

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 9, 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 @ 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  
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel  
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning  
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation  
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt of Finance & Personnel  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Carol Lange, Cultural Arts Coordinator  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Diane Ramsden, Palatine Children's Chorus

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2007. Gbur stated that Item X and XI (Executive Session) have been removed. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2007. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the previously held meeting were approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Commissioner Cozza commented about the number of cancelled classes asking whether this number of cancellations was more or less than normal, and asked staff to put show comparisons in future reports. Gbur said that the information Commissioner Cozza was looking for is provided in the seasonal Recreation Department reports; this is only an accounting of registration’s activities.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Highlighting *Special Events*, Williams noted the increase in *Fishing Derby* participation. Commissioner Gould asked about the mold problem at **Clayson House**, and staff replied that it was on the basement walls in the area where the students go for part of the program presentation.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Diane Ramsden, manager of the Palatine Children’s Chorus. Ms. Ramsden presented to the Board a picture of the PCC’s Concert Choir taken on their recent trip to perform in Austria and Italy; the picture will be hung at **Cutting Hall**; 50 kids and 20 adults went, performances were held in Vienna, Salzburg, and Venice; the kids learned a great many of life’s lessons regarding travel: if your flight is late, you miss your connection - resulting in half your group landing in Frankfurt and the other half in London, and, of course, the luggage may not arrive at the same place or at the same time; two chaperones had to cancel at the last minute (Ms. Ramsden & her daughter), one chaperone was hospitalized, and one suffered an injury; but the kids made every performance and every excursion - dressed accordingly. It was a truly great experience and a good time; thank you to the Board for their support of this opportunity. As the audio/visual set-up would not work, Gbur said that the DVD of the PCC’s performance would be viewed at a future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Birchwood Pool Change Orders. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approves change orders 40 through 61 in the amount of \$37,593.65. Commissioner Rogers noted that the project is still under budget. 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 Board Summary pertaining to security lights at Hamilton Sports Fields. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board accept the bid of Adlite Electric Company to install additional security lights at Hamilton Sports Fields in the amount of \$39,858.00. Commissioner Gould said that she has no problem with security lights but does not see the rationale of keeping the existing lights on; no need to waste energy. Gbur said that the police have said they appreciate having them on so they can scan the park from the parking lot; the lights are pretty much to the north end of the park. President Schultz suggested staff look into it, and Williams said that staff would solicit input from the police as to whether they want them on or off. Staff said that this project had been presented (with a site plan attached) in August; Reid Ottesen said that the Board needs to approve the installation before he can comment.

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 IMRF credit for past military service. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve Resolution #07-02 authorizing qualified personnel to purchase IMRF service credit for up to four years of past military service. Responding to various questions, Smith said that she was not certain of how many would be eligible or interested in purchasing credits, possibly three; military service is not on PPD applications, but it could be on an employee's resume; currently staff can purchase two years credit; costs are different for each employee – as she explained in her email to commissioners – dependent upon starting salary and time of hire; employee must pay his/her share as well as the employer's share plus interest; when previously offered for two years of credit, only one person took advantage; the cost to the Park District doesn't arise until the employee retires, i.e. using as an example a 45 year-old with a starting salary of \$26,000 purchasing four years of credit, it would be \$2,300 the first year, then amortized resulting in a decrease every year; as we already have the two-year plan in effect, the actual cost would be about \$1,150; Smith's understanding is military service refers to active duty, she will have to get a clarification regarding Reservists and National Guardsmen. President Schultz moved to table this item of business until staff gets more information. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #19, in the amount of \$725,272.12, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. President Schultz requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the SLSF/NWSRA fall fundraiser being held November 2. Commissioner Gould, Randy Gould and Commissioner Rogers would attend. Gbur said that PHN has requested to meet with the Board and select staff at the end of the month, he suggested Monday, October 29 or Tuesday, October 30. Commissioner Schultz said that he would be out of town; Gbur then suggested Monday, November 5, which was amenable to all.

Gbur said that he has been subpoenaed to give a deposition (October 17) and furnish certain documents for Sears Essentials, including taped and written minutes of the Closed Session of December 4 as well as any written or electronic correspondence between the Park District and Village of Palatine regarding their site.

President Schultz stated that he will not be on the tour Saturday morning; he has been out there twice. Commissioner Rogers said that she could not make it either. Gbur said that there was no urgency; he, Moser, and Ottesen will meet the other three commissioners out there with the intent to see the marked off area.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Second Trimester Master Plan Update. Responding to a question regarding the Bike Trail extension, Moser said that this was a three-year project; the two items shown were Phase I and Phase II of our co-operative agreement with Rolling Meadows; Phase III is another item and will start after road work is complete.

## COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould said that tuning in to a recent Village Council meeting, she heard Councilman Wagner suggest "why not a park" referring to a piece of unimproved property; please tell them we can't put parks everywhere there is vacant space.

Commissioner Cozza said that he played Palatine Hills recently and noted that about one-third of the hole signage was not visible because of foliage; #18 was completed obscured. President Schultz said that Helms uses a lot of native grasses, Zaldivar will look at it. Commissioner Cozza said that all things considered, the course is in great shape but you can still see the damage on #16. Commissioner Cozza asked if we had info regarding tax bills, and Gbur said that we have no idea when they will be sent out; Commissioner Gould said that she read in the Trib they could be as late as November 14.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Becke for arranging everything for the National Congress, and said that she had a good picture of Commissioner Cozza taken at the Exhibit Hall – she passed it around.

President Schultz said that he met with Gbur and Moser at Falcon Park and Commissioner McPherson is meeting with residents this coming Saturday, think we can resolve any issues they may have. Referring to the National Congress, he said that one vendor had an outdoor video game – pretty cool; kids were really playing it; sure this is just a glimpse of things to come; National was very nice. Commissioner Cozza commented that it is electronic games with physical activity. Williams said that the Buehler YMCA has a game in the Rec room, *Dance, Dance Revolution*, it is interactive like **Wii**.

President Schultz requested Future Agenda Items; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

/s/ Robert G. Schultz  
President

Board Tour:	October 13, 2007
Next scheduled Park Board meetings:	October 23, 2007
	November 5, 2007 (with PHN Architects)
	November 13, 2007