

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 JANUARY 8, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Josh Ludolph, Facilities Coordinator
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Andy Dogan, PHN
Bob Alexander, PGHA
Tom Fletcher

Dan Anderson, Swim Team
Curt Freund, Swim Team
James Brustad, Swim Team

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of January 8, 2008 was approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2007. Secretary Bennett noted that a clarification was added to Page 2, ¶2 which states that the engineering estimate was "for the Clubhouse deck replacement project". Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were 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 Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith highlighted Registration saying that our ISP (Internet Service Provider), Corecom, switched servers without advising us causing some problems on the first day of open registration; the problem was resolved quickly, however staff is in the process of changing our ISP to CrystalTech; an ISP is needed for our Web page and on-line registration; the data is stored on our servers only – cannot be shared.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. There were no highlights or questions.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Dan Anderson, a member of the Swim Team Parents Club. Anderson addressed the Board extending thanks to them, Williams and Danz for their support of the Swim Team and gave an update on Swim Team activities (copy of notes attached to official minutes) including the selection of the Tiger Shark’s Head Coach, Andy Rose, to head up the Illinois All Star Team which took second place in Indianapolis over the past weekend. Anderson continued saying that his and the Swim Team’s major concern was the need for an indoor facility; he noted the six various facilities that the 250 members currently use and the costs to rent pool time at these facilities, as well as the costs to host the upcoming Meet at UIC; he gave an overview of the benefits an indoor facility would provide to the Park District, i.e. provide-year round swim lessons and water safety training, recreation, and the ability to host regional, state and national competitions – bringing revenues to the Park District and Village of Palatine; he stated that the Swim Team is willing to partner with the Park District as they did with the Birchwood Pool Renovation and he personally is offering to help facilitate an indoor aquatic center in Palatine. Commissioner McPherson said that he too would like to see such a facility; on the surface there seems to be a lot of benefits but the cost of operations and maintenance are very steep. Anderson responded that IHSA (Illinois High School Athletics) has few adequate facilities, PPD could host area high school meets; the high caliber facility could be used for Olympic training, regional and national meets; we pay a lot in pool rental fees which could go into maintenance of a home-grown facility – team participants need a more ‘stable’ pool time schedule. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding renting pool time (considered a bargain by Commissioner McPherson); need to go to voters for a project this big; which high school pools qualify as ‘high caliber’, i.e. size, spectator capacity on three sides, locker rooms; local high schools cannot qualify because of new rules; Indianapolis pool ideal – 10 lanes and competitive size; if pool existed, schools could rent for local competitions; schools more football oriented – not considering redoing pools; a lot of college scholarships have come from our program; there are many other items on Park District plate now; approaching #211 for partnership in building; Addison doing referendum question for water-park type facility in February; more than happy to build if residents want it and are willing to pay for it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to IMRF Credit for Military Service. Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Gould seconded, the Resolution #08-01 authorizing qualified staff to purchase an additional two years of past military service as service credit. Staff responded to questions regarding eligibility, i.e. service prior to and during IMRF participation; it will apply to new hires also. Commissioner McPherson said that reading between the line, the State has passed on the responsibility of providing people who choose military service a form of pension to local governmental agencies; we are paying for employees' IMRF and social security; don't view these costs as being the responsibility of local taxpayers. President Schultz said that it is adding another two years. Gbur said that this was passed in Springfield in August; as the Park Board adopted a resolution allowing employees to buy two years of credit before, felt this would be a benefit we could offer – it is not mandated, just made available. President Schultz noted that three employees were interested in purchasing at least two years. Commissioner Rogers said that this is about people's retirement. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz,

NAY: John Cozza, Andrew McPherson

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed informational Board Summary pertaining to the Community Center Fitness expansion. Gbur said that PHN architect Andy Dogan was present to walk everyone through this project, answer any questions, and listen to any suggestions for changes the Board may have. Displaying enlargements of the drawings distributed to the Board, Dogan said that the east side of the shelf would be enclosed moving the current sports flooring to the west side; the existing exhaust and HVAC system would stay; a glass wall would replace existing curtain – store front system; install windows in the outside wall bringing in natural light and keeping an 'open space' look; access from north and south ends; cardio equipment with floor electrical boxes, and a free weights area at one end; flooring will be rubber tiles – easier for any repairs, double doors for moving equipment, and a drinking fountain; budget includes \$415,000 construction costs, adding contingencies, fees and expenses, plus owner expenses (Architectural/engineering costs, equipment, etc) brings it to a total just under \$600,000; potential alternates of mirrors, lockers, storage closets, etc. are not included. Responding to questions Dogan said that we want to start in the summer with anticipated three to four months construction time; gym may be used but not sure about the track; will have its own HVAC small condensation unit and air transfer unit; ceiling around 11' high with windows about 8'8", bulkhead for TV's. Commissioners' suggestions included softening the corners – angle at 45° or padding; add more machines – frustrating having to wait long length of time to use a machine – possibly move free weights area to existing fitness room; don't know how long it will serve as fitness area, but should be considered prototype for other areas in the District; sliding card for entering, maybe TV monitors for observation/security. Dogan said that we were looking at a nice degree of finish, i.e. glass, tiles not rolled goods, good lighting; providing infrastructure to add machines in future, only treadmills and TV's require power; looked into using vacated stairwell but not enough space. President Schultz reminded everyone we are not competing with private facilities; people want all the amenities, they will need to go to those facilities. Gbur said that we are being conservative, but likes the idea of moving the free weights area and putting in more machines;

membership should be in the range of about \$120/year for residents. President Schultz said that with getting outside light, perhaps we could incorporate a daylight sensing system. Dogan said that air conditioning units will be energy efficient meeting state conservation codes. President Schultz thanked Dogan for his presentation.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded that Warrant #1, in the amount of \$890,117.46, be approved and released for payment. Staff responded to a question pertaining to registered trademark fees for the ICompete program logo. 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 carried.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the Falcon Park conceptual site plan revisions scheduled for review at the January 22 meeting; he will notify neighboring residents. He also highlighted the NWSRA Area I News attached to his report showing the many special recreation offerings there are.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Rogers said that work on Pioneer Park Community Center is finishing up, she would be happy to personally take any of the commissioners who want to see it for a tour of Arlington Heights newly renovated facility; everyone seems to like it; can see A/H's indoor pool too if anyone would like.

Commissioner McPherson said that over the holidays he visited Open Gym which I don't often have time to do; there were track users and parents of kids playing ball – all possible future fitness room users; have we considered having Open Gym until midnight? Gbur responded that it has come up to try on a trial basis but not tried; do not want to get into curfew or new teen driving law issues. Commissioner McPherson said that it would offer a positive alternative for older teens although it may be more of an 'inner-city' thing. Williams said that we have had police rentals; Ludolph said that police officers have used Birchwood Gym and the pool from 7-9 p.m. but it was geared more to pre-teen; if you target teens, 9-12 it may go over.

President Schultz requested a future agenda item regarding an update on a field scheduling program. Ludolph said that he was in the process of completing a master list, i.e. field, date, time, to be given to Dan, a person from PYB who will do a web base. Williams said that staff has looked at every program but to customize any of them would be very expensive. Commissioner Cozza said that the software programs have too many variables – easier to schedule sports other than baseball/softball or soccer

