

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 22, 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
John Cozza

Absent

Andrew McPherson

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Exec. Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rogers moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the meeting Agenda. President Schultz stated that Item X and XI (Executive Session and Additional New Business) have been removed from the Agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2008 was unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2008. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser updated the Board on architectural contract negotiations saying we are at a price of \$795,000 with a 10% overage clause; if the project bids come in 10% higher overall than cost estimates, PHN will need to redesign to reach an acceptable figure. Commissioner Gould commented on “unauthorized canine bathing” at the Dog Park and Moser replied that there is a Village Ordinance against dogs being in public areas of water.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Updating the Board, Zaldivar said that Clubhouse deck is progressing; northwest section has been framed and access to the bathrooms and restaurant is available from the road; need more concrete work which we expect to be done tomorrow; work will continue for the next week/week and a half.

Gbur stated there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Schultz recognized Bob Alexander, PHGA liaison. Alexander said that he was out at the Clubhouse today; contractor was hard at work; project looks good. Zaldivar said dealing with this contractor has been the best part of this project.

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 the purchase of a dump truck. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order to International Truck and Engine Corp. for the purchase and delivery of one 2009 International Model 7400 truck with a dump bed and plow in the amount of \$97,318. Moser advised the Board that the license fees are not included; radio and accessories are also additional. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus data processing equipment. Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #08-03 declaring outdated and broken computer equipment surplus, and authorize staff to discard of said equipment at its discretion. President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

Aye: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Jennifer Rogers, Robert Schultz

Nay: None
Absent: Andrew McPherson

Motion carried.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #8, in the amount of \$943,713.92, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to materials to treat wet areas at Palatine Hills (Parks Dept.) and the large number of refunds for a Basketball Clinic (instructor cancelled). President Schultz requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

Motion carried.

President Schultz noted there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Gbur highlighted the item regarding the Falcon Park Review Committee; has fifteen members, will meet again next Monday, April 28; PHN architect Andy Dogan will be there to work through the site plan; putting together an on-line survey for residents (one of the consultants suggestions), questions will be come before the Board first, and we will be getting the committee's input as well as use them as 'guinea pigs' for it. Continuing, Gbur said that he would like to schedule a Falcon Park Workshop on either May 5 or May 6; it would last about 1 to 1½ hours; Corporate Construction and PHN will be present to go over the revisions (have had feed-back from consultants regarding programming already), and, together, zero in on a budget; do not want to recommend contracts until the two firms are in agreement; Mike Rink has been a good 'checks and balance' person. Commissioners Rogers, Gould and Cozza preferred Monday (5/5); President Schultz was unsure at this time and Commissioner McPherson will be contacted by Gbur.

Referring to the unsigned correspondence from the Palatine Hills golfer, Commissioner Gould asked if they were not going to play. Responding to this and other questions, Zaldivar said that their refund was on the warrant; there were actually two groups that participated/played in the Permanent Tee Time program, and in an uncanny stroke of bad luck, these foursomes were the last two drawn and did not want the later tee times; it would be difficult to change now after everyone has drawn their times. President Schultz said that the lottery is non-discriminatory, just the luck of the draw; auctioning off tee times is not a good idea as the economic range among Palatine Hills users is wide. Williams suggested that one time slot could be auctioned off as a fund raiser; Alexander said that the participants understand the process.

Responding to Secretary Bennett, Commissioner Gould said that she planned to attend the Arbor Day ceremony and President Schultz said he would try to be there. Responding to questions, Moser said that the Village is planting three trees along in the parkway on Anderson; St. Thomas students are donating money they

raised for replacement of the vandalized trees to the Park District; the Village is responsible for parkway trees. Responding to a question, Gbur said that twenty-two people applied for seats on the Falcon Park Review Committee and eleven were selected; a geographic combination of men, women, moms with young children, a high school student (teen) and we are still looking for a Latino.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Pending Projects List. President Schultz said that we should delete WiFi for Towne Square, it is a dead issue. Gbur said that both Comcast and A T & T backed off.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza asked if we were aware that the Village vacated the r-o-w property in the Suthers Lane/W. Center area. President Schultz said that according to state law, the Village was required to give the unused r-o-w back to the abutting property owners.

Commissioner Gould said that there are hundreds of people who have never been to Palatine Hills; she emailed Gbur and Zaldivar listing various ideas for getting people to visit the Golf Course, e.g. a Spring Fest, similar to Fall Fest at the Stables, with bagpipes, driving range/putting green competitions, gardening demos; the intent is to target people who have never been out there, perhaps sparking an interest in the game in a more casual less intimidating atmosphere. Lengthy discussion ensued among commissioners and staff concerning the feasibility of Commissioner Gould's ideas: Fall Fest is not revenue generating and the Golf Course cannot be closed for a couple of days to people who would bring in revenue and it is a very busy time for Parks and Golf Course maintenance; golfers who have not been to Palatine Hills are probably new residents; marketing ideas such as 'Rewards' program gives free golf on birthday, 'Family Night' offers special prices - \$10 adults, \$2 kids; maybe resurrect winter indoor golf lesson program or more clinics; to introduce golf to more young people, perhaps partner with Salt Creek Rural Park District; look at some ideas put out by *Play Golf America* see what could trigger some interest. Gbur asked that Zaldivar do a press release regarding Family Night.

Commissioner Rogers said she attended the Kite Flying event; really nice, lots of people having a good time.

President Schultz said that he would be available to attend a Workshop on May 5.

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 Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:41 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Andrew McPherson

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie Bennett
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Jennifer Rogers
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: May 5, 2008 **Special Workshop Re Falcon Park; 6:30 p.m.**
May 13, 2008
May 27, 2008
June 10, 2008