

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 APRIL 14, 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
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks and Planning
Keith Williams, Supt. of Recreation
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities

Tina Becke, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Personnel
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Mgr.
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Carol Reagan, PTSCC
Bob Alexander, PHGA

Nick Sawyer, Commissioner Elect
Eric Anderson, Harris Bank

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McPherson moved and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Agenda for the regular meeting of April 14, 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 Schultz moved, and Commissioner Cozza seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2009. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were 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 Finance and Personnel Department Report. Smith responded to questions saying that Celtic Soccer’s low registration numbers may be due to PCSC not sending reminder cards out this year, and that some people prefer to remain on the waiting list with the hope that a slot in the camp/location they want will open up

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Recreation Department Report. Staff responded to questions pertaining to the date, time and location of the kite flying event.

President Rogers noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Rogers noted there was no unfinished business to be addressed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to a funding request. Commissioner McPherson moved, and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the funding request for the 2009 fiscal year by the Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council, and that staff disburse the first half of this year’s funds in the amount of \$78,902.50. Responding to Commissioner Cozza, staff said that policy is 2% of the total tax levy, or 1¢ of the tax dollar, whichever is less. Carole Reagan, Executive Director of PTSCC, thanked the Board for its support and said that the funds are very important to PTSCC’s operation. Addressing Reagan, Commissioner Schultz said that the Board appreciates PTSCC’s revenue/expense report; it was well done. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Ms. Reagan then presented Commissioner Schultz with a plaque which read:

“The Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council recognizes Robert "Dutch" Schultz for his long term concern for the seniors of Palatine and his unwavering support of the Palatine Township Senior Center. April, 2009”

Reagan said that this was just a small token of PTSCC’s great appreciation for his long term support; in addition, the Council is pleased to extend to him a lifetime membership. Commissioner Schultz thanked her.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to project change orders. Commissioner Gould moved that the Board of Park Commissioners approve change orders one through seven (itemized on the Board Summary) for the Falcon Recreation Center totaling \$27,768.40. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to food and beverage concessions. Commissioner McPherson moved that the Board of Park Commissioners authorize staff to enter into a three-year agreement, which includes an option for two one-year renewals, with **Backyard Grille**, Poway, CA to operate the food and beverage services at Birchwood Pool and the Family Aquatic Center. Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion. Staff responded to questions pertaining to how gross sales will be tracked, availability of local management, clarification of “with cause” in termination of contract, servicing the amphitheater concerts, sole qualified bidder, references, and possible effect on concert sponsorships. The Board requested that staff re-word the clause pertaining to the District’s payment, i.e. “gross sales - less sales tax” – too awkward and not clear; also spell out “with cause” in regard to termination of agreement. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion, the result of which follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Gould moved that Warrant #7, in the amount of \$1,168,741.25, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner McPherson seconded the motion. Staff responded to a questions pertaining to tree removal, hay provider, a deposit for a park district water park, phone landlines at some outdoor facilities (computer generated timers, fire alarms, etc) and new utility vendor. President Rogers requested a roll call vote on the motion.

AYE: Andrew McPherson, Robert Schultz, John Cozza, Susan Gould, 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. Gbur congratulated Commissioner Cozza and Commissioner-elect Nick Sawyer on their election; a lot of votes were cast. President Rogers said that she would attend the Special Olympics Track Meet on May 3.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner McPherson commented on his and Ron’s meeting with Cook County Commissioner Goslin saying that they told him what we wanted to talk about and he said to send him a letter; he and staff are working on it. Gbur said that Goslin wasn’t interested in getting letters of support but wanted our presence at the public meeting; think it is in June but will double check on dates.

Commissioner Cozza said that he read an article in Parks & Recreation magazine which said that children play games that will prepare them for the rest of their life, e.g. team work. Noting that Heron Park had been driven through, he asked how often does it happen, and staff responded all the time but at various parks; we will repair the turf damage but the Village is responsible for the drain; possibly go back to bollards or bollards with chains; at Heron Park the vehicles sometimes get stuck in the mud.

Commissioner Gould said that the playground at Hamilton is vulnerable to vehicle(s) plowing through it from the parking lot. Gbur suggested putting up snow-fencing; however she suggested something more permanent. Commissioner Schultz said that we have this exposure in many areas. Commissioner Gould continued saying that she received a request to name a park after Mayor Mullins, to which she responded that could not be done; hopefully they will think of something else. Gbur said that he and Reid Ottesen have talked about calling various areas ‘parks’ which are not.

President Rogers thanked Gbur and staff for the tour of the Falcon Park project on Saturday. She noted that IAPD is again doing a “Boot Camp” for new commissioners; she said that she found it to be very helpful as a new commissioner.

Commissioner Schultz said that the Historical Society is having a program “Remembering Palatine” at the Library tomorrow evening (Wednesday).

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 Gould so moved and Commissioner McPherson 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 7:32 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:01 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 would be taken at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Gould moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 8:02 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bennett

ATTEST:

Secretary

Next scheduled Park Board meetings:

April 28, 2009

May 12, 2009

May 26, 2009

APPROVED:

President