

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 ON OCTOBER 7, 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

Jennifer Rogers, President
Andrew McPherson, Vice President
Susan Gould, Treasurer
John Cozza

Commissioner Absent

Robert Schultz

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director/Secretary Pro Tem
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks/Acting Director
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation

Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Carol Lange, Cultural Arts Coordinator
Cathy Laegeler, Recording Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Eric Anderson, Harris Bank
Diane Ramsden, Palatine Children's Chorus

Bob Alexander, PHGA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of October 7, 2008. Moser stated that approval of the Minutes of August 26 and September 23 need to be removed. Also Moser said we would like to move Ordinances #80-07 and #08-08, Parameter authorization to issue bonds before the departmental reports. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved as amended.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Ordinance #08-07, Parameter authorization to issue bonds. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance 08-07 for the issuance of \$3,000,000 Limited Park Bonds, Series 2008A. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Ordinance #08-08, Parameter authorization to issue bonds. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #08-08 for the issuance of \$7,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). Discussion ensued about what parameters are being authorized for this sale. Eric Anderson, BMO, answered the parameters are for three authorized signatures, Ron Gbur, Sue Gould and Jay Cozza and the term expires on December 1, 2028. With rates so high now, we should wait; on October 17 it could be lower. Mr. Anderson will report back on a regular basis and before any action is taken he will do an electronic conference to state where we are with interest rates. Mr. Anderson suggested not moving forward at over 5%. Director Gbur suggested setting a ceiling of 4.8%. Mr. Anderson suggested that a ceiling of 5% can work as a maximum. Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded an amendment of not to exceed 4.99% total interest cost. The total cost can apply to the total bond issue. Mr. Anderson explained that if ultimately the ordinance needs to go back before the Board because the rate is over 4.99, a new BINA hearing does not need to be held. A special meeting can be called with 48 hours notice if needed to approve a higher total interest cost. Commissioner Gould asked why the ordinance refers to eight million in the 2nd paragraph. Mr. Anderson replied that the BINA hearing was for eight million, but going through the process only seven million is needed. Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Rogers seconded to amend the ordinance to not to exceed 6% per annum and not to exceed 4.99% total interest cost. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

Commissioner McPherson moved to re-open Ordinance 08-07 and Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion to re-open Ordinance 08-07. Commissioner McPherson moved to amend Ordinance 08-07 not to exceed 6% per annum and not to exceed 4.99% total interest cost. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Responding to a question from Commissioner Cozza, Smith explained that from the IMRF audit it was suggested that three employees needed to be enrolled at IMRF. While the park district is required to pay the employer share on part-time employees that exceed 1,000 hours, most of the time those part-time employees eventually leave park district employment and file for a refund. The employer share that has been paid on those part-time employees stays in the Palatine Park District account with IMRF and then those monies help to reduce the future employer rate.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams said that the fishing derby went well and we picked up two sponsors, Cabellas and Anglers International. Also people from the Algonquin Longhouse helped the new fishing people and they also fished. The fitness center is up and running and we've had a lot of very positive comments. Through this morning we sold about 115 passes with about 100 of them being sold in the last two days. It is a good mix of people across the board, although some didn't want to pay. Those who don't want to pay are being referred to the P.O.C.. Some people have decided to just walk the track. Commissioners have talked to a gentleman who lives in the Salt Creek Park District and the non-resident fee of \$1,100. This is an issue for him. Commissioners asked Superintendent Williams to work up some numbers concerning a possible reciprocal agreement with Salt Creek Park District. Resident rates for their golf course in exchange for resident rates for our fitness center. Raul said he did not think this would harm Palatine Hills Golf Course since Salt Creek's is a 9-hole executive course. Staff is planning on gathering numbers but not until January or after one year. Staff wants Palatine Park District residents to be accommodated first. Another suggestion by Commissioner Gould wants to pattern the non-resident fees after the library which would charge the non-residents Palatine Park District tax rates as determined by their tax bills. Staff wants to make sure the new fitness center is paying for itself. Williams wanted to bring up one more thing about the fishing derby. He said that Culvers was there; they were a good sponsor; they were at Fall Fest and they would like to do more. It was asked what group; age group attended the vintage wine tasting. It was mostly senior citizens.

