

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 JANUARY 27, 2009 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
Robert Schultz

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities
Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Brad Helms, Golf Course Supt.

Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Lisa Guthrie, Special Interest Coordinator
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Andrew McCurley, Palatine Jaycees
Jason Coroneos, Palatine Jaycees
Bob Alexander, PHGA

Nick Sawyer, Park Commissioner Candidate
Dexter Stokes, Park Commissioner Candidate

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 January 27, 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted.

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 January 13, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Moser reported that they had trouble making ice but now there is 14" at Palatine Hills and ice at the upper outdoor basketball court at Birchwood; some of the problem may have been salt coming from the road. Commissioner Gould said that she was offended by the letter from *Golf Nation*; they are trespassing and make it look like we are the bad guys. Gbur said that they are getting prices on relocating the guy lines and will meet with us; concerns are it being done when ground is too soft – needs to be done now, when the ground is frozen, or in mid-summer when the ground is dry and hard – so as not to damage the prairie. Moser said that *Golf Nation* called in Senator Murphy to mediate; Commissioner McPherson said that they don't think it is any big deal and they are being singled out; at the time did not need permits to install poles and guy lines – Village now requires permits. Staff said that the property lines are obviously marked, and they are also survey stakes out there.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2008 Annual Golf Course Report. Zaldivar said that among last season's challenges were the weather and the economic downturn; will see how our erosion control efforts pay off as this season progresses. Continuing, he said that a few meetings ago, golf course staff were asked to come up with some ideas to increase revenues without depending on increased rounds; staff feels completing the installation of cart paths, although costly, would provide pay back by allowing carts out sooner after wet conditions; clearing a portion of the wooded area, thick grass and coyotes at the driving range would reduce the number of range balls replaced and expansion, but we don't have estimates for expansion and netting the area; last two years wet conditions particularly on the back four holes have been a major concern – perhaps we should re-think Phase II of the project, perhaps to do something to 19th hole which is used as an alternate on occasion; met with reps from ProLink regarding GPS system, another option would be a hand-held system at a cost of approximately \$2,000 each, renting them to golfers - cart riders and walkers - and reselling at the end of the season at a discounted price, can use for two or three seasons and would be a lot less expensive. At this time, Commissioner McPherson suggested a golf course workshop to look at the golf course as a whole – keep as revenue center or tax assisted; look at different round levels, capital items, potentially looking to use monies for other things and where the funds will come from. Zaldivar said that we haven't approached the Department of Natural Resources or the Corps of Engineers regarding our ideas and thoughts on the flooding areas. Helms said that these holes always flooded but the water doesn't recede as fast as before. Commissioner Schultz said that further discussion should be kept for a workshop. Responding to questions from President Rogers, Zaldivar said that radio station 97.1 advertises the golf course in exchange for certificates that the station sells at discounted rates; play seems to be around 50/50 between residents and non-residents, but we are now seeing more non-residents play with the discount card.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers 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 facility use and assistance requests by the Palatine Jaycees for the July 4th festival. Commissioner Schultz moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board authorize approval of the Jaycees use of Community Park, Tuesday June 30 through Monday July 6, 2009 with the hours and dates as recommended by staff; and, that staff be directed to coordinate assistance for the celebration with the fireworks planned for Friday, July 3 and the parade for Saturday, July 4, 2009. Jaycees’ representative Andy McCurley and Jason Coroneos were introduced by Guthrie. Staff responded to questions stating that there will be no baseball played on July 4; commissioners will be among the first ten groups marching in the parade; and, although no mentioned, the Jaycees will again try “*Movie Nite*” on July 1st at the Amphitheater. Commissioner McPherson noted that the request did not include a ‘waiver’ of the Park District’s alcohol ordinance; it needs to be requested and approved; aware that the Jaycees use a “blanket” application letter each year, however they need to include a ‘waiver of the alcohol ordinance’ in future requests. Commissioner Schultz then amended his motion to include the service of alcoholic beverages at the fest, and Commissioner Gould seconded the amendment. The motion, as amended, was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner McPherson moved that Warrant #2, in the amount of \$659,634.24, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Cozza 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 that there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director’s Report. Highlighting item #5 on his report, Gbur congratulated the Park District Tiger Shark Swim Team on their successful meet; the parents did a really nice job. Gbur then stated that petitions were filed for the two Park Board seats and all three candidates were present; current commissioner Jay Cozza, Nick Sawyer and Dexter Stokes. Gbur said that he will be doing a Candidate’s Orientation 6:30 p.m. at CSF on Wednesday, February 11 and requested a sitting commissioner to Join him. President Rogers and Commissioner Gould said they would do it.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Master Plan 2008 Update and Carryovers. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded that the Board approve the carryover amount of \$946,475 from the Appendix 2008 Master Plan and that the Fiscal Year Budget 2009 be amended to include these amounts. Commissioner Gould asked staff to check item #81; she thinks the figures shown were transposed. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that he attended the Environmental Committee meeting that morning; the committee has been moving along very well without his being there; he has been taking some things to his part-time employer and has developed a 'close' relationship with some ComEd people; one suggestion was putting timers on vending machines saving \$100 per machine per year in energy costs. Commissioner Gould suggested that the safety lights at Hamilton be turned off this time of year. Staff replied that could make the area more inviting to trouble but will take a look at it.

President Rogers said that a member of the League of Women Voters gave her a 1973 Park District catalog which was passed on to staff; attended the Park District's *SPAMALOT* trip on Sunday, there were about 30 people, it was a very good event.

Commissioner Gould said that the portable sign on Palatine Road – FAC Exit – looks bad. Gbur said that an elevated sign is in the 2009 G & O's, and former Executive Director Hall has donated funds for this item; hoping to have in place this summer.

Commissioner Cozza said that the Travel Teams committee meetings have been going very well; four pages of issues have been resolved, and they are still working to make this a more desirable organization and providing a better transition from PYB to PBA Travel; hopefully it will cut down on the number of 'renegade' teams.

Responding to President Rogers' request for Future Agenda Items, Commission Schultz said that we should follow Commissioner McPherson suggestion's and schedule a Golf Course Workshop before the golf course opens.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner McPherson moved that the regular meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:42 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Jennifer Rogers
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: February 10, 2009
February 24, 2009
March 10, 2009