

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 JUNE 26, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Commissioners Present

Robert Schultz, President
Jennifer Rogers, Vice President
Susan Gould, Treasurer
Andrew McPherson
John Cozza

Staff Present

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

Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

LeVern Hoover, PAFA
Bob Alexander, PHGA

Terry Ellis, PHGA/Celtic
Jerry Milligan, Gilfillan Callahan Architects

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the agenda for the meeting. Secretary Bennett asked that approval of the minutes of the prior meeting be removed. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 26, 2007 was unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser commended the Trades Crew for all their extra efforts over the past two months; the *Shark Slide* has been moved further into the pool from the deck, weight was added to curb floating; the building concession stand is almost complete. Gbur explained that the slide needed to be installed in 8-9" of water to provide 6" over the top of the pad; there was miscommunication between the architect and manufacturer about the type of slide we wanted. Moser said that it will probably be sent back at the end of the season. President Schultz congratulated all the crews - the parks look wonderful.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. There were no questions or comments.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Gbur introduced and the Board recognized LeVern Hoover, president of the Palatine Amateur Football Association (PAFA). Mr. Hoover thanked the Board and staff for their support; referencing the 'condensed' edition of PAFA's annual report distributed with the Board packet, he then handed out the unabridged version for the Board to peruse (copy of each on file with official minutes). Mr. Hoover highlighted PAFA's 10% per year growth – one of the sixth largest in the NW suburb - which he attributed to providing an excellent program, teaching good sportsmanship and fundamental football.

Giving an overview of the program, he touched on the formation of teams based on age and weight as well as experience providing quality coaching and maximum safety; the program is in excellent financial shape – free of debt and accrued reserves targeted for replacements and long-term program needs, e.g. expansion of program to other facilities, another fixed scoreboard; continuing to maintain the lowest overall cost to the families. New things added this year to highlight: zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior of participants, coaches or parents, significant disciplinary action if actions warrant; PAFA players get in free to Palatine High School football with ID and jersey, must observe strict rules of behavior; increase in coaches training - all coaches are volunteers – and in season coaches' meetings; business approach to budget; enhanced website and schedule calendar; for players safety, well-ventilated practice jerseys; a fundraising golf outing is scheduled as well as a league-wide PAFA promoted food drive to assist local food pantries based on weight allowance. He explained to the Board that all helmets are refurbished each year – any cracks they are tossed; two-year cycle on shoulder pads; breakdown of income and expenses, and budget for this year is shown. A special family event is planned for Saturday August 18, Commissioners are invited to attend, and over 2,000 people come. Biggest challenges: storage - need more controlled environment type storage for personal player equipment, i.e. helmets and pads; if the Park District could please give them more space, they can fund it. Fields – for games and practice, need to optimize usage; using freshman fields at Palatine High – also given opportunity to store equipment – meets current needs but if they pull out we will be in trouble; expect to have 36 teams by 2009 – need three fields to service just day games; too much traffic at Birchwood, Sundling good for practice. League – very fragile; some teams (Tri City) want in but have no field resources; current league is Arlington Heights, Elk Grove, Schaumburg and Mt. Prospect; Sycamore not fully functional – need to replace goal posts, and several thousands in field work needed too.

Responding to commissioners' questions, Mr. Hoover said that all participants sign a code of conduct so that it is perfectly clear what behavior is expected; a copy of the zero tolerance rules will be emailed to Commissioner McPherson; storage is needed for equipment in the off-season, hard goods are stored in the Colfax garage and some at Hamilton Fields, some storage at Palatine High for 'shared' soft goods; PAFA Board meetings are the second Monday every month at the PTSCC; Cheerleading program is supported but not part of program; no girls playing at this time; 'slaughter' rules applied not intended to hold kids back, e.g. leading by 18 points, pull starting backfield, by 27 points – no running outside, try to reposition players rather than keep them from scoring; varsity level play different, don't put kids where they can't be successful; teams limited to twenty-two so everyone can play; program has good image, 90% participant return rate. Commissioner McPherson asked that parents be reminded of parking laws and safety, e.g. too close to corners (Sycamore), parking on the grass and over curbs; police will ticket them. Mr. Hoover said this will be discussed at the parents meeting. He again thanked everyone for their support especially Ron Gbur and Pam Stoltz.

