

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 OCTOBER 23, 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

Robert Schultz, President  
Jennifer Rogers, Vice President  
Susan Gould, Treasurer

John Cozza  
Andrew McPherson

Staff Present

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

Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Carol Lange, Cultural Arts Coordinator  
Jeff Greene, Theater Coordinator  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Dan Anderson, PPD Swim Team

James Brustad, PPD Swim Team

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the meeting Agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2007 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2007. Commissioner Gould corrected a statement on page 4; she stated that the tax bills "could be" as late as November 14. Upon a voice vote, the Minutes of the previously held meeting were 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. There were no questions or comments regarding the report.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written 2007 Summer Concert Series Report. Giving an overview of her report, Lange said that weather wise we didn't have a great summer, but was cooperative for our key opening and closing performances, i.e. *Liverpool Legends* had a record attendance of 2,800 and *Ronnie Rice* drew 1,100 on a cool evening; our former closing act *Johnny Star and the Meteors* disbanded; the Partner Program brought in around \$4,800 helping to provide a good series of performances. Commissioner Cozza commented that staff did a wonderful job; concerts sounded good and staff made an effort to vary the line-up. President Schultz said that he heard a lot of nice compliments regarding the concerts.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Dan Anderson with the Park District Swim Team. Mr. Anderson thanked the Board for its support of the Swim Team; he reported that the Swim Team had a very nice summer season in part due to the newly renovated Birchwood Pool; they participated in a meet this past weekend in Northbrook taking first place; with 115 swimmers, Swim Team looks forward to good year. President Schultz stated that the Board appreciates their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Schultz noted that there was no unfinished business to be addressed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board summary pertaining to baseball field backstop replacement. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board accept the bid of \$27,283 from Complete Fence to replace the baseball field fencing at Plum Grove Junior High School. Moser stated that there was a typo; Fence Connection's bid was \$28,900. Responding to Commissioner Rogers' questions regarding Alternate A, Moser said that it was something we cannot afford and were looking into other solutions – in house or donated services; drainage is bad behind the backstop – water stays there longer. Responding to a question regarding age group using the field, Williams said that PYB wants to go up a level on this field – junior high students play on that field now. 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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to delegate credentials for the 2008 Annual IAPD meeting. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve Robert G. Schultz as the delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, on Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; furthermore, that Jennifer Rogers, and Ron Gbur be appointed as first and second alternate delegates respectively. 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

Motion approved

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to NWSRA annual assessment. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve Resolution #07-03 which ratifies the NWSRA Board of Trustees' recommended assessment for calendar year 2008 in the amount of \$389,603. 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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated September 2007. No questions or comments were forthcoming.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Gould moved that Warrant #20, in the amount of \$732,240.64, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Rogers seconded the motion. There were no questions. 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 5 saying that the Park District has been approached by a marketing firm who wants to put a 50" monitor at the Community Center, but he wanted to get feedback from the Board – see if they have any problems with it. Gbur said that he feels it is a good opportunity for us to display our building schedule, registrations, advertise special events, and add updates on Park District undertakings during the year. Discussion ensued pertaining to procurement of sponsors; the selection of the type of sponsors/advertisements, control over what we feel is may be appropriate for this location, i.e. restaurants vs. bars; what would be the cost for us to do the same thing and

have 100% control, equipment, staff, etc.; as public entity, do not want a free speech issue – but need a way to turn down inappropriate items; advantage to us is that it is a nice display for our items; equipment costs not outrageous, do not know about production costs; will advertising be kept current, it would be reflection upon the Park District; consider partnering with Village - one screen in each lobby – kind of a message board; Sponsorship Committee would give current Sponsors first dibs on board, could put in G & O's for future; a good idea, electronic world is here, may as well use it; YMCA is a user – can talk with them; company wants answer, too many placements in the area we could lose the opportunity; \$2,000 annually isn't a great loss, Board would like to know alternatives. Summing up, Gbur said that if the concept works, we could put it in other places.

Responding to Commissioner Gould, staff confirmed that the Veterans' Day ceremony is Sunday at 10 a.m. to uphold the tradition of the firearms salute at 11:11 a.m.

At Gbur's request, Commissioner McPherson updated the Board on the meeting with some of the residents of Nichols Grove and Whispering Oaks, developments abutting Falcon Park saying that neighbors expressed concerns regarding cars cutting lawns, boundaries, car lights from parking lot, and a fence; bollards are in but kids are cutting through the yards and the police are not responding; Gbur will talk with the Beat Sergeant out there – Police don't know where the park is; kids were seen moving furniture into the park. Gbur said he explained our plans to open the site once we have met with Palatine Police regarding residents' concerns; a sign will be placed on Coach Road later this month or early November; Police do not want a gate but a light up by the parking lot would be good; park is open dawn to dusk now but when construction starts, the hours will change; police will patrol during late night hours, we will advise them of the park boundaries; think some still want a fence to delineate the boundary but we explained we that don't want our parks fenced or to spend upwards of \$20,000 for that purpose, bollards and landscaping would serve to delineate the park; they can opt for the fence at their own expense, the townhomes to the south are pretty close to the park; it was a productive meeting.

#### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

President Schultz said that an energy/environmental committee meeting was held that morning; very satisfied with staff input on this; we will be doing some prioritizing on some actions.

President Schultz requested future agenda items; none were offered.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:30 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

/s/ Robert G. Schultz  
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

November 5, 2007 (Workshop with PHN)  
November 13, 2007  
November 27, 2007  
December 11, 2007  
December 18, 2007 (third Tuesday)