

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 16, 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 (arrived @ 7:05 p.m.)
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
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Andy Dogan, PHN
Terry Ellis, Celtic Soccer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded, that the Board approve the meeting Agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2008 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2008. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Responding to a question from President Rogers regarding the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, Moser said that our pools will be in compliance.

Commissioner Cozza arrived (7:05 p.m.).

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Revenue Facilities Report. Zaldivar noted congratulations due Stables Manager Toni Bruns, not only for being named *NIJHA Horseperson of the Year for 2008*, but also for Palatine Stables receiving the *NIJHA Horse Show of the Year* award which should continue eligibility for good show dates, i.e. better facilities get the bigger shows. Commissioner Schultz requested we try getting some press space on this.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

President Rogers recognized Terry Ellis. Addressing the Board, Ellis said that he has had the opportunity to observe many meetings this year as a part of the Falcon Park Recreation Center Review Committee, Palatine Celtic Soccer Club, and as an interested citizen; has come to appreciate what all of you (the Board and staff) do; some are critical but having sat in at some financial meetings, I have come to appreciate what is done with the limited funds available; thank you for volunteering as commissioners, and know that you have a very professional staff to work with. The Board thanked Ellis for his kind words and for coming out in the terrible weather to express them; they wished him and his family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers addressed the Board and audience stating that in accordance with the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, a Public Hearing is to be held prior to the Board adopting an ordinance amending the ordinance which set forth the budget and making appropriations of sums of money for the necessary expenditures of the Palatine Park District for corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008. Notification of said public hearing was published in the **Daily Herald** according to regulations. The public hearing regarding the Amendment of the 2008 Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for the Palatine Park District was declared open.

President Rogers requested questions and/or comments from the Board, and then from the audience. As no questions or comments were forthcoming, President Rogers declared the public hearing closed.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to amending the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board adopt Ordinance #08-12 amending an Ordinance which set forth the Budget and Appropriations of

sums of money for all necessary expenditures for Corporate purposes for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of said vote follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #24, in the amount of \$874,043.37, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions. 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

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 item 2, saying that in prior years the Board has done the tour before the Volunteer of the Year Luncheon; would like to walk the site at Falcon Park, where allowed, to view the progress.

Gbur thanked Andy Dogan for coming to the meeting in spite of the bad weather. Gbur said that at his request, Dogan prepared a DVD 'virtual tour' presentation of the Falcon Park Recreation Center for commissioners and department heads; he asked that they take the 'virtual tour' and if they see anything specific they would like to suggest or discuss, let us know in order to make changes.

Dogan thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity given to PHN to work on Falcon Park Recreation Center and the Community Center Fitness Center; PHN greatly appreciates the business. Addressing the DVD, he said that some areas may look a little "vanilla", but these decisions, e.g. colors, still need to be made. Responding to a question, Dogan said that with some adjustments, it could be put on our Website; pay extra attention to the people in the last image.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Pending Projects List. Commenting on item 3, Commissioner McPherson said that this may be a good time to have a meeting with Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin. Commissioner Schultz said that he noticed the Forest Preserve has recently put some money into Deer Grove, e.g. fixing some drain tiles. Commissioner Cozza said he would like the gate at Smith/Dundee open for biking/cross-country skiing access. Commissioner Schultz said that the CCFP wants the area secure; more interested in talking to them about trail spurs at Dundee/Hicks and near Dunhaven Woods. Commissioner McPherson suggested that this may be good timing as the widening of Quentin Road is still being discussed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould thanked Museum Coordinator Marilyn Pedersen for having hosted the Board and staff prior to the meeting; wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner McPherson wished everyone a Happy New Year and a good Christmas; do appreciate Terry Ellis coming out and saying nice things about us; we are fortunate to have good sports affiliates and others we work with – thankful and blessed to have such a good group of people.

Commissioner Cozza wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Schultz said Merry Christmas and sorry to have missed the Holiday party – Edie was sick.

President Rogers asked how Dove Park made out in **Staples'** contest. Moser said that we did not win it but are going to get \$500 for improvements; working with Terry Ellis (PCSC) to get some soccer goals out there.

President Rogers noted that no Future Agenda Items were put forward

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Jennifer Rogers
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: January 13, 2009
January 27, 2009
February 10, 2009