

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 JANUARY 9, 2007 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
Jennifer Rogers
Susan Gould

Commissioners Absent

Andy McPherson, Treasurer

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA

Steve Breese

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of January 9, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the regular meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the minutes of the prior regular meeting be approved as submitted. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of December 19, 2006 were approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Report. Responding to President Cozza's comments, Smith said that there is still doing a lot of AEK conversion work being processed. Regarding Swim Team Head Coach recruitment, Danz said that staff feels we are getting close to a selection; Patrick Griffin, a long-time pool employee has been helping out as an interim Head Coach and is doing a good job.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams said that he had nothing to add to his report. Staff responded to comments regarding low attendance at Cutting Hall events saying they are considering dropping the *PPD Presents* series, as there seems to be a lack of interest; whereas the theater groups have their own regular following.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Cozza recognized resident Steve Breese, who was present to again address the possible creation of a bike path in the Northwest Highway/Dundee Road area where IDOT will be working on road improvements. Breese said that as the Board was aware the Union Pacific Railroad declined the easement request he originally proposed; he then handed out copies of aerial maps of the area saying that there appears to be excess property on both sides of Dundee Road and he was soliciting suggestions on how to proceed with this opportunity to get a bike trail in that area. Commissioners responded that some of the property seems to be easement – which is owned by the homeowners, some of it may be grasslands/wetlands; past experience has shown that it would be difficult to get permission from such a large group to put in a bike trail; paying for the land which would be expensive; suggest that IDOT put bike path along roads, i.e. an 8' shoulder with traffic lights at the ramps, using Dundee/Ela to connect with Jen Jensen Forest Preserve to the south and/or Baker Lake Forest Preserve to the northwest. Breese said that IDOT declined as we don't own property. Commissioners then suggested that Breese contact Senator Murphy, Representative Bassi – they may be able to get the agencies, i.e. IDOT, Forest Preserve Districts, Villages, together to sit down and talk; unpaved trails are now being requested. Breese thanked the Board for their input.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gbur said that there was no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #07-01 partially abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2006 to pay the principal of and interest on General Obligation Park Limited Bonds, Series 2004 (Falcon Park Bond Issue). There were no questions or comments. 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

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Schultz moved that Warrant #1, in the amount of \$914,753.18, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to Birchwood pool concrete testing. President Cozza requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur said that he had no new items to add. Commissioner Schultz offered congratulations to Parks Department employee Bill Jones honored as a MIPE Employee of the Year; as a long time employee Jones has received this honor before. President Cozza said the he would probably attend the IAPD Annual Business Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz commented on a recent article regarding a new law which would not allow looking at prices for professional services, i.e. engineering, architects, etc.; surprised we did not get any advanced notice (legislative alert); time is of the essence to ask Governor Blagojevich to veto this bill; could cost us, and the taxpayer, more money. Gbur said that he would check it out and see what IAPD/IPRA's opinion is; it could help not having to take lowest bidder.

Commissioner Gould said that at the last meeting she failed to mention the death of Frank Regan, a member of our Honor Roll, the Palatine Historical Society, a former Councilman, and a bookbinder by hobby; it is a great loss to the Society and our community.

President Cozza requested additional future agenda items. Commissioner Schultz requested that the Board address enacting a discount for active Military and there families.

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 purchase or lease of real property by the District, Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Gould so moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. 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

Motion passed at 7:58 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Cozza stated that the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the possible purchase/lease of real property for the benefit of the District. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board instruct Executive Director Gbur to negotiate with the Palatine Village Manager regarding the Village’s purchase and updating of the Patten House to meet Village Public Occupancy standards; lease it to the Park District for a specific term with the Village sharing the cost of operations and paying for capital improvements. President Cozza requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Robert Schultz, John Cozza

NAY: Jennifer Rogers

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:10 p.m. as follows.

AYES: Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz, John Cozza

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie M. Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett

Secretary

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

January 24, 2006
February 14, 2006
February 28, 2006

APPROVED:

/s/ John F. Cozza

President