

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 MARCH 10, 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
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities
Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt. of Parks

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Kevin Romejko, Human Resource Mgr.
Kate Albertson, Intern
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, PHGA
Nick Sawyer, BOC Candidate
Dexter Stokes, BOC Candidate
Terry Ellis, PCSC
Terry Ruff, PCSC

Mark Fink, PCSC
Pete Chemello, Swim Team Board President
James Brustad, Swim Team Board Past President
Many Swim Team members and
Swim Team parents

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of March 10, 2009. Upon a voice vote, the agenda for the meeting 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 February 24, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith highlighted the new COBRA provisions which are part of the Economic Stimulus Act, new Federal tax forms (I-9); and, the early redemption of a CD due to a bank buyout resulting in reinvestment with another bank. Responding to questions, Smith said that the COBRA subsidy would be a payroll credit and the employee would be charged a lower rate; PYB/S registration is still coming in but the early-bird discount is over.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Commissioner Gould noted that decorations for **Date Night** were made by the pre-school children, and jokingly asked if it was ‘volunteer work’. Commissioner McPherson asked if any decision had been made regarding the operating hours of the Community Center’s Fitness Center, particularly for Sunday, people want to start at eight, seven or six a.m. not at nine. Staff replied that they are still looking at the matter, but have not discussed yet; is part of the Community Center which means we would have to open and staff (Building Attendant and custodial) the entire building. Commissioner McPherson said that the building is usually open at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, and Williams replied that opening the building is dependent upon scheduled usage.

President Rogers noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Recognizing that many Swim Team members and parents were in attendance, President Rogers stated that she would like audience members to limit their remarks and not repeat what others have said. James Brustad, Past President Swim Team Board, addressed the Board thanking them and staff for all the support given to the organization; he highlighted some of their standings at recent meets and noted upcoming meets; everyone looking forward to the summer season with early-bird sign up the previous evening (3/9) having a good turnout; the sitting Swim Team Board President, Peter Chemello is quite experienced having had five children in the program at one time. Many members of the Parents Club as well as swimmers then addressed the Board individually stating their disappointment at the recent dismissal of a coach, and with important meets coming up, the timing of this action could not have been worse; they spoke of the coach’s zeal to push them to do their best not only in swimming but also in their personal endeavors; he was not always PC but he respected and was respected by his students. Many had personal experiences to share and although they asked questions regarding the Park District’s decision, President Rogers stated that while the Board is interested in what everyone had to say, this was a personnel matter and neither commissioners nor staff could comment on it. Peter Chemello, President of the Parents Club Board, said that this was his thirteenth year with the Tiger Sharks, has been through four head coaches in his time, and knows that there is another ‘silent’ group of parents not present; the Park District staff and Board have done everything possible to support the Swim Team – look at Birchwood Pool – and trust that this decision was in the best interest of the overall program. President Rogers offered her thanks to everyone who took the time to come to the meeting; the Board and staff of strive to make good decisions for all constituents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers said that in accordance with the Park District Code of the State of Illinois, a Public Hearing is to be held prior to the adoption of an ordinance (#09-02) which sets forth the budget and makes appropriations of sums of money for the necessary expenditures of the Palatine Park District for corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. The Ordinance has been available for public inspection since February 10, 2009, and notification of the public hearing was published in the Daily Herald on Saturday, February 28, 2009. She then declared the public hearing open and opened the floor to questions or comments from the Board. Hearing none, the floor was opened to questions or comments from the audience. Hearing none, President Rogers declared the public hearing closed.

President Rogers stated that she would now entertain a motion to a adopt Ordinance #09-02, an ordinance which sets forth the budget and makes appropriations of sums of money for the necessary expenditures of the Palatine Park District for corporate purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009. Commissioner Gould so moved, and Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to the hiring of a Director of Coaching for Celtic Soccer Club. For the purpose of discussion, Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board of Park Commissioners authorize hiring a full-time/non-benefited position, Celtic Soccer Club Director of Coaching, that will be 100% funded by Palatine Celtic Soccer Club (PCSC) per the job announcement and job description prepared by staff and distributed with the Board packet; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schultz. Gbur thanked Terry Ellis and the PCSC Board for all the time that they put into this issue which was brought forward last summer. Ellis said that they tried to be thorough, looking at everything before making this request. He gave background on PCSC, a program completely run by parent volunteers until six years ago when PCSC moved from all parent volunteer coaches to paid professional coaches for Travel Teams; the program has improved thank to this change; things have changed in soccer in recent years – we lost some qualified coaches and players followed them to other clubs. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the duties/responsibilities of a Director of Coaches which include coaching two/three teams, putting on clinics for players and other coaches, and running the Labor Day Tournament; where the monies for wages and expenses would come from; profession coaching versus parent coaching – only 10% of the parents have every played; other soccer club trends toward paid staff; solicitation and hiring protocol; keeping a competitive edge in the league and tournaments; salary proposed is high, more than most Recreation staff earn, based on qualifications and licensing; having full-time staff without benefits not common – but do not want to add to our health benefits plan; no IMRF because wages are coming from PCSC; part-time exempt staff has asked to buy into health plan but were denied; decision of part-time versus

full-time; it passed PCSC Board vote – By-Laws require 60% however two paid coaches on the Board could be deemed as ‘conflict of interest’. President Rogers said that she would like to see this item brought back at the next meeting with the information requested by commissioners and staff. Commissioner Gould motioned that this item of business be tabled until the March 24 meeting; Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. By a unanimous voice vote, the motion to table this item of business was carried.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated January 2009. There were no questions or comments.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Cozza moved that Warrant #5, in the amount of \$537,157.80, be approved and released for payment. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Gould. Staff responded to a question pertaining to a Cutting Hall rental which was processed through **Ticket Turtle**, the on-line ticket service. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director’s Report. Highlighting the Golf Course Workshop, 9 a.m. Saturday at Palatine Hills, Gbur said that he would like commissioners to tour the Falcon Park project again – so much has changed, hard to believe so much has been accomplished.

Gbur and Tynczuk advised the Board that IDOT closed the project down last Thursday (3/5) due to an issue with the haul road – mud on Hicks Road the majority due to Toyota construction; the Village is giving us permission to use Coach Road for one week while Toyota fulfills all the requirements to get the proper use permits from IDOT; should be resolved next week. The haul road is Toyota’s responsibility, but our road.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Schultz said that he visited a park in Belize; the amenities were covered with tarps as it was “Fat Tuesday” when the citizenry goes around painting everything in the park.

President Rogers requested Future Agenda items. No items were put forth.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Rogers requested a motion to close the public portion of the meeting and convene in executive session for the purpose of discussion of possible acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District, Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner McPherson so moved and Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. President Rogers requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed at 8:35 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:54 p.m.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

President Rogers stated that the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the possible acquisition of real property for the benefit of the District. No action was taken at this time.

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 8:55 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Bonnie M. Bennett
Secretary

/s/ Jennifer Rogers
President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

March 14, 2009 – Golf Course Workshop
March 24, 2009
April 14, 2009
April 28, 2009