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 a bike trail maintenance agreement. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Maintenance Agreement for the Cooperative Bike Trail with the City of Rolling Meadows; furthermore, that the Board authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. President Schultz requested a roll call vote the results of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the selection of an architect. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the selection of PHN Architects of Wheaton, Williams Associates Architects of Carol Stream, and Gilfillan Callahan Architects of Rolling Meadows to develop Falcon Park Recreation Center conceptual plans at a cost of \$1,500 each. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT:

Motion approved

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to criteria for the Falcon Park Recreation Center. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners direct the three selected architectural firms to conceptually design a 50,000 sq. ft. expandable recreation center at Falcon Park. Responding to a question regarding an ‘expandable design’, Gbur explained that the criteria we are discussing now is designated “core” space, giving us the ability to add “spokes” at a later time as needed. Discussion followed with commissioners and staff commenting on the future status of the Community Center building; providing architects with items we want and approximate size – don’t give too much structure or put them in a box, their job is present designs/ideas to accomplish our needs, i.e. gymnasium large enough for two high-school basketball courts with added space between courts, 14th mile track, small fitness area (large fitness area better suited to central location), changing rooms in lieu of locker rooms which are not used much, banquet room that can be used as class rooms; besides a 50,000 s/f building, we want them to present an overall site plan including ingress, egress, parking, spray pad/water feature, playground, dedicated area for 90’ lighted baseball/soccer field for future needs; underground/indoor parking expensive but could be an option, e.g. raising building like the Library would cost more but better absorbed now; environmentally friendly but not necessary for certification; storage is in the 15% common area – for that building only; whole interview process good. Discussion turned to the selection process: all firms are qualified, one firm spent a lot of time looking at the grade of the lot, all spent time and money on their presentations; on July 10 each firm will be introduced, and each will be

given a limited question and answer period; the firms refer to this as a 'design contest'. Commissioner Rogers thanked Commissioner McPherson and staff for spending the time and much effort on this project. Upon a voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved as shown.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated May 2007. There were no questions or comments.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #12, in the amount of \$894,389.20, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to replacement of rusted light pole bolts, and checks held for paperwork. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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 item 4 saying that if commissioners get an opportunity try to stop by the Summer Splash and you will see why Birchwood pool was designed as it is; invitation will be out shortly. Gbur said that the Park District is listed at #10 in the Hometown Fest parade; each commissioner will have an electric golf cart – pick up at the Community Center custodial bay at 8 a.m. Saturday; commissioners will be tossing candy and small 'nerf' style balls; Zaldivar will be following in a truck with the throw-away items and in the event anyone needs assistance.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McPherson offered thanks to staff for the Wally Degner Park grand opening ceremony; President Schultz and Ron did a nice job on the speeches.

Commissioner Cozza also thanked staff for the Park opening ceremony. He said that he stopped by the Swim Meet – it ran great; eight lanes great, timing/scoreboard great; heard people talking about having more meets there.

Commissioner Gould referenced the letter included with the Revenue Facility Report regarding a Stables program saying that she and her daughter Megan volunteer with the program; it is a joy to see these kids on the horses.

President Schultz asked if speed bumps have been removed at Palatine Hills Drive perhaps they could be put at Community Park – a lot of people really speed along the roadway by Parkside Preschool/Tots Day Camp site. Moser said that some could be ordered – the ones from the Golf Course were sent to Birchwood.

President Schultz requested Future Agenda Items. Commissioner Cozza requested a referendum discussion be placed on an upcoming agenda. Gbur said that we will be doing that after talking with the architects

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: July 10, 2007
July 24, 2007
August 14, 2007