

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 APRIL 26, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

These Minutes are not a verbatim record of what was said during the meeting.

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CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00P.M.

Commissioners Present

Andrew McPherson, President  
Susan Gould, Vice President  
Jennifer Rogers, Treasurer

John Cozza  
Nicholas Sawyer

Staff Present

Ron Gbur, Executive Director  
Debbie Smith, Supt. of Finance & Personnel  
Pat Moser, Supt. of Parks & Planning  
Raul Zaldivar, Supt. of Revenue Facilities  
Keith Williams, Supt of Recreation

Ed Tynczuk, Asst. Supt of Parks  
Donelda Danz, Asst. Supt. of Recreation  
Pam Stoltz, Recreation Manager  
Trish Feid, Recording Secretary  
Bonnie Bennett, Secretary

Citizens and Guests

Bob Alexander, resident/PHGA  
Charles Bennett, resident

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Rogers moved and Commissioner Gould seconded, that the agenda be approved. By a voice vote, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2010 was unanimously approved as submitted.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010. By a voice vote, the minutes of the prior meeting were approved as submitted.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Parks and Planning Department Report. Superintendent Moser distributed a Park District Comprehensive Master Plan booklet to the Board and staff; he highlighted that we are continuing with the same goals and objectives; the Master Plan was updated with changes in personnel and financial data. Superintendent Moser suggested that the Board look over the Master Plan and he will answer any questions at the next board meeting. Commissioners commented that the booklet's cover displaying a neighborhood park (Ashwood Park in the Northview subdivision) looked appealing. President McPherson stated that he is not happy with the possible ramifications of a proposed bill in the state legislature that could significantly affect the cost of the playgrounds; if enacted the bill would require all playgrounds within 200 ft of a 'hazard', i.e. creek/stream, roadway, etc. to have fencing, bollard or guards; he asked those attending the upcoming Legislative Conference in Springfield to collect some feedback.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Revenue Facilities Report. Superintendent Zaldivar highlighted the great start to the season mainly based on the pleasant weather and the new implementation of the sale of 'debit cards' as a convenience to our customers to pay in advance for services. Following up on Commissioners' request to investigate bidding our hay needs has been a difficult task; finding comparable vendors and matching results with our current supplier for our boarders' and school horses has not been easy. Superintendent Zaldivar elaborated on the various concerns staff has had regarding consistent quality and the appropriate mix, dependability of delivery on a year-round basis, a vendor that will stand behind his product and maintain a good working relationship with us. He continued asking if the Board was more concerned with the pricing/costs of hay or the possible appearance of impropriety with one of the current suppliers; price wise our current vendor is in the mix and can guarantee year-round service; if the latter, we can validate any speculation as the Bruns family provided hay to the Stables since its purchase by the Park District. Commissioner Gould said that there were other facts to consider than just price, horses have to be fed a consistent diet; they can get sick from eating a different mixture of hay that has mold or mildew. President McPherson stated he was in agreement with obtaining legal opinions as the annual amount spent on hay does go over the limit necessary for bidding. In concurrence, Director Gbur said that the collecting of facts along with a letter from our Attorney would be an essential part for clarification and justification.

President McPherson noted there were no other Departmental Reports.

## RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Presenting Secretary Bonnie Bennett with a commemorative gift from the Board, President McPherson read the engraving "To Bonnie M. Bennett in recognition and appreciation for 24 years of loyal and dedicated service. Palatine Park District, Andrew S. McPherson, President, and Ron Gbur, Executive Director, April 26, 2010"; he thanked Bonnie on behalf of the Board, offering their sincerest congratulations. Commissioner Gould presented Bonnie with a beautiful bouquet of flowers as Director Gbur thanked Bonnie for her loyalty and guiding him as his Executive Assistant. Bonnie commented that it has been a pleasure working with the Board and Staff, and although they each bring something different to the table, they are united in serving the people of Palatine.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a previously distributed Board Summary pertaining to surplus property. Commissioner Gould moved, and Commissioner Rogers seconded, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt Ordinance #10-04 declaring outdated and broken computer equipment surplus, and to discard said equipment. President McPherson requested a roll call vote, the result of which follows.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Monthly Financial Report dated March 2010. Commissioner Cozza commented on current low interest rates and Superintendent Smith responded that staff is diligent in searching out rates and laddering as long as we can, aiming for 18-24 months.

The Board reviewed a previously distributed list of bills. Commissioner Rogers moved that Warrant #8, in the amount of \$1,364,688.06, be approved and released for payment. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. There were no questions or comments. President McPherson requested a roll call vote on the motion.

AYE: John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Nicholas Sawyer, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

President McPherson noted there was no more new business to be addressed at this time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the previously distributed Executive Director's Report. Director Gbur suggested that commissioners drive by Wally Degner Park to look at the improved view along its frontage facing Palatine Road; continuing, he said that the process of developing an aquatics master plan has begun; a meeting is scheduled for May 10 with the group that put together the aquatics manual commissioners recently reviewed.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cozza commented at length on the proposed legislature that could affect our park district stressing the importance of asking questions at the upcoming Legislative Conference; we have not had any major safety concerns in our parks; there is curbing at many playgrounds and Hamilton has bollards; the possibility of installing fencing, bollards or guards rails could create risks in itself; affect the aesthetics, and be very expensive. Commissioner Gould noted that this was just another example of unfunded mandates.

Commissioner Gould complimented staff on a wonderful retirement party for Bonnie.

Commissioner Rogers thanked Bonnie for her assistance with many charitable and fundraising activities, and attendance at the Board Meetings.

Commissioner Sawyer congratulated Bonnie on her retirement; and also commented on the wonderful condition of the Golf Course – looks like July conditions.

President McPherson also offered Bonnie thanks for many years with the Park District.

President McPherson requested items for Future Agenda; there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on this date, Commissioner Rogers moved that the regular meeting be adjourned; Commissioner Cozza seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by a voice vote at 7:31 p.m.

AYE: Nicholas Sawyer, John Cozza, Jennifer Rogers, Susan Gould, Andrew McPherson

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Feid/Bonnie Bennett  
Secretary

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish Feid and Bonnie Bennett

Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Andrew S. McPherson

President

Next scheduled Park Board meetings: May 11, 2010  
May 25, 2010  
June 8, 2010