

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2008 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

Absent

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  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Toni Bruns, Stables Manager  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Terry Ellis, Celtic Soccer  
Bob Haas, Celtic Soccer  
James Brustad, Swim Team

Curt Freund, Swim Team  
Tom Peters, resident  
Mindy Ziemke, resident  
Graham Nelson, resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the meeting Agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2008 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2008. Commissioner Gould made a correction on page 4, last sentence, 1st ¶; 'underground parking would save about a half-acre'. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

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

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Adding to his written report, Moser said that costs for Falcon Park soil borings range from \$14,000 to a low of \$11,085, and two more trees at Oak Park were vandalism – a 6 ½" Honey Locust and a 9 ½" Green Ash. President Schultz said that he was very angry when told about the damage by a friend who lives across from the park; he asked that a letter go out to the neighbors so they can be aware of what is happening and keep an eye out. Gbur said that a report was filed with the police who said that they will be doing more patrolling in that area. Moser said that he had talked with one neighbor at Thanksgiving (when the prior vandalism occurred) who said that his dog was barking around 4 a.m., he looked out and saw several teenagers dressed in dark clothing running north – he did not see the downed tree until later that morning. The Board asked Moser to get a replacement value for the trees.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written 2007 Annual Stables Report. Zaldivar highlighted that currently there are forty boarders – twenty-six (65%) are residents and fourteen (35%) are non-residents; have added training/workshops for staff, have upped our customer service, and have enhanced program promotions; page 6 offers a more detailed description of Stables staff and, as requested by the Board, a profit and loss statement is provided on the back page. Responding to Commissioner Gould's question regarding permits for the electrical upgrades, staff said that they would check into it. Commissioner McPherson stated that it looks as if the Stables had a nice year; likes the customer service upgrading, rewards for customers, pony party enhancements, and the environmental improvements.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Bob Haas, President of Palatine Celtic Soccer Club. After introducing PCSC board member Terry Ellis, Haas proceeded to give an overview of the Club's 2007 program (copy of review attached to official minutes). Some items highlighted were: program served 1,569 kids between 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade with high school kids playing travel soccer, 90 recreational teams and 37 travel teams; less younger kids, more kids in under-14, and an increase in high school kids who want to play recreational soccer; had over 210 volunteers (includes 26 board members); a successful Rec House Tournament was held mid-May and will be done again this year; two boys teams trained and played in Holland and England over a 10-day period and another group played in the Surf Cup in San Diego; mandatory Positive Coaching Alliance participation was implemented; Celtic Cup Labor Day Tournament had 341 teams from six states, and Celtic's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual picnic was held at no cost to players and their families; focus for 2008 is to continue to improve the program emphasizing soccer skills, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun, and to work with Park District staff on Falcon Park. Summarizing, Haas said PCSC had an outstanding year and appreciates the support of the Board, Park District staff and the community. Responding to a question, Haas said that Terry Ellis will be working with the Park District on Falcon Park on behalf of soccer. President Schultz thanked Haas and commented that it was a good year for PCSC.

Ms. Mindy Ziemke and Mr. Tom Peters, residents of an area south of Lake Cook Road and east of Quentin Road, each addressed the Board; they are among a group of citizens that would like to have an unimproved right-of-way (r-o-w) in this area turned into a park; they have appeared before the Village Council and the Council directed them to the Park District to get preliminary diagrams/drawings of what the Park District and residents envision to put there; the residents do not want to see all the open space used for building. Members of the Board and staff responded saying that we have not been contacted by the Village Manager with a proposal of their intentions regarding this r-o-w and until then we are unable to make any type of commitment; we understand that at this time there is a possibility of legal action by one of the residents, however at this time it is still the Village's property – not the Park District's; there is no confusion on the Village's part of what could be done, they need to come to us and tell us what we can consider doing, i.e. will the property be turned over to us or leased to us; we build parks where we can but we can not get involved in the Village's legal problem; the Park District does have some smaller sized parks, e.g. Mulberry and Robin Parks, but we don't know that everyone in the area is in support of having a park there – some have suggested just a bench or two and a trail but the property in question can't readily be connected to surrounding developments. Both residents expressed their frustration with the Village Council but said that they do understand the Park District's situation; they are just tired of being put off by a lot the Council's "hot air", their Councilman doesn't return email or phone calls, they just want the residents to go away but they are just getting more determined; they want to know what is going to happen and feel that the Park District could help them get this accomplished. In closing, President Schultz said that he had no problem with talking to his councilman; he appreciates their frustration and shares it.