President Rogers noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Rogers recognized Diane Ramsden of the Palatine Children's Chorus. She told the Board about the honors choir trip to San Francisco last summer. They left early on a Friday morning and returned on Monday. This is their top choir with mainly older kids. This was their best tour with no luggage being lost. Three quarter of the choir is high school kids. She showed four pictures and mentioned that they sang in the giant red wood forest in the cathedral there. They received a plaque for being at the festival of the states. Next summer they are going to Mexico; they will be singing with a clinician. National Geographic travel magazine had an article on Mexico and it shows where they will be going and a pink church they will be singing in. .

Mr. Bob Alexander of the PHGA wanted to announce that they were having their board meeting on Thursday and they were going to discuss the USGA stroke program. It is going to be a big discussion. Zaldivar said the golf course staff is not in favor of this program. It will be discussed but no decisions will be made

Alexander also said there was a nice article on the fitness center in the Herald. .

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers noted that there was no unfinished business to come before the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers made a presentation to Commissioner Susan Gould from IAPD; a plaque of appreciation for 15 years of service as a Park Board Commissioner.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the Falcon Park Recreation Center elevator bids. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners accept the bid of ThyssenKrupp Elevator in the amount of \$60,100.00 for the installation of an elevator at the new Falcon Park Recreation Center. A question was asked about what is an electric elevator. The electric elevator does not need a separate mechanical room and it is twice as expensive. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to Community Center Fitness Change Orders 1-12. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve change orders 1-12 for the Community Center Fitness Center. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus equipment. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #08-09 declaring the attached list of maintenance equipment surplus. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the purchase of two mowing units. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners direct staff to issue a purchase order in the amount \$20,490.00 to Grower Equipment & Supply Company for two model LXS25KD665 Exmark Mowers. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #19, in the amount of \$600,471.59, be approved and released for payment; said motion seconded by Commissioner Gould. There were no questions or comments. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion approved.

President Rogers noted there was no more new business to be addressed.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Acting Director's Report. Moser welcomed back Executive Director Gbur. Commissioner Gould wanted to know if he would be attending the convention. He said he was signed up but would have to see how this weekend went. Moser mentioned the NWSRA dinner dance and asked if anyone was interested in going; It will be held at the Meridian on November 7th. A lot of foundation supporters, kids, their parents and politicians will be there. They also have a silent auction.

At this time Zaldivar mentioned that Cricket Communications would like to use the cell tower at the Stables. Jim Wascher of Friedman and Holtz helped get the agreement reached. The terms are \$5,000.00 consulting fee, \$21,000 a year with a 3% annual increase. It is for four five year terms. This exceeds the current level of ground lease. Staff feels there is plenty of room out there without impact to the Park District. They can cancel at the end of five years.

Commissioner Gould saw some equipment by the golf course and was wondering if AT&T was out there working again. Zaldivar said that it was from The Bruce Company who is doing the green surrounds and that is where they stage their equipment.

The grand opening for the fitness center will be on November 8th at 10:00 a.m. Director Gbur said that maybe on that same day we can have a ground breaking ceremony out at Falcon Park. President Rogers said that Arlington Heights also has their grand opening of Memorial Park on November 8th.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Vice President McPherson said that he received his 2nd half property tax bill. He knows that some people have had substantial increases while some had less. It shows real dollars that go to taxing bodies is up 10% in the 2nd half. This is for the whole area not several parts. The 7% cap equalizer is going away and some of the exemptions have changed. Commissioner Gould said that she gets call in general about homeowner exemptions that have been lost. There was a three year moratorium to do an addition, that is now showing up on a lot of tax bills.

President Rogers requested 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 meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:03 p.m.

AYES: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson, Jennifer Rogers
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Laegeler

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

President

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