

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 MARCH 13, 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
Andy McPherson, Treasurer
Jennifer Rogers
Susan Gould

Staff Present

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

Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Donelda Danz, Assistant Supt. of Recreation
Tina Becke, Assistant Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Cathy Laegeler, Acting Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of March 13, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the previously distributed minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2007. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the minutes of the prior regular meeting be approved with a change on page 6 under the bills. Commissioner Gould requested that it be noted that she was the one who asked about the pay phones. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of February 27, 2007 were approved as amended.

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 Report. Smith noted the attached letter from IMRF showed that we had a good year, which will be reflected in the employer rate for 2008. She and Becke will be attending IMRF's Annual Meeting will be in April. President Cozza said that if earnings stay at 7.5% or above, our rate should go down; an interesting process is used to determine this.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams noted that the new Swim Team Coordinator Andy Rose started yesterday, and custodian Al Guerrieri is retiring, his last day being March 30.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Cozza noted no one wished to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. President Cozza stated that in accordance with the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, a Public Hearing is to be held prior to the adoption of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. This ordinance, which sets forth the budget and makes appropriations of sums of money for necessary expenditures of the Park District for fiscal year January 1 2007 through December 31, 2007, must be adopted within the first quarter of each fiscal year. The Ordinance has been available for public inspection since February 9, 2007, and notification of the public hearing was published in the Daily Herald on Saturday, March 3, 2007. President Cozza declared the public hearing open and requested questions or comments from the Board. Seeing none, he stated the floor was open to questions or comments from the audience. Seeing as there were no questions, the public hearing was declared closed. President Cozza stated that he would entertain a motion to adopt Ordinance #07-02. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Schultz seconded, that the Board approve Ordinance #07-02 which provides for a combined annual budget and appropriation of funds for the Park District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007. 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 carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Palatine Opportunity Center Funding 1999-2006. Gbur stated that Williams compiled the in-depth report showing how the debt originated. Commissioner Gould noted that recreation programs are listed on page 2, and asked about POC summer funds; there are 350 participants, are we underwriting any of these costs for recreation programs? Staff responded that part-time coordinator Cristina Lara and after school programs are supported; \$500 is budgeted for summer camps including sports supplies; the Park Foundation donated \$500 for the program; there are no funds for recreation programs and the POC Board is looking at this area, however, they are now offering more services than they anticipated; POC is looking for someone else to take over, e.g. the Boys and Girls Clubs or the "Y"; the "Y" provides the same things as far as recreation programs go. Commissioner Schultz asked about our objectives there; are we doing enough or can we do more to help. Staff said that POC is very successful with outstanding improvement over the last three to four years, especially in their stability; we need to continue our support as they continue to grow. Commissioner Gould said that if POC is providing recreation, they are doing our job; she would like to see us reduce their debt. President Cozza said that exhibit A looks like a Park District spread sheet. i.e. director's salary, covered benefits, etc.; why were these expenses dropped. Williams said that 2002, POC went from a full-time director to three part-time positions, we had to pay FICA and IMRF; when they went from full-time to all part-time positions in 2005 and had their own payroll, we no longer paid IMRF and FICA on their staff; we currently have coordinators Cristina Lara and Bobby Jo Pineda on our payroll.

Commissioner Schultz said they owe us money; staff should take a good look at it and come back with a recommendation on what we should provide; we need to treat all groups fairly regarding funding; they are doing a great job; if we relieve them of their debt are we being fair, do we need to allocate more or less money; staff should look at this as we develop the 2008 budget. Commissioner Gould asked about the cost to run these programs for 350 participants. Commissioner McPherson asked if we would subsidize a part of what we aren't a part of, i.e. part of "Y", Forest Grove or other social service organizations; we could always subsidize more groups; other groups have fundraising. Continuing he said it was comparable to deciding to not pay off our aquatic center bonds; the exact dollars are tough to balance; POC should repay us but not from gambling. Williams said it was unanimous decision from the POC Board that we be the last thing to get paid. Commissioner McPherson said it doesn't take a unanimous decision from the PPD Board, just a majority of the Park Board to decide if the debt should be paid back. Commissioner Gould said we should set a payment schedule for them to pay us back; they pay other people who provide service; perhaps they can pay us back in kind instead of in dollars. Commissioner McPherson said they are not on the debt payment schedule anymore as it is supposed to be paid back by June, 2007 which they agreed to in 2004. Gbur said that he feels they should still pay us back and on a specific time schedule; they could meet and come back to us in June to tell us why they can't meet the schedule. Commissioner McPherson said that his concern is if they don't make any money from gambling, we don't get anything.

Commissioner Schultz suggested sending it back to staff to look at it and decide what the best action to take. Gbur said that he was open to any ideas individual commissioners may have. President Cozza put forth the idea of affiliating POC with CARE; there is no school nearby but can anything after school be held there? Gbur said there is no room or playground, and it is a high traffic area; the only space would be our room. President Cozza asked if we could use surplus CARE funds for these kids, and Gbur replied that we would have to change the CARE Agreement. Gbur said that POC deficit was created by different

groups of people and he felt it would not be fair to the taxpayers to just waive the debt away. Commissioner Schultz said it should still go back to staff. President Cozza said we represent 75,000 people, some taxpayers may be okay with this or they may be insulted by it; is a move to forgive debt a good thing; fund kids and they get the best benefit. Gbur said we would get back to the Board with a recommendation, as well as speak with Marika. President Cozza noted that in 2003-2004 registration was great but it has tapered off or are there no programs? Williams responded that registration ran individually or some as part of our recreation programs, e.g. fitness, karate are in our budget; belly dancing – our program - has regular participants. President Cozza asked if schedule C represents all organizations' debt and Gbur replied that it does.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus equipment. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #07-03 declaring the list of equipment as surplus. 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 Board Summary pertaining to an Intergovernmental Agreement Cooperative Bike Trail with Rolling Meadows (Cost Share). Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Phase III Construction Cost Sharing Agreement as presented. President Cozza asked if we had paid some before and Moser said we paid for Phase I and Phase II; we are also working on the maintenance agreement for this trail. President Cozza said the trail was heavily used. 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 Monthly Financial Report dated January, 2007. Commissioner Gould noted in the small print for the YTD Receipts that should it be '07 not '06.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Schultz moved that Warrant #5, in the amount of \$485,459.53, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. Commissioner Gould said that on page 18 there were two refunds issued to Arlene Krofel. The last name was spelled differently each time. President Cozza requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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 Bonnie Bennett is out of the office on vacation in Florida and that he will be out of the office Wednesday and Thursday and Tuesday and Wednesday next week and the end of the month to see colleges and vacation.

Gbur said that he attended the legislative breakfast; there were 35 to 40 people in attendance to get an update on current legislative issues.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McPherson said that the basketball season went well; Todd and Vito did a good job. He said that got a call from a member of the Wilke Marsh Homeowners Association regarding the path, construction schedule and planning; could possibly go down state for money. Regarding the golf course, he said that he has received a couple of comments on the clubhouse and comparisons to McKray Golf Course clubhouse; the need for a flat screen TV and that the pro shop is too small. Zaldivar said we were working on the amenities over the last couple of years. Commissioner Schultz said that there had been a lot of upgrades at other courses over the last couple of years and noted there are new clubhouses at Mt. Prospect, Schaumburg, and Dundee; he said that Palatine Hills is a great course but agreed that some of the amenities are lacking as some will wine and dine elsewhere. President Cozza the clubhouse is secondary to play.

President Cozza requested additional future agenda items; there were none.

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 McPherson so moved and Commissioner Gould 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 passed at 8:07 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:13 p.m.