#### 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 Celtic Soccer's request for field and facility use for their annual Labor Day Tournament. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board authorize the use of twenty-seven park/school fields, support for up to 350 teams, and field lighting per staff recommendation (shown below) for the Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament being held Friday August 29 through Monday September 1, 2008. President Schultz noted that this was the first time PCSC requested lights; Commissioner Gould said that Celtic was requesting increased light time, i.e. Celtic Field until 11:30 and Hamilton until 9:45 p.m. Haas said that the extra time was requested in order to get the people safely off the field; when the people are off the fields, the lights are turned off. Moser said that there will be additional security lights out there. Commissioner McPherson noted to Haas and Ellis that we modified their request. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to an intergovernmental agreement. Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Gould seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners approve, and enter into a five-year agreement with Community Consolidated School District 15 as provided in the CCSD15 resolution. Commissioner McPherson said that seems reasonable; Gbur

expressed thanks to Williams and Commissioner Cozza for making this happen – putting it all together. Commissioner Gould said that five-years is a good term. Commissioner Rogers said that our mowing costs will increase, how does it affect the agreement, and Williams replied that we will absorb the increases. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

Aye: Andrew McPherson, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz

Nay: None

Absent: John Cozza

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to tennis court light replacement. Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners accept the bid of Adlite Electric Company to replace the poles, fixtures, wires, and conduit at the Palatine Hills tennis courts for the sum of \$58,211.00. Responding to a question, Moser said that the price includes everything except the control box; current lights are over twenty years old, these are ‘shoe box’ lights. President Schultz requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of said vote follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a 2008 truck purchase. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$22,255.28 to Reicher Chevrolet. President Schultz requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of said vote follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated January, 2008. There were no questions or comments.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #4, in the amount of \$539,458.08, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Motion carried.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting item 3, Gbur said that he heard back from three of the commissioners; we don't just want to say it is okay for any affiliate program to find sponsors for capital projects, but looked at on an individual basis. President Schultz said that would be the best way to handle it.

Gbur then address item #4 saying that Falcon Park plans seems to be moving quickly, and the sooner we can get a committee together the faster we can get started; staff would like to get cross-section of residents, i.e. north, south, east and west areas of Palatine. President Schultz edited the press release removing the last paragraph and adding that the cross-section should be both geographical and ethnic. Gbur passed out copies of a timeline requested by Commissioner McPherson for the Board's review; he said that he has been trying to set up a workshop with Eric Anderson, Corporate Construction, PHN and the Park Board; looking at March 3 or March 5. President Schultz said that he is out of town the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> but Saturday morning, March 8, would work for him. Gbur said that he would need to confirm with Anderson, Corporate Construction, PHN and Commissioner Cozza; he will get back to the Board. Gbur said that Anderson has a good financial break-out for everything, terms and some other options.

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould said that someone asked her this week about the Park District offering volleyball, even just a clinic for third through fifth grade. Gbur said we run volleyball during the Christmas/Winter break; Williams said that volleyball has become a 'club' sport like gymnastics.

Commissioner McPherson said that staff has done a nice job with District 15 and Falcon Park; he appreciates their efforts.

Commissioner Rogers said that she, along with a few PPD staff, attended the Special Leisure Services Luncheon/Fashion Show; it was a good time with over 650 people in attendance; it was a good event and a good fundraiser.

Commissioner Gould noted that she attended the Senior Center Gala, very nice event which raised a lot of money.

President Schultz said that he recently heard on WGN radio about an infant pool program, i.e. survival techniques. Danz said that we have tried some infant swimming classes years ago but they didn't go over real well; we could try to offer them again. President Schultz said these were primarily about safety.

President Schultz asked if there were any 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 regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:44 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: John Cozza

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert G. Schultz  
President

Special Falcon Park Workshop: March 8, 2008  
Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: March 11, 2008  
March 25, 2008  
April 8, 2008