers) and the Swim Team (Tiger Sharks) have decals too; Arlington Heights Acers use decal with the Park District’s logo.

President Schultz 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 meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:51 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jennifer Rogers

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert G. Schultz

Robert G. Schultz, President

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett

Bonnie M. Bennett, Secretary

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: December 18, 2007 (third Tuesday of the month)
January 8, 2008
January 22, 2008