

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 APRIL 8, 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  
John Cozza

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director  
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  
Joshua Ludolph, Facilities Coordinator  
Andy Rose, Swim Team Coordinator  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Carol Reagan, PTSCC

Howard & Edith Litwin, Nichols Grove  
Dan Kauss

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the meeting Agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2008 was unanimously 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 Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Workshop of March 19, 2008. By a voice vote, the minutes of the special workshop were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2008. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Susan Gould, Robert Schultz

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers

ABSENT: None

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Finance & Personnel Department Report. Becke noted that Superintendent Smith is still out due to illness; she responded to a question explaining that “late letters” are sent to applicants who applied for summer positions that have already been filled, advising them that applications for summer positions are usually submitted beginning around Thanksgiving. Responding a question regarding soccer registration numbers, staff said it is probably due to timing – the report was written two weeks ago; PAFA has 500 registrants as of last evening but the report states 324; Becke said she would email Commissioner Gould updated registration numbers.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Recreation Department Report. Highlighting the *Hound Egg Hunt*, Williams said that we always get a lot of press when we have our ‘dog events’ and this event was no different; seventy dogs were registered despite the cold and rain, and pictures with **Bunny** were again very popular. Continuing, he said that CARE continues to be a good program, Marika Rosencrans and Pam Stoltz have a very good handle on it; and, our Gymnastics program remains competitive with a good showing at the State Meet. Williams said that the Athletic Field scheduling website is up and running, still a few bugs to be worked out, and user group schedules are not complete, but our users can utilize it. Josh Ludolph would give a demonstration.

Ludolph introduced Dan Kauss, the person who developed the system, then proceeded to walk the Board through the program: access is through the PPD Website, click Park & Facilities, Fields; site has PPD policy, an application for field use (downloadable), contact information, scheduled events, field descriptions with pictures, locations with *Google* map, and individual field information. Staff responded to questions saying that at this time it doesn’t show what fields are open for non-affiliate groups; the program has the potential to include weekly schedule reports showing what is taken and what’s open, and give league information; cannot email participants/users directly from site; Williams and Ludolph make changes, and although ‘phantom’ practices/games cannot be completely avoided, we will have a staff person Monday – Saturday visit the fields looking for these uses and keep a log. Commissioner Rogers commented that affiliate groups do not have free reign; Commissioner McPherson commented it was good to see it up and running.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Bob Alexander, PHGA liaison. Alexander said that the PHGA held its annual **Smoker** Friday night; raffle this year had several new donors – eight sports equipment stores and two cafes donated various gift certificates; raised about \$1,100 to be used for special activities; members observed the

Course's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and especially liked the \$4.50 rounds. On behalf of the PHGA, he extended thanks to Zaldivar and Hotchkin for all their help.

Mr. Litwin, a Nichols Grove resident (abuts Falcon Park), addressed the Board saying that he had seen the Falcon Park site design at a previous meeting and was most impressed; has the it changed or is there any talk of changing it?; will the building be in the same area? He lives near the temporary parking lot and his number one concern was the possibility of a through road along the north side of the site between Hicks and Coach Roads. President Schultz responded that although the drawings are not 'etched in stone', no road will go across the back of the site. Litwin volunteered to help with plans for landscaping etc. to make this area nice; there is a homeowners meeting tomorrow evening (Wednesday), but he wanted the Board to know that resident Dorothy Benish does not speak for the whole association. At this time, Commissioner Gould pulled her copy of the site drawing; showing it to Litwin, she said that the Park District is trying not to put in too much concrete - would like to keep more natural area. Mr. Litwin thanked the Board.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed materials distributed earlier pertaining to a Falcon Park Rec Center Business Plan Proposal. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve Pro's Consulting of Indianapolis, IN to develop a Falcon Park Recreation Center business plan for \$16,000. Responding to questions, Gbur explained that the change in the fee represents the cancellation of five meetings that they had scheduled, they will provide a scenario for the meetings but we will conduct them ourselves; have talked with five of six references and they could not say enough good things about them, i.e. local, provides good data, local representative; without having a pool or fitness center, we anticipate revenue sources to be soccer field and basketball courts/gym rental, recreation programming, and community room rentals; someone may want to provide a concession area with vending machines and/or arcade; references said Pro's is sharper in the area of projecting staff requirements; really need to trust project rep, companies said that their actual numbers exceeded Pro's projects; Ballard-King's work samples were of future accounts; hoping Pro's will give constructive criticism of what we plan to do and be honest with us; we are doing the five-year plan. President Schultz requested that we not call the indoor turf area 'soccer fields'; the area has alternate uses, we don't need to stick a label on it. Gbur said he expected Day Camp to use the area too; and Commissioner Cozza interjected that he expects PCSC will be the major renter/user. 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.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a funding request by the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the funding request for the 2008 fiscal year by the PTSCC and that staff disburse the first half of this year's funds in the amount of \$73,277.50. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, Commissioner McPherson said that the formula was adjusted several years ago; it is no longer 1¢ of our tax rate. President Schultz requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of said vote follows:

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

NAYS: Robert Schultz

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Addressing Carol Reagan, Commissioner Cozza said that she and her staff are doing a great job. Ms. Reagan thanked the Board for their support.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #7, in the amount of \$588,506.90, 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: John Cozza, Andrew McPherson, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz

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 highlighted that fourteen people, of seventeen slots, attended the initial meeting of the Falcon Park Review Committee wherein a history and overall perspective of the project was given; the committee will concentrate on components at future meetings. Commissioner McPherson said that it was good to be started. In response to Gbur's request for interest in attending the POC fundraiser, 'Cinco de Mayo', President Schultz, Commissioners Rogers and Gould said they would each like two tickets. Williams said that members of the guitar program and the *Club Angelitos* dancers will perform; the event will be under tent providing more space than last year.

#### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

President Schultz asked that commissioners get their completed Director's Evaluation forms to him.

Commissioner Rogers said that last week she along with Gbur and Moser went to Springfield for the Legislative Conference, had dinner with Senator Murphy; a lot of talk about a Constitutional Convention with most people leaning towards no; the one held in 1968 cost \$14M - about \$78M in today's dollars. President Schultz commented that a "recall" question on the ballot is a good idea.

Commissioner Gould stated that did the 'welcome' intro at the Senior Matinee that afternoon; the Jazz group was very good and there were 380 or more in attendance.

Commissioner Cozza said that while in Spain he walked through a lot of parks; there was no grass for playing soccer but the artificial turf areas were surrounded by fencing; good trip, always good to see other countries.

President Schultz asked for Future Agenda Items; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:41 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett  
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Robert G. Schultz  
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: April 22, 2008  
May 13, 2008  
May 27, 2008