

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 JULY 24, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.

These Minutes are not a verbatim record of what was said during the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL @ 7:00P.M.

Commissioners Present

Jennifer Rogers, Vice President  
Susan Gould, Treasurer  
John Cozza

Commissioners Absent

Andrew McPherson

Robert Schultz, President arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director  
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning  
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel  
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Cathy Laegeler, Acting Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Kyle Kerulis, Palatine Square Apartments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the meeting. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2007 was unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the Minutes of the previously held meeting were approved as submitted.

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser commented on a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources, Inverness Park District, the Village of Barrington, the Northwest Municipal Conference and Steve Breese on July 3 regarding a proposed bike path near Northwest Highway/Dundee Road; there is a bridal path easement out there because at one time the Inverness Stables were located at Ela and Dundee Roads on the southwest side; one major problem would be getting permission from the homeowners (about 20) to use their property; part of the area is not in our Park District, and Inverness Park District said it wasn't interested because they don't have the money for it. Continuing Moser said that he is trying to get the right-of-way width from IDOT, and in order to cross Dundee a light would be needed. Commissioner Gould asked about Cardinal field being used for 'rental property'. Staff responded that is the only field rented out; the users are a men's soccer league; the high school also uses Cardinal but that is on a reciprocal basis.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Department Report. Zaldivar commented that play continues to be steady; the Illinois Junior Golf Association had an outing today at the golf course, they make playing on a good public course a part of their schedule. He said that he hoped everyone had a chance to hear the ads on Score Radio (670 am) Sunday mornings; in the fall one of the ads will change to reflect our fall rates. Commissioner Cozza asked if the Board ever discussed owning carts vs. leasing carts, and staff replied that if discussions were held, it has not been in recent years; many private courses own their own carts as does several park district courses have their own carts; it is a big expense to own carts, i.e. you need a building to keep them in, need to increase the number of carts you have on hand, and you need to have someone on hand for maintenance, and also need to decide between gas or electric carts. We looked at this issue some time ago and decided at that time there was a big disadvantage to having to store, park and repair them; Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates built underground facilities when they built their new clubhouses (they have a lot of outings); if we replace our clubhouse, this could be something to look at. Concluding the discussion, Zaldivar said that some courses have come to us to take a look at our cart lease agreement.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

## RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Mr. Kyle Kerluis, Palatine Square Apartments, introduced himself saying that he had addressed the Board at a meeting about a month ago. Mr. Kerluis said that he would like to install a chain link fence by Celtic Park and is asking the Park Board to consider selling him a strip of property that abuts his; a survey map he presented showed the Board the area that he was interested in purchasing; a wood fence and a chain link fence are nearby; if a fence was installed, the high school kids would have to go around. President Schultz responded that he didn't want us to sell any public property and to do so it would have to be declared surplus property; why would we sell public property to keep people off when our business is to encourage people to come onto park property. Mr. Kerluis said that over 100 kids go through his property and some park on Palatine Square property; Palatine Square has permit parking but it is not patrolled; the curb is right at the property line but he doesn't want to put holes in his concrete parking lot. Commissioners said that this would be a problem for us as we rarely sell property, and putting a fence up isn't sufficient reason to sell especially as a fence seems to encourage kids to climb it or cut a hole in it to get through. Responding to a question regarding mischief the kids get into, Mr. Kerluis said there is a lot of foot traffic on which wears out their landscaping; gangs hang out there, and there are rouge soccer players/teams also. The Board suggested

that perhaps Mr. Kerlius should talk to their towing company about better towing surveillance, as well as talk to his councilman to see if they can't get the police out there more; the Board is not interested in selling off Park District property.

No one else wished to address the Park Board at this time

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Schultz noted 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 Finch Park playground path. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the lease with the Village of Hoffman Estates for a paved path across the Village's property at Finch Park. President Schultz requested a roll call vote the results of which follows:

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers

NAY: Robert Schultz

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated June 2007. Commissioner Cozza noted that 4-5 year CD's made more money than 3 year CD's; we should consider these again. Staff will investigate this.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #14, in the amount of \$880,160.36, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to a new farrier, leaf skimmers (joint purchase item), and a bill from Ibbotson Heating Company. The last item was a G&O Project under \$10,000 so it didn't have to go before the Board. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Motion approved.

Gbur stated that there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted that he was still looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> person for Wednesday August 29; President Schultz said that he could play. President Schultz

asked if there was anything different about the G&O Workshop that needs an overview. Gbur replied that this is done annually to show upcoming needs and large projects. Addressing Attorney Holtz' reply to Commissioner McPherson's question regarding prevailing wage ordinance, Gbur said that we must comply with the law when doing public projects, even if commissioners vote down the ordinance.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza asked about the bike trail at Dundee Road and Superintendent Moser said that he would check on it, he knows that the base is down as staff received an e-mail from a resident regarding this; an answer to the e-mail was sent with a copy to Gbur and President Schultz. President Schultz also got an e-mail from a resident regarding Degner Park; the e-mail was about people coming from the east have trouble getting to the park. Staff said that it is in future plans to build a path from that direction. There was also discussion about the Palatine Trail being closed for over a month from Echo to Dundee, and the bike trail underpass at Peblecreek and Hicks Road being closed for an unknown length of time - it is an IDOT project. Commissioner Cozza said that he would like to see the bike path signage study done a couple of years back by a boy scout recycled and added to the 2008 G & O's in order to provide Palatine Trail users with better direction. Moser responded that many signs in the study were proposed for Village streets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Cozza moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:38 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Laegeler, Acting Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Jennifer Rogers  
Vice President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: August 14, 2007  
August 28, 2007  
September 11, 2007