

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, 505 S. QUENTIN ROAD, PALATINE, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 23, 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

Jennifer Rogers, President  
Andrew McPherson, Vice President  
Sue Gould, Treasurer

John Cozza  
Robert Schultz

Staff Present

Pat Moser, Acting Director  
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation  
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities  
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance

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

Citizens and Guests

Ron Romens, Commercial Recreation Specialists  
Bob Alexander, PHGA  
Eric Anderson, Harris Bank (7:33 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the meeting of September 23, 2008. President Roger noted that Item III.A has been postponed, and Item VII.A will be moved back due to Mr. Anderson's delay. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2008 was unanimously approved as amended.

AYE: Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers  
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 9, 2008. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

PASS: Jennifer Rogers

ABSENT: None

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Responding to a question, Tynczuk said that the ‘sky light’ is actually a hole in the Colfax Garage roof; PAFA has a plan for the garage. Moser advised the Board that Dove Park is part of a program sponsored by Staples to win a \$25,000 park make-over; he asked that the commissioners go on line to vote for our park.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar updated the Board on the fall projects saying that the seal coating is complete; reseeding #15 and #18 – ahead of last year and if Mother Nature cooperates, could have a good fall; Village of Palatine thanked us for our water detention during the severe storms – but some neighbors blamed us for flooding; water shorted the irrigation system, which is why sprinkler was on while raining.

President Rogers noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

### RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Rogers noted that no one wished to address the Board at this time.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers noted that there was no Unfinished Business to be addressed at this time.

### NEW BUSINESS

Keith Williams introduced Mr. Ron Romens, Commercial Recreation Specialists, who was in attendance to give a presentation on an early warning lightning detection system (WX Line/Strike Guard). Romens reviewed some previously distributed packet materials (copies included with official minutes), in particular a power-point presentation outlining lightning detection vs prediction, and the benefits of the warning system he represented; he stated that the Park District would need two transmitters and that he and Williams had selected sites that would service the area best; using a prototype, he demonstrated how the system operates and highlighted various features, e.g. siren and strobe light, a self testing 72-hour battery back-up, an available solar system, adjustable decibel level and different sounds so not to confuse with tornado warning; computer and software not absolutely necessary but helpful. Commissioner Cozza said that we might want to work with the school districts on this. President Rogers thanked Romens for his presentation.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a joint services agreement. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the agreement between the Buehler YMCA and the Park District, and direct staff to continue with the direction of partnering with the Y to provide recreation programs for participants of NE Palatine. Williams said that he was happy that it finally got approved. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus equipment. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the board adopt Ordinance #08-06 declaring old weight room equipment surplus, and to allow sale or disposal of said equipment. Responding to a question, Williams said that staff anticipated selling the items ‘on consignment’ however, that fell through – pieces too old; working on other options but may have to pay to have equipment removed. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Falcon Park naming. Opening the discussion, Commissioner Gould said that the site was given the name Falcon Park due to Park District policy of naming parks after trees or birds, and keeping in mind should a large donor/sponsor enter the picture, could then change it; it is a big park and thought it might be nice to have a ‘**Veterans Park** or **Patriots Park**. Commissioner Schultz commented that we haven’t gotten very far with any type of sponsorship; although other park districts have ‘sold’ naming rights, with the current economy don’t think there will be much interest. Commissioner Cozza commented that everything has its price; Williams said that he would look into what other park districts have gotten. President Rogers said that our residents have become accustomed to Falcon Park. Commissioner McPherson said that he is open to all ideas.

The Board reviewed the results of previously distributed 2009-2013 Ranked Master Plan Items. Gbur stated that Eagle and Willowood pool renovations are the only items earmarked; surprised that the #1 item was to air condition the Birchwood Rec Center gym; thanks to Williams for compiling the results.

After passing out some materials on Interest Rate Trends (copy attached to official minutes), Eric Anderson addressed the Board saying that currently the market and interest rates are very volatile and we can only hope that things will calm down; he reviewed the trends of 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year Municipals and compared them to 10-year Treasury Bonds as well as his updated ‘Funding Study for Capital Projects’ report. After some discussion regarding these reports, Anderson said that his recommendation at this time would be to issue Parameter Ordinances where in the Board would authorize two commissioners and a staff person (Director) to act on behalf of the Board to conduct a transaction to issue bonds if and when the rates become favorable (rate ceilings and time period would be predetermined by the entire Board). Commissioner Schultz commented that we have done so much planning to just hang it up now. Anderson said that he would contact Secretary Bennett to work on preparing the documents.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #18, in the amount of \$981,512.12, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. Hearing no questions, President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

President Rogers noted there was no more new business.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Acting Director's Report. Moser highlighted item 5, saying that changing the meetings to the first and third Tuesdays will help us get on track with the Falcon Park project, primarily with the process of getting permits from the Village; elevator bids will be given first (10/7/08), then other contractors at the second meeting in order to break ground this fall. Commissioner Schultz said that he is not in town October 7. Commissioners and staff discussed calling a 'special meeting' on the 7<sup>th</sup>, and having the regular meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, but decided that an additional meeting was not necessary. Upon being asked to set a date for the new Fitness Center Grand Opening, the Board selected November 8, at 10 a.m.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2008 Master Plan Update. There were no questions or comments.

### COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza said that he is glad that the co-op bike path is getting done; is they can get a grant, shouldn't Palatine get one to do from the bridge to Illinois Avenue, can then connect to Birchwood South; feel we are running behind in this area, maybe make some calls. He then said that he found the letter regarding Cardinal Park disturbing; why is an 'organized' game being conducted there without permits. Williams said that the police need to help us out in that area – by ordinance play is not allowed at our fields without permits; this is a league from Des Plaines; home owner has requested that no soccer be allowed within a specific number of feet from private property; has a fence, but cannot seem to be able to do anything about trespassers. Commissioner Cozza said that if the group doesn't have a permit, we have to ask them to leave and if they don't, they are trespassing on our property.

Commissioner Gould said that she emailed a lady about an indoor pool; interesting that people are still asking about the 'doggy paddle'. Williams said that we tried to have a discussion with the VOP's Health Dept. but they were not very supportive.

Commissioner Schultz said that he emailed the National Weather Service and before looking at spending a considerable amount of money, we should realize that lightning strike about 62 people per year; actually, if people don't have any place to go, I would rather spend the dollars on shelters; another factor to consider would be to involve other municipal government agencies. Zaldivar said that there has been court action at locations where they had detectors and they did not operate properly, people ignored them or there was no place to go; we would have bigger risks.

President Rogers requested Future Agenda Items; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gold moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; said motion seconded by Commissioner Cozza and unanimously approved by a voice vote at 9:02 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED:

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: October 7, 2008  
October 21, 2008  
November 11, 2008  
November 25, 2008