

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 DECEMBER 9, 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 @ 7:03P.M.

Commissioners Present

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

Commissioners Absent

Robert Schultz

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  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Bob Alexander, PGHA

Citizens and Guests

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's Agenda. Upon a voice vote, the Agenda for the regular meeting of December 9, 2008 was approved as submitted.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 25, 2008. Upon a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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. Smith handed out a Long Term Debt payment schedule which had been revised to include the recently issued Falcon Park bonds. Commissioner Cozza thanked Smith for the Fitness Center budget detail report; Smith said that membership continues to increase.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Williams thanked the Board for their support of the Part-time/Volunteers Staff Party, a casino or Vegas night was suggested for next year's theme. Highlighting the *Turkey Trot* Williams said that as several commissioners are aware, there were no race results due to a malfunction of the timing company's computer; runners were notified and offered a \$5 voucher toward a Park District program/event; legal counsel sent a letter - is not worth pursuing in court although the Park District will suffer substantial loses, e.g. potential loss of registration and sponsorships for 2009 Turkey Trot, cost of the medals/awards that could not be presented, and refunds; Special Interest Coordinator Guthrie however did a great job on the race

President Rogers noted that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

No residents came forward to address the Board at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers noted that 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 2008 Tax Levy. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #08-10 assessing and levying taxes for the 2008 tax year. Responding to a question, Smith said that fund numbers shown are not 'etched in stone'; the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, done in the first quarter of our fiscal year, lays out the 'budgeted' numbers which are then adjusted at year's end by the Amended Budget and Appropriations Ordinance submitted at year's end. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the abatement of taxes. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #08-11 abating taxes levied for the Falcon Park Recreation Center 2008 General Obligation Bond Issue. Responding to a request by Commissioner Cozza, Smith explained that this ordinance abates the taxes of the alternate revenue portion of the bonds because they will be paid out of the Corporate Fund; in January we will prepare an ordinance to enable us to pay for debt service through the Bond & Interest Fund. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to 2008 Honor Roll Nominees. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners accept the nominees for the Honor Roll as submitted by the Honor Roll committee. Staff responded to questions saying that one of the nominees is still active, one is deceased, and another lives out of town. As this is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Volunteer of the Year Luncheon, we will be presenting a special program identify persons who made great contributions to our programs and the community prior to the development of our VOTY recognition program; the luncheon has the potential of doubling in size, but will be a one time thing to recognize past leadership. Upon a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved as follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #23, in the amount of \$726,848.73, be approved and released for payment; Commissioner Gould seconded. Staff responded to a question regarding shades which were purchased for the new Fitness Center, it was part of 'Owner's Expenses'; will be very beneficial in the summer – an the project still came in under budget. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Motion carried.

Gbur said there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director’s Report. Gbur highlighted gathering at Clayson House to view the Christmas decorations prior to the December 16 meeting, and also invited the Board and staff to join him at the American Legion for pizza after the meeting;

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould commented that the Holiday Party was real nice; Park District has a good group of people.

Commissioner McPherson said ‘ditto’ on the party; he and Beth had a good time even though they need to leave early. He then said that he needed to comment on a current event (Governor’s indictment) which somehow will overshadow some of the good things that other governmental agencies do; IAPD and IPRA does a good job of keeping our (park districts) good works out in front of the public.

Commissioner Cozza also thanked staff for the Holiday Party; he and Laura think it is a very nice event.

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 McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:25 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett

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Bonnie M. Bennett, Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Jennifer Rogers

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Jennifer Rogers, President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: December 16, 2008 (third Tuesday of the month)  
January 13, 2009  
January 27, 2009