

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 FEBRUARY 24, 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

Andrew McPherson, Vice President
Susan Gould, Treasurer
John Cozza

Commissioners Absent

Jennifer Rogers, President
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
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks

Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Toni Bruns, Stables Manager
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager
Cheryl Tynczuk, Landscape Architect
Kate Albertson, Intern
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Nick Sawyer, Park Commissioner Candidate
Dexter Stokes, Park Commissioner Candidate
Terry Ellis, PCSC
Greg Brunks, PCSC
Donald Ami, Bike Task Force
Kris Sudrovich Ami, Bike Task Force

Steve Tom, Bike Task Force
Tom Algo, Bike Task Force
Randy Robertson, Bike Task Force
Ralph Banakiak, Bike Task Force
Wayne Mikes, Bike Task Force
Gail Artrip, Bike Task Force

In the absence of Board President Jennifer Rogers, Vice President Andy McPherson presided over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the meeting's agenda. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2009 was unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz, Jennifer Rogers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed written Parks and Planning Department Report. Adding to his report, Moser said that Falcon Park Rec Center is going pretty well; all pre-cast panels are up, water main is 80% complete, and expecting roof trusses Wednesday or Thursday; the haul road was also reinforced.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed 2008 Annual Stables Report. Highlighting the first challenge listed, Zaldivar said that staff continues to look into roof and wall coatings with insulating qualities for the upper barn. Results of the current economy are being seen mostly by a drop in beginner lessons; two boarders left for another 'bare bones' facility, however, some riding school students have purchased horses which they are boarding with us. Responding to questions, Zaldivar said that the greatest number of riding students is at the 'advanced' level; instructors are only paid when they teach; and, insulating the building would be an investment—we are only investigating, will come to Board if we decide anything. Vice President McPherson and Commissioner Cozza commented that it was a great report—very informative; also they enjoyed the tour two weeks prior.

Gbur said that there were no more Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Vice President McPherson recognized Wayne Mikes, representative for the Palatine Bicycle Task Force. Mikes thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them and ask for the Park District's cooperation in helping to improve lanes/paths/trails for the biking community; looking for a possible intergovernmental agreement with VOP and support as we strive to get a bike lane on Quentin. Discussion ensued with remarks of our appreciation of the Task Force's work getting people involved and cooperation for a project that would benefit the community; an explanation of the difference between a bike 'lane' and a bike 'path/trail' (bike lane is part of a paved thoroughfare usually used for transportation, whereas a path/trail is recreational); VOP border along Quentin Road ends at Hillcrest, north from Hillcrest to Lake-Cook Road is part of Deer Park, and there is access from there to Deer Grove Forest Preserve; plans for Quentin Road improvements (widening) are in limbo, public meeting is scheduled for June 2009; Friends of the Forest Preserve are also active; trying to get meeting with Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin and hopefully we can get united behind this project; Task Force would like a Park Board liaison to meet with them when they meet with the VOP, Park District Landscape Architect Cheryl Tynczuk has been working with the group for some time; Park District has successfully worked with Rolling Meadows in getting Federal funds for bike lanes/path—looking to connect with surrounding communities; get a copy of Eagle Scout bike path project to Mr. Mikes; when meeting with VOP Commissioner Gould will be PPD Board representative and Cheryl Tynczuk. Mr. Mikes, speaking of biking as a viable means of transportation, suggested that the Park District could set aside an area—the Community Center tennis courts was suggested—for bike parking during the Jaycees' July Fourth Celebration; could cut down automobile traffic a lot. Gbur said that many people view the fireworks from that area, but it is a good suggestion and staff will look into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President McPherson 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 the Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board authorize use of twenty-seven park/school fields, support for up to 350 teams, and field lighting per staff recommendation for the Palatine Celtic Soccer Labor Day Tournament being held Friday September 4 through Monday September 7, 2009 in accordance with the following staff requirements: no game begin before 8 a.m. at Ost and Hamilton Sports Fields, 7 a.m. at the remaining fields; in addition lighting will remain the same as in past years, i.e. Celtic Park-11 p.m., Community Park-10:45 p.m., and Hamilton Sports Fields-9:30p.m. Staff will once again work with the tournament committee to adjust schedules, signage, parking, litter removal and staffing. Addressing the Board, Greg Brunks, PCSC representative, said that it is the same program that has been run for the last twenty-eight years; pretty much the same people also. Responding to a question, staff said that starting time at Hamilton Fields has always been 8 a.m.; although it has been several years since Ost Field has been used for play, we have had some complaints from neighbors and are recommending starting at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Cozza requested that parking areas/spaces be clearly marked and have volunteers to direct people to eliminate the chaos caused by cars parking helter-skelter next to Hamilton when both parking lots are full. Gbur recommended snow-fencing. Brunks said that snow-fencing would be appropriate, maybe paint some lines too; members of CERTS have volunteered to help direct traffic. Commissioner McPherson asked that foot-traffic be directed too. Commissioner Gould reminded the Tournament Committee not to put up ‘No Parking’ signs in the neighborhoods surrounding Hamilton, the area residents want ‘Permit Parking Only’. They Committee was asked to furnish us with a Police Department contact

The motion was unanimously approved by a voice vote as follows:

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz, Jennifer Rogers

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the 2009 Summer Camp Lunch Program bids. Commissioner Cozza moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners award the 2009 Summer Camp Lunch Program Bid to Great American Bagel of Palatine, IL and direct staff to enter into a service agreement for \$3.40 per lunch, per the bid specifications. Gbur stated that Vito Manola was not present because his mother was in the hospital. There was no discussion. Vice President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

AYE: John Cozza, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz, Jennifer Rogers

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Gould moved that Warrant #4, in the amount of \$713,272.36, 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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz, Jennifer Rogers

Motion carried.

Gbur stated that there was no more new business.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Highlighting item #4, Gbur said that it may be time to start thinking of pools, i.e. put together a Master Plan for PPD aquatics, these facilities are losing more and more money each year; start interviewing architectural firms wherein Moser and he will give them some of our ideas – even possibly an indoor pool in town. Discussion ensued with the following observations being made: having a study done by Williams Architects or other aquatic architects could be a conflict, get a consultant that is not an architect or builder; something different than FAC and Birchwood, and do we really need more outdoor water; other park districts have probably done this; need for three or four pools– should we eliminate one pool based on location, to save money, neighborhood, area population, offerings like lessons, etc.; lots of things to consider and talk about with a goal of having a plan in place by the end of this season or early fall, and construction starting at the end of the 2010 season.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gould said that the PTSCC dinner/dance event was very nice, and the live auction went better than she had expected.

Vice President McPherson noted no Future Agenda Items were presented.

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 7:35 p.m.

AYE: John Cozza, Andrew McPherson, Susan Gould

NAY: None

ABSENT: Robert Schultz, Jennifer Rogers

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Jennifer Rogers
President

Next regularly scheduled Park Board meetings: March 10, 2009
March 14, 2009 Golf Course Workshop
March 24, 2009
April 14, 2009